

Sources Sought Notice

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No solicitation document exists at this time. Issuance of this notice does not constitute any obligation on the part of the Government to procure these items or services or to issue a solicitation. In addition, the Government is under no obligation to pay for information submitted in response to this Sources Sought Notice and responses to this notice cannot be accepted as offers. Any information that the vendor considers proprietary should be clearly marked as such. The Government shall not be held liable for any damages incurred if proprietary information is not properly identified.

In preparation for an upcoming procurement, the Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Eastern Acquisition Division, Norfolk, VA on behalf of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO), is performing market research to determine potential sources for providing mariner support to fulfill staffing requirements onboard NOAA vessels. The acquisition, if issued, will be issued as a Request for Quote (RFQ) in accordance with RFO Part 12. A DRAFT Statement of Work is provided for informational purposes only. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code is 541330, Engineering Services (Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture). The size standard for this NAICS code is \$25.5 million. All types of business concerns, large businesses, small businesses, and nonprofit and educational institutions are encouraged to submit a brief (no more than three pages), typed Capability Statement in response to this Sources Sought Notice. The nature of the work to be performed is to provide the support of contract professional licensed and unlicensed mariners for shipboard assignments as described in the attached DRAFT Statement of Work.

Submitted Capability Statements (not to exceed three pages) shall include the following:

1. Company Profile:
 - a. Company name and address
 - b. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number:
 - c. Type of business (e.g. large business, small business, including specific socioeconomic status) as validated via the System for Award Management under NAICS 541330.
 - d. Company point of contact – name, phone, and e-mail address
 - e. Describe capabilities for meeting the requirements in the DRAFT Statement of Work.

2. Capability Demonstration:

- a. Provide a brief, but detailed, narrative which adequately demonstrates the contractor's capabilities to staff each of the required positions identified in the DRAFT Statement of Work (OMAO Contract Mariner Support Statement of Work). Include details regarding whether all of the staffing and logistics will be performed solely by the responder of this notice, or if teaming arrangements, joint ventures, or subcontractors are to be utilized. If so, include information regarding the positions or support functions to be provided by each of the team members.
- b. Provide evidence demonstrating the contractor's capability to provide qualified and personnel, including a description of recruiting, vetting, and retention strategies for licensed and unlicensed mariners.
- c. Include corporate experience performing work of similar size and scope within the last three (3) years and include verifiable information (contract number, organization supported, indication of whether as a prime or subcontractor, contract values, point of contact with current telephone number, and a brief description of how the experience relates to providing mariner support services as described in the DRAFT Statement of Work).

Please submit responses to the Contract Specialist Tamara Horton at tamara.horton@noaa.gov no later than 3:00 PM ET on June 24, 2026. This is not a request for quotation. The Government does not intend to award a contract based on this Notice or reimburse for costs incurred by interested parties providing the information requested herein. Capability Statements will not be returned. Information received will be considered solely to make an informed decision regarding a potential procurement. Responses to the Sources Sought Notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by NOAA to form a binding contract. The responses received to this Sources Sought Notice will help determine any potential socio-economic set-asides for this requirement.