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11879631	Project Management	Page No. 100	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	4.0

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

4.0 says, "The government will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this contract IAW the basic QASP below, as well as the QASP included with each task order."
Question: Will the Government please provide the task order QASPs so offerors can develop a solution that meets the performance requirements?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The base IDIQ along with each Task Order (including the Sample Task Order(s) at RFP will have a QASP (which is an internal Government document). The PRS and AQL schedules identified in the base PWS and the individual task orders will be identified providing said performance requirements. On: Jun 30 2026

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11879638	Operations	Page No. 85	3C ERDC DSRC Annex, 3.5.2 DSRC Help Desk Liaisons	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

3.5.2 says, "The government is responsible for Help Desk Liaisons. The Contractor shall provide support to liaisons IAW base contract PWS."
Question: Will the Government please clarify what type/level of support the contractor is expected to provide for the Government Help Desk Liaisons?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Contractor is expected to lead local Tier 1 triage, basic troubleshooting, manage the local ticketing queue (e.g., ServiceNow) and manage ticket lifecycle; and communicate local system status updates and maintenance schedules to users.

The Contractor is expected to provide support for assisting Government technical staff in diagnosing and resolving complex computational issues (e.g., job scheduling anomalies, compiler errors, storage bottlenecks); providing specialized system/network insights to help the Government team solve deep technical problems; supporting Government staff who act as liaisons for HPC users and other DSRCs; and providing data, reports, and technical details required by Government liaisons to coordinate inter-center activities and broad user community initiatives.
The Contractor is expected to collaboratively work with the Government to process and verify local user account requests and assist Government ISSMs in executing mandated annual user account access audits. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879643	Operations	Page No. 69	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	3B ARL DSRC Annex, 3.1.9 Inventory Management Support

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Will the Government please clarify if a certified forklift operator(s) is/are needed to accomplish equipment moves at APG or other DSRCs?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . Yes, it is required that a certified forklift operator(s) are needed to accomplish moves at APG. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879645	Operations	Page 8-9, 90-91	1.3 Scope; 3D Navy DSRC Annex, 3.0 General Scope of Requirements	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"1.3 says, ""An enterprise HPC Help Desk provides support 5 days per week (Monday-Friday), extended business hours per day (nominally 0800-2000 Eastern Time to cover typical business hours across the continental US), excluding federal holidays, to over 5,000 HPC users and HPCMP staff members (approximately 2,500 considered active users), although the total number may increase during the performance period of this contract.""

3.0 says, ""Local Operations: The Contractor shall provide computer operator support IAW documented procedures and processes. This support is required to provide the personnel necessary to monitor and operate the Navy DSRC and provide around the clock (i.e., 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week) operations and IT help desk support at the Stennis Space Center, MS. Note: Customer Support augments the enterprise basic Help Desk by providing support to on-site users as well as local and remote users of classified resources. It is staffed 0800 – 1630 Central Time and due to direct support of DoW operations worldwide, all trouble calls require response or transfer within 30 minutes during normal duty hours or 2 hours after normal duty hours.""

Question: Will the Government please clarify whether local help desk support is required at the Navy DSRC 24 hours a day/7 days a week?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . Navy help desk hours are NOT required 24/7.
Operations monitoring is required 24/7.
Navy augmentation of the HPCMP help desk would be 0800 – 1630 CT. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879649	Operations	Page 54,69, 81,92	"3A AFRL DSRC Annex, 3B ARL DSRC Annex 3.1.8, 3C ERDC DSRC Annex 3.1.8, 3D Navy DSRC Annex 3.1.8 3.1.8"	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

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"3.1.8 in AFRL, ARL, and ERDC DSRC Annexes says, "" Note: Portions of the hardware and software maintenance are currently performed via OEM or third-party maintenance personnel under contracts acquired directly by the Government.""

3.1.8 in the Navy DSRC Annex says, ""Note: Hardware, software, and facility maintenance are performed by the Contractor with additional support provided by OEM or third-party maintenance.""

Question A: Will the Government please clarify what portions of hardware, software, and facility maintenance are currently performed via OEM or third-party maintenance personnel so offerors can accurately staff and price the scope of work?

Question B: For Navy, will the Government please clarify ""facility maintenance""?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The portions of hardware, software, and facility maintenance currently performed via OEM or third-party maintenance personnel vary by DSRC and Cross Centers. In most cases, HPC system maintenance is performed by OEMs, in some cases by third-parties. Many infrastructure items (workstations, general servers, networking equipment, etc) are maintained by the current HITS-U contractor through service agreements with OEMs or third-parties.

The facility maintenance required for the Navy DSRC will be clarified in the bidders library. In addition, the portions of hardware, software, and facility maintenance performed by the HITS-U contractor will also be clarified in the bidders library. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879651	Cybersecurity	Page 106	PWS 3.0 Performance Requirements Summary	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"PWS 3.0 states ""Zero intrusions or unauthorized accesses for all Contractor controlled/administered systems and subsystems."" Question: Will the Government please define ""Contractor controlled/administered systems and subsystems"" since HPC systems may be managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The systems that are administered and managed under the HITSU contract. These will be defined in the bidders library. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879658	Cybersecurity	Page 106	PWS 3.0 Performance Requirements Summary	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"PWS Section 3.0 establishes a standard of ""Zero intrusions or unauthorized accesses for all Contractor controlled/administered systems and subsystems."" This standard holds the Contractor to an absolute outcome that does not account for zero-day vulnerabilities, advanced persistent threats (APTs), or risks inherited from legacy systems and third-party OEM environments. In highly complex HPC environments such as the DSRCs, no security framework -- including those mandated by the Government -- guarantees zero intrusions as an absolute outcome.
Question: Will the Government revise this performance standard to clarify that the Contractor's compliance obligation is met when the Contractor adheres to all applicable federally approved security frameworks (e.g., RMF, NIST SP 800-53), maintains valid ATOs, implements required continuous monitoring, and resolves vulnerabilities within Government-approved timelines, rather than being held liable for intrusions resulting from factors outside the Contractor's reasonable control?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . No, the Government will not revise the performance standard. The Government cannot relieve liability of this requirement due to a "potential" type scenario. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879659	Operations	Page 56, 70, 82, 94	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	"3A AFRL DSRC Annex 3.2.5 Unclassified HPC System Support, 3B ARL DSRC Annex, 3C ERDC DSRC Annex 3.2.5 Unclassified HPC System Support 3.2.5 Unclassified HPC System Support, 3D Navy DSRC Annex 3.2.5 Unclassified HPC System Support"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

3.2.5 in the AFRL DSRC Annex says, ""HPC systems may be managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, Government personnel, or the Contractor. ""

3.2.5 in the ARL DSRC Annex says, ""Unclassified HPC systems may be managed and administered by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor.""

