REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)
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Procurement Type: Request for Information (RFI) Sources Sought

Title: USCG Nationwide Automatic Identification System Support Services for Coverage in Alaska (NAIS Terrestrial)

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Introduction

The United State Coast Guard (USCG) is collecting information on the capabilities available to obtain comprehensive Automatic Identification System (AIS) services, VHF-FM maritime voice communications, and DSC (data) communications for designated regions and ports of Alaska, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The AIS data will be used by the USCG and shared with other Government agencies. The USCG is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) for the purposes of market research to gather industry input about the service capabilities of vendors.

DISCLAIMER: This is a market survey for written information only. This is not a solicitation for proposals and no contract will be awarded from this announcement. Respondents are advised that the U.S. government will not pay for any information or costs incurred in response to this Request for Information. No basis for claim against the government shall arise as a result from a response to this Request for Information or government use of any information provided. All costs associated with responding to this request will be solely at the responding party's expense.

Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is solely for informational, market research, and planning purposes, that may be of interest to the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The result of this market research will contribute to determining the method of procurement. Pursuant to FAR Part 10 (Market Research), the purpose of this notice is to: (1) determine if sources capable of satisfying the agency's requirements exist, (2) ascertain potential market capacity, (3) determine the commercial practices of companies engaged in providing the needed service or supply, and (4) implement a successful project management plan that includes compliance with tight program schedules; cost containment; and meeting and tracking performance.

Please be advised that all submissions become Government property and will not be returned. Not responding to this request does not preclude participation in any further RFP, if any is issued. In accordance with FAR 15.101 (c) (Early exchanges with Industry), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the U.S. Government to form a binding contract. Pursuant to

FAR Part 6 (Competition Requirements) and FAR Part 19 (Small Business Programs), competition and set-aside decisions may be based on the results of market research. This notice in no way obligates the Government to any further action.

After reviewing the responses to this Request for Information, and if the USCG still plans to proceed with the acquisition, a solicitation announcement will be publicly posted in accordance with the USCG's acquisition strategy. A response to this Request for Information does not constitute as an adequate response to any future solicitation announcement. All interested offerors will have to respond to any solicitation in addition to responding to this Request for Information. Regardless of the information obtained from this Request for Information, the Government reserves the right to consider any arrangement as determined appropriate for this requirement. Respondents are advised that the Government will acknowledge receipt of the information received and provide feedback to respondents with respect to the information submitted. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response to this Request for Information. The Government reserves the right to use any information provided by respondents for any purpose determined necessary and legally appropriate, including using technical information provided by respondents in any resultant solicitation. At this time, no solicitation exists; therefore, Do Not Request a Copy of the Solicitation.

Requirements

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) seeks comprehensive Automatic Identification System (AIS), VHF-FM voice, and Digital Selective Calling (DSC) services, 24/7, for designated regions of Alaska. The goal is to augment existing USCG infrastructure, address coverage gaps, and ensure reliable maritime communications.

Core services include:

- AIS Data Reception: Continuous collection and delivery of AIS data.
- AIS Message Transmission: Shore-to-ship transmission of safety messages and virtual Aids to Navigation (AtoN).
- VHF-FM Voice Communications: Extending VHF Channel 16 coverage.
- DSC Data Communications: Extending DSC Channel 70 coverage.

Key Performance & Technical Requirements:

- Coverage: The contractor must provide services for key Alaskan ports and regions, extending coverage offshore to 20nm for VHF/DSC and 2000nm for AIS.
- System Availability: Maintain high operational availability: 96% for AIS systems and 98% for VHF/DSC sites.
- Data & Communication: Ensure timely data delivery (96% of AIS messages in under 2 seconds), support all standard message types, and provide continuous monitoring of emergency channels.
- Security & Compliance: Adhere to rigorous security protocols, including achieving formal IT Security Accreditation, ensuring personnel meet DHS/DoD cybersecurity standards, implementing Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM), and guaranteeing secure data handling and system decommissioning.

Performance Expectations:

The contractor must meet the following key performance standards:

- System Availability: Maintain high monthly operational availability:
  - 98% for VHF-FM/DSC sites.
  - 96% for all AIS sites (receiver and transmit) and network connections.
- Data Performance:
  - Deliver 96% of AIS messages in under 2 seconds.
  - Provide reliable, real-time, and historical data access.
- Security & Compliance:
  - Achieve formal IT Security Accreditation within six months of award.
  - Adhere to all federal and DHS security standards for data handling, cybersecurity (NIST), and Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM).
  - Ensure secure system and data sanitization at contract end.
- Support:
  - Provide timely monthly reports and maintain responsive technical support.

Industry Input Requested

The USCG is interested in learning how industry can meet these coverage and performance requirements. Respondents are requested to provide a statement describing their approach to delivering AIS and VHF-FM/DSC coverage and data services for the designated regions/ports of Alaska.

- If your solution relies on terrestrial AIS and VHF/DSC sites, please describe your network architecture, coverage capabilities, and maintenance approach.
- If your solution involves alternative technologies (e.g., satellite, aerial platforms, or other methods), please describe how your approach would meet the coverage, data quality, security, and operational requirements outlined above.

****Please do not limit your response to terrestrial solutions. The USCG is interested in learning about all viable approaches to achieve comprehensive AIS and VHF-FM/DSC coverage in Alaska.**

Any questions concerning the technical specifications should be directed to Craig Anderson, Contracting Officer, at Craig.E.Anderson@uscg.mil and Laura Logreco, Contract Specialist, at Laura.L.Logreco2@uscg.mil. Responses to this Request For Information along with any capability statements, company literature, brochures should be emailed to the Contracting Officer, Craig Anderson, at Craig.E.Anderson@uscg.mil and Laura Logreco, Contract Specialist, at Laura.L.Logreco2@uscg.mil with "**Request for Information 70Z0G326QOIPL0003_NAIS**" in the subject line. Telephone responses will not be accepted. The USCG respectfully requests that written responses to the RFI be limited to **10 pages** or less; and **3 pages** or less for the Government questions to vendors. This 10 page and 3 page limit does not include commercial

brochures. Written responses are requested by 3pm on July 28, 2026. Written responses can be submitted earlier if desired.

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Attachment 2_NAIS_AK_PWS_7.2.26 Draft
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