********Sources Sought No. W912HY26X1C3L********

Project Title: FY27 Houston Ship Channel, Texas, Bayport Ship Channel Maintenance Dredging, Chambers County, TX

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District has a requirement for the above subject.

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The purpose of this sources sought announcement is to gain knowledge of interested, capable, and all qualified small businesses including but not limited to Small Business, 8(a) Small Business Development Program, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, and HUBZone firms. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 237990; Size Standard $37 million.

The Product Service Code is Z1KB.

Small Businesses are reminded under FAR 52.219-14, (Deviation 2019-O0003), Limitations on Subcontracting. Firm will not pay more than 85% of the amount paid by the Government for contract performance, excluding the cost of materials, to subcontractors that are not similarly situated entities. Any work that a similarly situated entity further subcontracts will count toward the 85% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

To make appropriate acquisitions for the above project, the Government, will use responses to this source sought announcement and possible future projects as determined to be in the best interest of the Government. The order of magnitude for this effort is estimated to be between $25,000,000 and $100,000,000.

Project Information:

This project consists of the maintenance dredging of the Bayport Ship Channel (BSC) to restore and maintain authorized project dimensions, specifically targeting the Bayport Flare, the BSC main channel, the Bayport Turning Basin, and the segment of the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) immediately adjacent to the flare. Operations involve the removal and transport of accumulated shoaled material to designated placement areas in accordance with established protocols. This requirement will include an optional bid item for one additional re-dredging event of the Bayport Flare to address high frequency shoaling and ensure continuous navigational safety for deep-draft container vessels throughout the performance period.

The Contractor must have proven experience performing dredging as the prime contractor on deep-draft navigation channels. Familiarity with the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) operational environment, including managing activities amid heavy commercial vessel traffic, is essential.

Prospective Contractors are expected to provide production rate data from previous similar projects. This will demonstrate their capability to complete dredging operations efficiently within constrained timeframes, especially in busy navigation channels, and to effectively manage the placement of dredged material within upland disposal areas.

The Contractor must have a proven track record of effectively managing soft dredged material disposal to maintain the integrity and functionality of upland containment sites, particularly within the placement area requiring controlled handling.

Contractor Response Submittal(s):

The contractor will be required to provide Performance and Payment Bonds within five (5) calendar days after award. Contractor will be required to furnish Pre-Award documents within five (2) calendar days after Bid Opening. The contractor shall begin Work within (10) calendar days after acknowledgement of the Notice to Proceed.

If you can meet all the requirements for this project, please respond to this source sought announcement by e-mail, to the attention of Christy Slater, Christy.L.Slater@usace.army.mil and Jeremy Babb Jeremy.Babb@usace.army.mil Responses must be received no later than 02:00 P.M. Central Standard Time, on 28 July 2026. The following information is requested:

1. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) & Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) (This information can be obtained from your System for Award Management (SAM) Registration at (www.sam.gov).
2. Name of firm w/address, phone, fax, e-mail address, and point of contact.
3. State if your company is a Small Business, SBA Certified 8(a) firm, HUBZone Small Business, or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business or Woman Owned Small Business.
4. State whether your firm can provide a Bid Bond (20% of total bid amount), Performance and Payment Bond (100% of the contract amount).
5. Please indicate whether your firm will submit a bid for this project, if this project is set-aside for Small Business, 8(a), HUBZone Small Business, or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business and or Woman Owned Small Business.
6. Qualifications: Responses to this source sought announcement shall indicate specialized experience and technical competence in:

   (a) Contractor must be experienced in completing work outlined under the paragraph above for “Project Information”.

   (b) Provide documentation for your firm on past similar efforts as a prime contractor.

   (c) Provide a list of your present commitments and completion dates for these commitments. Identify dredge on present commitments and identify dredge and size of dredge to be used on this requirement. The evaluation will

consider overall experience.

7. Additional Submission Requirements: Firms submitting responses shall provide information on the most recent up to five projects that prove you can meet the qualification criteria listed above, with contract number, project location, description of work requirements, dredge and size of dredge utilized, average production on the job, contact and phone number for each effort. Firms should also indicate all applicable personnel and sub- contractors proposed to work on the contract. Proof of Small Business Administration (SBA) registration 8(a) and HUBZone Small Business shall be provided with this response.

Firms responding to this announcement, who fail to provide ALL required information requested and outlined above, may be excluded from further consideration in the review and analysis for acquisition strategy determination.

Anticipated solicitation issuance date is on or about February 2027 and the estimated bid due date will be on or about March 2027. Estimated award on or about date is April 2027. The official synopsis citing the solicitation number will be issued on Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) https://piee.eb.mil/ inviting firms to register electronically to receive a copy of the solicitation when it is issued.