3.2.5 in the ERDC DSRC Annex says, ""Unclassified HPC systems are typically managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor.""

3.2.5 in the Navy DSRC Annex says, ""Note: OEM personnel, contracted directly by the Government, are primarily responsible for HPC systems administration, with the Contractor providing supplemental support. While this is current in 2026, this is subject to change and must be considered at the time of RFP and the nature of the contracts negotiated on incoming Technical Insertions (TI).""

Question: Will the Government please provide additional details to clarify the Contractor's scope of work and distinguish it from that being performed by OEMs, third-party entities, or Government personnel? Such information is needed to accurately staff/price FFP labor.

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The current number of HPC systems per DSRC will be identified in the bidder's library. The current HITS-U contractor does not perform system administration or maintenance on any HPC systems. The scope of work for additional support will be identified in individual Task Orders and includes but is not limited to the areas stated in the PWS. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879661	Operations	Page 57, 71, 83, 95	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	3A AFRL DSRC Annex 3.3.5 Classified HPC System Support, 3B ARL DSRC Annex 3.3.5 Classified HPC System Support, 3B ARL DSRC Annex 3.3.5 Classified HPC System Support, 3D Navy DSRC Annex 3.3.5 Classified HPC System Support

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

3.3.5 in the AFRL DSRC Annex says, ""Classified HPC systems may be managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional classified HPC system support including, but not limited to, job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues, and implementation and maintenance of various persistent services on all classified HPC systems at the AFRL DSRC. ""

3.3.5 in the ARL DSRC Annex says, ""Classified HPC systems may be managed and administered by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional classified HPC system administration support including (but not limited to) job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues. Additionally, the contractor will be responsible for the integration, maintenance and sustainment of Enterprise capabilities including, but not limited to, the Persistent Services Framework (PSF), and Data Fabric, on all allocated classified HPC systems at the ARL DSRC. ""

3.3.5 in the ERDC DSRC Annex says, ""Classified HPC systems may be managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional classified HPC system support including, but not limited to, job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues, and implementation and maintenance of various persistent services on all classified HPC systems at the ERDC DSRC.""

3.3.5 in the Navy DSRC Annex says, ""See base contract PWS. Note: OEM personnel, contracted directly by the Government, are primarily responsible for HPC systems administration, with the Contractor providing supplemental support. While this is current in 2026, this is subject to change and must be considered at the time of RFP and the nature of the contracts negotiated on incoming Technology Insertions (TIs).""

Question: Will the Government please provide additional details to clarify the Contractor's scope of work and distinguish it from that being performed by OEMs, third-party entities, or Government personnel? Such information is needed to accurately staff/price FFP labor.

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The current number of HPC systems per DSRC will be identified in the bidder's library. The current HITS-U contractor does not perform system administration or maintenance on any HPC systems. The scope of work for additional support will be identified in individual Task Orders,and includes but is not limited to the areas stated in the PWS. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879663	Operations	Page 58	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	"3A AFRL DSRC Annex 3.4.5 Specialized HPC System Support, 3B ARL DSRC Annex 3.4.5 Specialized HPC System Support, 3B ARL DSRC Annex 3.4.5 Specialized HPC System Support, 3C ERDC DSRC Annex 3.4.5 Specialized HPC System Support, 3D Navy DSRC Anne

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

3.4.5 in the AFRL DSRC Annex says, ""HPC systems may be managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional specialized HPC system support including, but not limited to, job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues, and implementation and maintenance of various persistent services on all specialized HPC systems at the AFRL DSRC.""

3.4.5 in the ARL DSRC Annex says, ""Specialized HPC systems may be managed and administered by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional specialized HPC system administration support including (but not limited to) job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues. Additionally, the contractor will be responsible for the integration, maintenance and sustainment of Enterprise capabilities including, but not limited to, the Persistent Services Framework (PSF), and Data Fabric, on specialized HPC systems at the ARL DSRC.""

3.4.5 in the ERDC DSRC Annex says, ""Specialized HPC systems are typically managed, administered, and maintained by OEMs, third-party entities, government personnel, or the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide additional specialized HPC system administration support including, but not limited to, job scheduler configuration, regular backups of critical data, assistance with troubleshooting issues, and implementation and maintenance of various persistent services on all specialized HPC systems at the ERDC DSRC.""

3.4.5 in the Navy DSRC Annex says, ""See base contract PWS. Note: OEM personnel, contracted directly by the Government, are primarily responsible for HPC systems administration, with the Contractor providing supplemental support. While this is current in 2026, this is subject to change and must be considered at the time of RFP and the nature of the contracts negotiated on incoming TIs.""

Question: Will the Government please provide additional details to clarify the Contractor's scope of work and distinguish it from that being performed by OEMs, third-party entities, or Government personnel? Such information is needed to accurately staff/price FFP labor.

