UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE TACTICAL EXPLOITATION OF NATIONAL CAPABILITIES (AF TENCAP)

1. NOTICE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:
PROCUREMENT OF C-130/L-382 NON-PERMANENT ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT (BLOS) DUAL-BAND SATCOM & GPS HATCH SYSTEMS

This Request for Information (RFI) is issued for informational purposes and market research only. The Government will not reimburse any company or individual for any expenses associated with preparing/submitting information in response to this posting. This request neither constitutes a solicitation for proposals nor the authority to enter negotiations to award a contract. No funds have been authorized, appropriated, or received for this effort. The information provided may be used by the Government in developing its acquisition strategy, statement of work/statement of objectives, and performance specifications. Interested parties are responsible for adequately marking proprietary or competition sensitive information contained within their response as instructed later in this RFI.

2. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

AF TENCAP, through the Air Force Lifecycle Management Center (AFLCMC) Sensors Division (AFLCMC/WIN), is conducting market research to identify vendors who have designed, developed, and delivered a high-bandwidth Beyond-Line-of-Sight (BLOS) 45cm Ku/Ka-Band Satellite Communication (SATCOM) system and associated GPS Hatch assemblies. These SATCOM systems and GPS hatches need to have pre-existing Department of War (DoW) certified airworthiness, or currently in the process of certification, and support operational missions across C-130 / L-382 aircraft variants. The systems must be installed via a Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro/Ro) hatch replacement capability to maintain fleet operational readiness and prevent aircraft down-time. The solution should be network agnostic, not to include any commercial SATCOM modems, and only be compatible with software defined radios for modem functions such as digitization. The system will provide network connectivity for a C-130 variant for future DAF Battle Network integration and communications with various mission partners. Air Force TENCAP is seeking vendors who have recently delivered existing TRL 9 prototypes, ready for small quantity production units to be delivered within the next year.

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO POTENTIAL RESPONDENTS

Interested parties desiring to participate in this RFI are encouraged to submit responses that clearly demonstrate an ability to meet the stated requirements, or a portion of the requirements if interested in subcontract opportunities.

Responses shall include the following information and address the questions below:

Company/Institute Name:
Address:
Point of Contact (to include phone number and email address):
CAGE Code:
Web Page URL:
Annual firm revenue and number of employees:

The NAICS code for this requirement, 334511, if applicable to the responding company's

capabilities, should be included in the company's NAICS code listing in SAM. Responding companies may recommend NAICS codes that they determine to be more appropriate for the effort for the Government's consideration.

State whether the company is domestically or foreign owned (if foreign, indicate the country of ownership).

State whether the company is interested in being a prime contractor or subcontractor for this requirement.

4. <u>RESPONSES, COMMUNICATION, AND ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:</u>

a. The Government may contact respondents to obtain additional information or clarification in order to fully understand a response. This may include discussions, site visits, demonstrations, etc. to further the Government's understanding of a proposed effort, as well as the respondent's understanding of the Government's requirements.

b. Please provide specific details and rationale as to how compliance with RFO 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting, will be achieved in the event the Government sets this requirement aside for small business. Include specific details regarding teaming arrangements, etc. If subcontracts are to be used, provide the anticipated percentage of effort to be subcontracted and whether small or large businesses will be used. If this effort is not set-aside for small business, small business utilization will be considered. Large and small businesses should provide a reasonable expectation for small business utilization as a percent of total contract value as well as supporting rationale for the recommended percentage.

c. Indicate whether the company is currently performing this type of work and whether the capability can be obtained under an existing Government contract. Provide the contract number(s) and Government points of contact accordingly.

d. Submit one (1) electronic copy to the POC as outlined below. Respondents shall limit submissions to 20 pages or less (excluding cover page) and should include technical and descriptive text to provide sufficient detail on how they will satisfy the requirements outlined in paragraph 2. The submitted documentation becomes the property of the Government and will not be returned.

e. Respondents that submit proprietary data shall clearly mark the data with appropriate markings on the cover sheet and on each applicable page. Any proprietary data submitted may be handled by contract support services personnel who have signed an NDA. Any proprietary information received in response to this request will be properly protected from any unauthorized disclosure. The Government will not use proprietary information submitted from any one firm to establish the capability and requirements for any future systems acquisitions, so as to not inadvertently restrict competition. Any material that is not marked proprietary will be considered publicly releasable.

f. The Government will not award a contract based on this RFI. A determination not to compete this action based on responses received is solely within the Government's discretion.

g. Broad industry participation for this inquiry is encouraged. U.S. and non-U.S. firms are permitted to respond to this RFI.

h. This notice may be updated as additional information becomes available. Please check the GPO site for updates to this announcement and register to receive e-mail notices of any updates to the GPO announcement. For more information on this RFI, please contact the Government POC below. E-mail communications are preferred.

i. Please note that all prospective contractors must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database to be awarded a Department of War contract. To learn more about this SAM requirement and how to register, please visit the SAM website at Entity Registration | SAM.gov

j. Please submit all responses electronically to the below listed POC no later than 4:00PM EST on August 18, 2026. Please submit any questions electronically to the below listed POC no later than 4:00PM EST on August 14, 2026. The Government requests that no classified information be provided as a part of any response to this RFI.

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