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The current number of HPC systems per DSRC will be identified in the bidder's library. The current HITS-U contractor does not perform system administration or maintenance on any HPC systems. The scope of work for additional support will be identified in individual Task Orders, and includes but is not limited to the areas stated in the PWS. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879665	Operations	Page 101	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	PWS 3.0 Performance Requirements Summary

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

The performance standard for Minimization of Avoidable Outages says, ""No more than 1 avoidable outage that impacts one or more DSRCs per quarter. This includes only those systems or subsystems under the direct control/administration of the Contractor.""
Question: Will the Government please define ""systems or subsystems under the direct control/administration of the Contractor""?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . Systems or subsystems that are supported under contracts or binding agreements other than HITS-U are not under the direct control/administration of the Contractor. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879669	Contracting			"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

The absence of proposal organization requirements and evaluation criteria limits industry's ability to prepare and parallel plan effectively.
Question A: Can the Government provide the anticipated timeline for releasing the Bidders Library, the Draft RFP (DRFP), and the Final RFP?
Question B: Alternatively, if the DRFP or Bidders Library release will be delayed, will the Government please provide draft proposal instructions and evaluation factors in advance so offerors have sufficient time to craft beneficial solutions?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Government acknowledges the importance of providing early planning data to facilitate robust proposal preparation and parallel industry planning.

In order to assist offerors in developing beneficial and compliant solutions, the Government plans to release a Draft RFP (DRFP) within the next forty-five (45) days. This release will include Section L (Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors or Respondents), Section M (Evaluation Factors for Award), a Draft Bidders Library, and two (2) Sample Task Orders.

The Final RFP is currently projected for release within the next six (6) months. Offerors will be provided an opportunity to submit questions and feedback on all Draft RFP materials to help refine the final solicitation requirements. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879674	Contracting			"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Since the Government is conducting Industry Day prior to releasing the Draft RFP and the associated Bidder's Library, will the Government consider hosting a subsequent Solicitation Conference and offering one?on?one sessions to provide industry with an opportunity to engage more substantively on the requirements?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government recognizes the value of robust, substantive industry engagement to refine the acquisition requirements. Following the release of the Draft RFP (anticipated within the next 45 days), the Government will evaluate the feasibility of conducting a follow-on Solicitation Conference or one-on-one sessions. Detailed information regarding any subsequent industry events, including registration instructions, will be posted officially to SAM.gov. Offerors are encouraged to monitor SAM.gov for all future notices, updates, and formal solicitation documentation. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879677	Project Management	28, 68, 85, 95	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	Multiple

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question A: Would the Government clarify the intended purpose and relationship between the base PWS and the DSRC Annexes? The PWS uses the phrase "will be identified by" in three different contexts--identified by task, by individual Task Order, and by DSRC.
Question B: Should industry interpret these terms as synonymous, or do they indicate distinct levels of requirement definition?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . Question A Response: The base PWS defines the overarching, program-wide technical and performance requirements applicable across the entire contract. The DSRC Annexes serve as site-specific extensions to the base PWS. They outline localized requirements, unique technical configurations, and specialized constraints specific to each individual Defense Supercomputing Resource Center (DSRC). Question B Response: These terms are not synonymous. They indicate distinct levels of requirement definition and execution as outlined below: Identified by Task: Refers to functional work packages or specific performance components within the PWS structure, such as system administration or helpdesk support. Identified by Individual Task Order: Refers to the specific contracting mechanism through which the Government will authorize, fund, and direct work. Task Orders will define the exact scope, period of performance, and funding allotted to those tasks. Identified by DSRC: Refers to the geographic or organizational location where the requirement must be executed, as detailed in the corresponding site-specific DSRC Annex. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879683	Contracting	Page 21	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	Part 2.0: Period of Performance

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Does the Government intend to include the Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) for FFP labor on a 5-year contract?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government does not intend to include an Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) clause for Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) labor. Offerors are expected to project and incorporate any anticipated labor rate fluctuations or inflationary risks into their proposed FFP labor rates for the full five (5) year period of performance. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

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Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Does the Government intend to include the Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) for FFP labor on a 5-year contract?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government does not intend to include an Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) clause for Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) labor. Offerors are expected to project and incorporate any anticipated labor rate fluctuations or inflationary risks into their proposed FFP labor rates for the full five (5) year period of performance. On: Jun 29 2026

	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**			
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11879690	Contracting	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: What is the historical annual spend of Cost-Reimbursable non-labor?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Government will not provide historical spend data for Cost-Reimbursable non-labor, as historical spend is reflective of past requirements and unique operational circumstances that may not represent the future state of this acquisition.

Instead, to assist offerors with proposal formulation, the forthcoming Bidder's Library will provide the number of procurements and dollar ranges from a historical perspective. However, this historical data is provided for informational purposes only and is not to be used as a baseline or projection for future HITSU III requirements.

Offerors are instructed to propose their non-labor solutions based on the specific requirements, workload estimates, and performance standards defined within the current Performance Work Statement (PWS) and associated solicitation documents. On: Jun 29 2026

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11879699	Contracting	Page 8 &9	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	1.2 Background and 1.3 Scope

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Would the Government clarify whether the Maui High Performance Computing Center (MHPCC) is within the scope of the contract for enterprise services? The PWS contains two statements that appear to conflict:
• Section 1.2: "Maui High Performance Computing Center (MHPCC) is not within the scope of this contract."
• Section 1.3 (Note): "The scope does not include operations support for the MHPCC DSRC but does include enterprise efforts that impact the MHPCC."
A clarification is requested to determine whether enterprise?level services or actions affecting MHPCC are considered in scope under this contract.

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Government clarifies that local operations, facility support, and direct site-specific management for the Maui High Performance Computing Center (MHPCC) DSRC are outside the scope of this contract, as those efforts are supported under a separate contract vehicle.

However, MHPCC is within the scope of this contract for enterprise-level efforts. Specifically, MHPCC may be included as an authorized beneficiary under enterprise-wide software, centralized services, and joint procurement actions executed under this contract. Offerors should account for MHPCC within their enterprise-level service and software solutions but should not propose local operations or facility support labor for the MHPCC site. On: Jun 29 2026

	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**			
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11879705	Operations		PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	PWS 1.5; PWS 3.6.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Will the Government identify which collaboration tools (e.g., Teams, Slack, approved DoD alternatives) are authorized for contractor personnel to use across DSRC and Service boundaries?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . Approved collaboration tools are identified in the respective bidder's library for each site, and individual Task Orders will also specify authorized collaboration tools required for performance. Microsoft Teams, deployed within the secure Department of Defense (DoD) environment, is one approved tool.

Contractors must utilize these official, Government-approved tools and platforms for all contract-related communications. The use of unauthorized, non-DoD approved commercial collaboration tools is strictly prohibited.

	Specific access requirements, including the provisioning of credentials or accounts on authorized networks, will be detailed at the Task Order level. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879709	Operations	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	ARL Annex 3.6.5 Enterprise Outreach services	

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

ARL Annex 3.6.5 requires the Contractor to provide Audio/Video (A/V) support to the ARL DSRC in support of daily operations, but provides no further definition of scope.
Question: Will the Government clarify what types of A/V support are expected (e.g., conference room AV operations, video production, live-stream support, equipment maintenance), location and quantity of A/V equipment, and can the Government provide historical data on the frequency and volume of A/V activities to inform staffing estimates?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . ARL has an A/V requirement of display graphics for tours, display graphics for building displays, display graphics for outreach activities, conference room AV, video production, live stream support and equipment maintenance as part of the day-to-day operations. The current A/V requirements supporting 4 conference rooms, 2 display walls, multiple permeant digital posters and multiple ad-hoc digital posters. The A/V equipment is spread across all the ARL DSRC buildings. There is at least 1 live stream activity per quarter. The graphics on the A/V equipment will need to be updated depending on the activities going on in the building. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879712	Operations		"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	ERDC 1.1; ERDC 3.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

The ERDC DSRC also provides operational and administrative support for HPC and enterprise class machines not operating under HPCMP. These machines and users typically have requirements that do not fit within the HPCMP's provided offerings but have missions that align with the HPCMP's mission. These systems often interact with HPCMP resources but can also be stand-alone computing systems.""
Question: Would the Government clarify the expected scope, boundaries, and service levels for supporting ERDC systems not operating under HPCMP but interacting with HITS-U resources?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government's primary intent for supporting non-HPCMP systems is to ensure secure, reliable, and efficient interoperability and integration where those systems interface with HITS-U resources. The contractor is responsible for the connectivity, cybersecurity boundaries, and interface management of these systems, but is not responsible for the direct system administration, hardware maintenance, or lifecycle management of standalone, non-HPCMP physical assets. On: Jun 30 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879714	Cybersecurity	Page, 59,50	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	AFRL 3.5.7; PWS 3.7.5

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

PWS Section AFRL 3.5.7 identifies the AFRL DSRC as the executive agent for centralized user authentication development and production services for the DoW HPCMP, and PWS Section 3.7.5 requires the contractor to establish and maintain a Comply-to-Connect solution aligned with Zero Trust principles.
Question: Does the Government anticipate transitioning the existing authentication platform to a new or modernized Enterprise Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) architecture during the period of performance? If so, what is the scope of that transition -- including any legacy systems targeted for replacement, planned timelines, and whether the contractor will be responsible for both sustaining the current solution and developing/integrating the replacement?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government is unable to determine at this time if and when a transition to a new ICAM architecture will occur. However, it is likely that during the HITS-U period of performance the existing authentication platform will need to be modernized. A Task Order will identify the requirements, support for the existing and new solutions, and anticipated schedule. On: Jun 29 2026

	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**			
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11879715	Operations	Page 52,67,79,91	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	ERDC 3.1.1, AFRL 3.1.1, ARL 3.1.1, Navy 3.1.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Can the Government confirm whether 24/7 monitoring is required at all DSRCs (ERDC does not explicitly state the requirement)?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . Yes, 24/7 monitoring is required at all DSRCs. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
11879716	Operations	Page 90	PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1	Navy 1.1

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

1.1 of Navy's annex states that the Navy DSRC is the executive agent for the enterprise data archiving capabilities consistent across the five DSRCs. While the ERDC annex has extensive detail on backup requirements, the Navy annex does not have additional detail on these requirements.
Question: Would the Government clarify the responsibilities of contractor to support the Navy DSRC as the executive agent for enterprise data archiving?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . Enterprise data archiving in this context is the archiving of HPC user data to tape media. HPC users control what data they chose to archive to tape. The Navy DSRC has historically sustained the expertise to architect and operate archive storage solutions for the HPC program. The ERDC DSRC backup requirements are not related to HPC user data. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
11879719	Operations	Page 58	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	AFRL 3.4.6

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Are the SHARCs HPC systems administered by HITS-U contractor or OEM? If by the Contractor, please provide a complete inventory of the machines requiring support, including current health status, configuration, age, available documentation, and the expected service level for each system.

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . While there is currently only one (1) active SHARC system requiring operating system (OS) management hosted at the AFRL DSRC, this quantity is subject to change based on evolving client demand. SHARC requirements fluctuate; systems are added or decommissioned based on tenant needs, and the scope of work can range from initial site preparation to full-lifecycle system administration. Offerors should propose a scalable support model. Available technical specifications for the current active system will be provided in the Bidder's Library for informational purposes. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11879732	Operations	Page 53,68, 80, 92	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	AFRL 3.1.5, ARL 3.1.5, ERDC 3.1.5, Navy 3.1.5

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Can the Government clarify how responsibilities for network engineering and network administration are divided between the HITS?U Contractor and the DSRC Network Teams (Contractors and Government), including the boundaries of authority, operational roles, and expected collaboration points to ensure alignment with Government expectations?

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The specific division of responsibilities, operational boundaries, and collaboration points for network engineering and network administration vary by individual DoD Supercomputing Resource Center (DSRC) due to localized infrastructure, security requirements, and operational environments. These roles and boundaries of authority will be further defined and detailed within individual Task Orders. Generally, the HITS-U Contractor will be required to work collaboratively with resident DSRC Network Teams (comprising both Government personnel and other support contractors) to ensure seamless, secure, and compliant network operations. Detailed site-specific information and operational frameworks, to the extent available, will be provided in the forthcoming Bidder's Library and within the specific Task Order solicitation packages. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879741	Operations	Page 24, 54, 69, 81, 93	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1 "	AFRL 3.1.10, ARL 3.1.10, ERDC 3.1.10, Navy 3.1.10

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"The AFRL and ERDC Annexes explicitly state that the Government is responsible for configuration and change management. In contrast, the Navy Annex specifies that the Contractor is responsible for managing the CMDB. Collectively, the DSRC Annexes also indicate that the Contractor is expected to support enterprise-wide configuration and change management processes. These differences in language suggest that the DSRCs may have varying approaches to configuration and change management, potentially resulting in distinct roles, responsibilities, or workflows.
Question: Would the Government clarify whether the DSRCs' configuration and change management processes differ, and if so, how those differences are defined?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government confirms that configuration and change management processes, workflows, and roles differ among the individual DoD Supercomputing Resource Centers (DSRCs) due to localized operational, technical, and security requirements. These site-specific differences, including the precise division of responsibilities between the Government and the Contractor, will be explicitly identified and defined within the forthcoming Bidder's Library and the individual Task Orders for each DSRC. Offerors are expected to propose flexible solutions capable of adapting to and supporting the unique configuration and change management frameworks established at each respective DSRC location, as detailed in the forthcoming solicitation documents. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879743	Operations		"4. PWS Sections 1.5.1, 1.5.3, 3.7.10, and the DSRC Annexes"	

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"PWS Sections 3.3, 3.7.10, and the DSRC Annexes reference contractor support of Above-Secret and SAP environments requiring personnel with TS clearances and SCI eligibility.
Question: How many SAP environments currently exist across the four DSRCs, and does the Government anticipate any additions, consolidations, or eliminations of SAP environments during the period of performance?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . For security and operational reasons, the Government will not disclose the specific quantity, location, or classification levels of Special Access Program (SAP) or Above-Secret environments currently existing across the DSRCs. The requirement for personnel possessing Top Secret (TS) clearances with Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) eligibility is a baseline capability necessary to support these highly secure environments as they arise. During the period of performance, the Government anticipates that SAP environments may be added, consolidated, or eliminated based on evolving Department of Defense (DoD) mission requirements, technology modernizations, and security mandates. Offerors must propose a flexible, cleared workforce capable of scaling and adapting to fluctuating SAP support requirements over the life of the contract. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879745	Operations			Sections 3.2.6, 3.3.6, and 3.4.6

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Would the Government provide examples of historical special-purpose user support, system decommissioning, reutilization activities, and other one-time or recurring special requirements, including typical staffing levels and contractor responsibilities?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The requirements for special-purpose user support, system decommissioning, reutilization, and other one-time or recurring special activities are highly dynamic and vary significantly by DoD Supercomputing Resource Center (DSRC) and individual project scope. Consequently, typical staffing levels are not standardized and will be defined within individual Task Orders based on localized mission needs.

By way of example, historical support activities have included:

System Decommissioning & Reutilization: Coordinating with Government personnel and third-party vendors to safely power down, de-install, and disconnect systems from facility power and cooling infrastructure; executing secure data sanitization/destruction protocols; and preparing hardware components for physical transport, reutilization, or defense reutilization and marketing office (DRMO) disposition.

Special-Purpose User Support: Providing tailored technical assistance to accommodate unique mission requirements, specialized user groups, or non-standard operational workflows.

Procurement Support: Procuring short-term service agreements or specialized logistics support to facilitate complex system transitions.

Because these requirements have varying scopes, complexity levels, and operational timelines, offerors must propose a flexible support model capable of executing diverse tasks as defined in subsequent Task Orders. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879749	Operations			ARL DSRC Annex

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: What is the breakdown of contractor DAV-C support responsibilities between ARL and ERDC?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The division of Contractor Data Analysis and Visualization - Center (DAV-C) support responsibilities between the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) and the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) is structured as follows:

Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Responsibilities: ARL focuses on the enterprise-wide software lifecycle and direct user support. The Contractor will be responsible for installing, testing, and maintaining DAV-C software across the enterprise. This includes resolving user help desk tickets, supporting integration efforts for individual Technology Insertions (TIs), evaluating new versions of software packages, and interacting with users across all DoD services.

Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Responsibilities: ERDC focuses on advanced scientific visualization and specialized consulting. The Contractor will provide expert consulting on scientific visualization techniques, data formats, and post-processing workflows. This includes assisting users in translating raw HPC output into high-fidelity 2D/3D visual representations; generating high-resolution graphics, animations, and interactive Virtual Reality (VR) / Augmented Reality (AR) environments; and preparing technical visuals for briefings, publications, and public dissemination.

These core responsibilities represent the primary division of labor; however, specific performance requirements, workload metrics, and staffing expectations will be further defined within the individual Task Orders for each respective location. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879750	Cybersecurity			Section 3.7.1.4

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Question: Can the Government identify existing cloud environments currently supported by the HPCMP and clarify anticipated contractor responsibilities for cloud administration, security, integration, and sustainment activities?

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP) is currently conducting strategic evaluations of various cloud environments to determine their long-term technical and operational feasibility within the program.

As these cloud integration efforts are in the evaluation phase, the precise impact on the HITS-U contract has not yet been finalized. However, the Government reserves the right to introduce cloud administration, security compliance, system integration, and sustainment activities during the period of performance.

Specific contractor responsibilities, performance metrics, and technical boundaries related to cloud environments will be explicitly defined within individual Task Orders as those requirements mature. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879753	Project Management	Page 15, 110, 119	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	1.5.8 Quality Control Plan, 5.0 Deliverables, and 5.2.20 A020 Quality Control Plan (QCP)

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"The PWS contains three conflicting statements regarding when the initial Quality Control Plan (QCP) is due:
• PWS Section 1.5.8 states: ""The Contractor shall include an initial QCP with their proposal.""
• PWS Section 5.2.20 (A020 QCP narrative) states: ""The Master QCP shall be submitted to the Government within 60 days of contract award.""
• CDRL Deliverables Table (A020) lists the frequency as: ""Initial Master QCP with proposal, then six (6) months after award, then annually, and as changes occur.""
Question: Will the Government please clarify the controlling due date for the initial QCP -- specifically, is it (a) with the proposal per PWS 1.5.8 and the CDRL table, or (b) within 60 days of contract award per PWS 5.2.20?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Government clarifies that these requirements represent two distinct phases of the Quality Control Plan (QCP) submission:

First, an initial, draft QCP outlining the offeror's quality control methodology and framework must be submitted with the proposal, as specified in PWS Section 1.5.8 and the CDRL A020 deliverables table. This initial plan will be evaluated during the source selection process.

Second, the finalized, comprehensive Master QCP, incorporating specific post-award details and Government feedback, must be submitted to the Government for review and approval within 60 days after contract award, as outlined in PWS Section 5.2.20. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879754	Contracting	Page 24, 124	"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	Sections 3.1.9 and 8.0, 8.3 (GFE)

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"Section 3.1.9 states, ""While this contract does not include Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) or Government Furnished Property (GFP) that is accountable to the Contractor,"" yet Section 8.3 states that ""The Contractor shall be strictly accountable for all incidental GFE/GFP provided under this contract"" and requires the Contractor to submit a formal Monthly Inventory Report (CDRL A017) detailing the status, location, and condition of all assigned incidental GFE/GFP. These two provisions appear to conflict.
Question: Will the Government clarify: (1) whether the Contractor bears formal accountability for any GFE/GFP under this contract, and (2) what specifically constitutes ""incidental GFE/GFP"" referenced in Section 8.3?"

On: Jun 15 2026.

Government Response. . The Government clarifies that the Contractor does not bear formal property administration accountability under FAR Part 45 for Government property that is incidental to the place of performance. Formal accountability for these assets remains with the Government. However, because the Contractor's personnel will have physical custody of these items at Government work sites, the Contractor is responsible for the proper care, stewardship, and custodial tracking of the property. This custodial responsibility includes submitting the Monthly Inventory Report (CDRL A017) to ensure accurate site-level tracking and to report any loss, damage, or destruction of the property.

Consistent with FAR 45.000(b)(5), "incidental GFE/GFP" (property incidental to the place of performance) refers to Government-owned property provided to contractor personnel located on a Government site or installation that remains within the physical boundaries of that location. Examples of incidental property include office space, desks, chairs, telephones, standard desktop or laptop computers, and shared printers/fax machines.

	The PWS will be updated in the final solicitation to align the terminology in Section 3.1.9 and Section 8.3 to reflect this distinction. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11879761	Contracting		"PWS for HITSU III 21 May 2026 VERSION: FINAL DRAFT 1.1"	Multiple

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"Question: To support accurate Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) proposal development, will the Government release a Bidder's Library or technical exhibit repository containing the following information prior to issuance of the Draft or Final RFP?

• ITSM and program management tools currently in use across the DSRCs and Cross-Centers (e.g., ticketing systems, CMDB, project management platforms)
• A complete inventory of all current applications deployed on each HPC system (unclassified, classified, and specialized), including versioning and usage data
• A complete inventory of all current applications used by DAV-C, including historical request volume
• Enterprise and DSRC-specific operational tool details and historical usage metrics, including call/ticket volume, average speed of answer, and first contact resolution rates
• Descriptions and historical development effort data for all software developed or maintained under PWS 3.6.6 (Enterprise Software Development and Management), including COTS dependencies and security compliance status
• A full inventory of all databases the Contractor is expected to administer or interface with, including quantity, type, size, classification level, and purpose (PWS 3.1.7, 3.6.8)
• Endpoint counts and device composition (e.g., Windows/Linux, model, quantity) by DSRC for all workstations and servers in scope (PWS 3.1.4–3.1.7)
• A comprehensive list of networks per DSRC within the scope of the Network Engineering and Administration requirement (PWS 3.1.5)
• A high-level technology baseline inventory per DSRC, including operating systems, HPC platforms, storage systems, virtualization platforms, network infrastructure, cloud environments, and classified/unclassified enclaves (PWS 3.1–3.4)
• Asset counts per DSRC and Cross-Centers, including servers, storage devices, virtual environments, enclaves, and HPC systems
• An inventory of reutilized and non-HPCMP machines requiring contractor support, including current health status, configuration, age, and available documentation (PWS 3.2.6, 3.3.6, 3.4.6)
• Historical purchasing data (quantities, complexity, and supporting documentation) sufficient to estimate procurement workload (PWS 3.1.8, 3.6.9)
• Current staffing levels, labor mix, and an incumbent workforce census by DSRC site
• Historical staffing levels and labor category distributions across each DSRC and Cross-Centers
• Anticipated clearance requirements (Secret, Top Secret, TS/SCI) by labor category or functional area and DSRC location (PWS 1.5.3, 3.3, 3.7)
• RTO (Recovery Time Objective) and RPO (Recovery Point Objective) requirements for systems (3.1.12)
• A list of the Government's preferred vendors currently supporting the program (PWS 3.1.8)"

On: Jun 15 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government intends to release a Bidder's Library in conjunction with the forthcoming Draft and Final RFP. This repository will contain baseline technical exhibits, high-level technology inventories, and enterprise tool overviews to assist Offerors in understanding the general scope and scale of the requirements. However, the Government will not provide the complete, granular level of detail requested for all items at the base contract level. Because the enterprise environment is highly dynamic, specific quantitative details such as exact asset and endpoint counts, precise historical ticket volumes, specific software versioning, and detailed procurement histories will be further defined and provided at the individual Task Order level. Furthermore, the Government will not provide current or historical staffing levels, an incumbent workforce census, or a list of preferred vendors. Offerors are expected to develop and propose their own independent technical solutions and staffing approaches to meet the performance objectives outlined in the solicitation. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11882981	Cybersecurity			PWS Reference: 3.7.10

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

3.7.10 appears twice. Once for Cybersecurity Personnel and once for Personnel Security and Clearance Requirements. Did the Government intend for Personnel Security and Clearance Requirements to be 3.7.11 and Security Directives and Training to be 3.7.12?

On: Jun 17 2026.

	Government Response. . Yes. The Government acknowledges the numbering error in the draft Performance Work Statement (PWS). The Government will correct the section numbering in the final solicitation. Specifically, Personnel Security and Clearance Requirements will be updated to Section 3.7.11, and Security Directives and Training will be updated to Section 3.7.12. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11882985	Program Management			PWS Reference: PWS Paragraph 1.5.1 Key Personnel

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Will you provide a specific format for the resumes of Key Personnel?

On: Jun 17 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government will not provide a specific format or template for Key Personnel resumes. Offerors may use their preferred formatting; however, each submitted resume will be subject to a strict page limit. The specific page limitations and detailed submission instructions for Key Personnel resumes will be outlined in Section L of the forthcoming Draft RFP. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11882990	Information Management			PWS Reference: PWS Paragraph 3.5 Assist HPC Users

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Does assisting HPC users include providing training on the use of any HPC applications?

On: Jun 17 2026.

	Government Response. . Yes. Assisting HPC users includes providing introductory training, tutorials, and documentation on how to access the HPC systems, navigate the computing environments, utilize standard system utilities, and optimize job scheduling scripts. The Contractor is also expected to assist users with compiling, running, and troubleshooting applications deployed within the standard software baseline. However, the Contractor is not responsible for providing advanced academic or specialized research-level training in the core scientific domains of the end-users. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11882996	Electronic			PWS Reference: Draft PWS paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

The above draft PWS paragraphs mention operating HPC systems for the HPCMP. Would the contractor then be responsible for repairing/replacing failed HPC Hardware?

On: Jun 17 2026.

	Government Response. . The Contractor's responsibility for repairing or replacing failed High Performance Computing (HPC) hardware depends entirely on the specific equipment, system ownership, and associated manufacturer warranty or maintenance agreements in place at each location. Because hardware support structures vary across the program, the exact roles and responsibilities for hardware repair and replacement will be explicitly defined at the individual Task Order level for each DSRC. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11883012	Other	Page 9		PWS Reference: 1.3 Scope

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"Requirements will be defined by individual task orders from the four supported DSRCs and Cross-Centers. In addition, task orders may include work requested and funded by HPCMP components other than Centers and/or requirements funded by customers of the HPCMP." Will the government include awardable Task Orders (four supported DSRCs and Cross-Centers under the IDIQ for industry to solution/price? Does the Govt intend to support Special Projects using stand alone Task Orders? If so, will any be included for initial award?

On: Jun 17 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government does not intend to include all site-specific or awardable Task Orders within the initial solicitation for pricing. Instead, the Government will provide two sample task orders with the solicitation to evaluate the offerors' technical solutions and pricing methodologies during the source selection process.

The actual, operational Task Orders for the supported DSRCs and Cross-Centers will be provided to the successful offeror at the time of contract award.

Regarding the inquiry about Special Projects, the Government notes that Special Projects is a historical term and will not be used under this contract. These efforts are classified as new requirements that represent additional scope. The Government will determine how to handle new requirements on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the requirement. This may involve adding the work to existing Task Orders through modifications or issuing standalone Task Orders. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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11883019	Other	Page 21		PWS Reference: Part 2.0

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

"Part 2.0: Period of Performance page 21; The overall Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) base contract will consist of a five (5) year order period." Will the IDIQ include Attachments to cover:
•Labor Categories and BLS Service Occupational Classifications
•DoW Required Provisions and Clauses
•Government Security Publications and Contractor Minimum Security Requirements for Select Systems

On: Jun 17 2026.

Government Response. . Yes. The base IDIQ solicitation and resulting contract will include structured attachments covering these key programmatic requirements.
Specifically, the solicitation will include:
A Labor Pricing Schedule will be attached to the IDIQ.
A Department of Defense (DoD) or Agency-specific Required Provisions and Clauses attachment to ensure all statutory, regulatory, and policy mandates are incorporated into the base contract.
A Security Requirements attachment specifying the applicable Government security publications, cybersecurity frameworks, and minimum personnel/system security clearance requirements necessary for performance on select systems under this contract. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11883883	Other	PWS Draft	Appendix A	Page 146 #6, paragraphs 1-6

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

If the successful offeror maintains a Government-approved purchasing system, can the Government clarify whether any of the requirements identified in Appendix A Item 6, Paragraphs 1–6 may be satisfied through the approved purchasing system and associated processes?

On: Jun 18 2026.

Government Response. . The Government utilizes a secure SharePoint site, or a designated future Government IT system, as the primary contract oversight system to manage, process, and approve all contract-related administrative actions. This includes the submission and tracking of Contract Data Requirements Lists (CDRLs), invoices, purchase requests, and travel requests.

The contractor's Government-approved purchasing system (CPSR) will be recognized for governing internal procurement workflows and subcontracting compliance under FAR Part 44. However, it does not bypass the contract's administrative submission requirements.

In addition, some of the specific steps outlined in Appendix A are processed, submitted, and approved through separate Government IT systems and sites. Once those individual steps are completed, they must be compiled to make up the full, final procurement package. The contractor is required to submit this full procurement package into the contract oversight system (SharePoint) to initiate the formal approval workflows and to serve as the official contract repository. On: Jun 29 2026

Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11883890	Other	PWS Draft	Appendix A	Page 146 #6 paragraphs 1-6

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

For contractors utilizing the CHESS procurement vehicle and established CHESS ordering procedures, can the Government clarify whether any of the requirements identified in Appendix A Item 6, Paragraphs 1–6 are considered fulfilled through compliance with CHESS processes?

On: Jun 18 2026.

	Government Response. . No. Utilizing the Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) procurement vehicle satisfies the regulatory sourcing mandate for purchasing commercial IT hardware and software, but it does not bypass or automatically fulfill the administrative oversight requirements outlined in Appendix A. While the contractor must utilize CHESS as the primary source of supply for applicable IT procurements, the resulting documentation (such as CHESS quotes, Statements of Non-Availability, or ITAS approvals) must still be compiled. This documentation forms part of the full procurement package that the contractor is required to submit through the official Government contract oversight system (SharePoint) to initiate the standard review, approval, and archiving workflows. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11883894	Other	PWS Draft	Section 1.5.7	

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

Reference Text: Contractor personnel may be required to attend functions such as meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops, educational courses, and training unique to the HPCMP or directed/mandated by the HPCMP. The requirement to attend said functions will be identified in individual requests, approved by the COTR/COR/KO and may include activities such as attendance at a conference to give a technical presentation, attendance at meetings to obtain information necessary to perform tasks included in this PWS, or to present information obtained in performing a task related function.
Question: The PWS states that contractor personnel may be required to attend meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops, educational courses, and training events when approved by the COTR/COR/KO. Can the Government clarify whether the labor hours, travel, and associated costs incurred for Government-directed attendance at these events are considered allowable and billable under the contract?

On: Jun 18 2026.

	Government Response. . Yes. If officially requested and approved in advance by the COR, COTR, or Contracting Officer, the labor hours, travel, and associated costs incurred for attending these specific events are considered allowable and billable under the contract in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and applicable travel regulations. However, this provision is for program-specific alignment, technical presentations, and HPCMP-directed coordination. It is not to be utilized for basic job training or professional development. The Government expects that all proposed and hired Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) are fully trained, certified, and qualified for their specific roles upon contract start. Costs associated with bringing contractor personnel up to the baseline qualifications required for their labor categories are the sole responsibility of the contractor and are not billable to the Government. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11883896	Other	PWS Draft	Appendix A	

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

Reference Text: Section 6, Paragraph 5: A Memorandum or Record (MFR) shall accompany the Purchase Request package prior to COR/KO purchase approval referred to as the "Commercial Item Determination Memo" prepared by the contractor and signed by the KO and delegated to the COR, within applicable thresholds. This MFR shall become part of the invoice package for file and audit purposes. Appendix A, Attachment 1 provides a sample MFR for this purpose.
Question: Appendix A-1 is an example of a MFR for a Buy American exception for commercial products, not an exception for procuring commercial products (regardless of Buy American status). Is this the correct form given the description in Section 6, Paragraph 5?

On: Jun 18 2026.

	Government Response. . No. The Government acknowledges that Appendix A, Attachment 1 was incorrectly populated with a Buy American Act exception template instead of a Commercial Item Determination (CID) Memorandum for Record (MFR) template. The Government will correct this discrepancy and replace Appendix A, Attachment 1 with the proper CID template in the final solicitation to align with the requirements of Section 6, Paragraph 5. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11885260	Information Management	Spec	spec	spec

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

attached questions

(Attachment: Advent_HITS-U_III_ProjNet_Questions.pdf) On: Jun 18 2026.

	Government Response. . All questions are to be submitted directly to ProjNet, not as uploaded documents. This is to ensure transparency across all interested parties. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11889919	Architectural			System architecture

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

The current HPCMP infrastructure appears to be heavily weighted toward a single processor ecosystem. As workload requirements become increasingly diverse, how is HPCMP thinking about the balance between architectural diversity and standardization? Is there a strategic goal to support a more heterogeneous compute environment over time, or is maintaining a common architecture viewed as the best approach for acquisition, operations, and user support?

On: Jun 24 2026.

	Government Response. . Please provide additional clarification to what is meant by "The current HPCMP infrastructure appears to be heavily weighted toward a single processor ecosystem". Please provide examples, if possible. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11889930	Architectural			System architecture benchmarking

Comment Classification: **Public (P)**

What mechanisms does EDRC use to benchmark compute technologies that are not currently deployed within the HPCMP server farm? Are vendor-provided seed systems or evaluation platforms benchmarked against existing environments, and if so, how do those findings factor into future architecture and acquisition decisions?

On: Jun 24 2026.

	Government Response. . While the benchmarking team's primary function is not test seed or evaluation platforms, the team has performed such functions in the past and can do so in the future based on their workload. The team's primary function is to generate the benchmarking suite used to demonstrate that procured systems meet the contracted levels of performance, and to routinely monitor the performance of existing systems. This is outside the scope of HITSU. On: Jun 29 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11908182	Contracting			Pre Industry Day QA 07012026

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Acknowledging that the DRP is due in 45 days, could the Government confirm whether it intends to provide a page limit for the Quality Control Plan to support early solution development?

On: Jul 08 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government is currently finalizing the proposal instructions, including potential page limits for the Quality Control Plan (QCP). All final page limits and formatting guidelines will be formally established and published in the final solicitation. No early release of specific section page limits will be provided prior to that time. On: Jul 28 2026
	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

Information for this report is procurement sensitive.

11909756	Contracting			Rate query

Comment Classification: **Unclassified (U)**

Will the Army consider using FFP rates (by PWS CLIN) vs FFP LOE binding rates? FFP LOE binding rates can be manipulated to drive down to lower rates while still being compliant, thus making technical deliverable(s) difficult to achieve based upon increased risk to the Army through increased staffing and turnover of personnel.

On: Jul 09 2026.

	Government Response. . The Government does not intend to utilize a Firm-Fixed-Price Level of Effort (FFP-LOE) contract structure. The base IDIQ will incorporate binding pricing in the form of labor rates to be used for pricing purposes of future individual task orders. This IDIQ will have a five year ordering period and each offeror will be required to propose five years of binding pricing for each labor rate (category/skill level, etc) proposed. This approach will allow offerors the flexibility to propose their optimal staffing mix necessary to successfully achieve the technical deliverables while mitigating staffing and turnover risks using the binding labor rate pricing established at the base contract level. Each task order will have a total FFP Labor line item for each task order. On: Jul 30 2026

	Current Request Status: **Request Closed**

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