

## Sources Sought Notice

W912DW-24-R-0YL8  
Range Area Noxious Weeds Control,  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Yakima Training Center, WA.

**THIS IS A SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE ONLY. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, REQUEST FOR QUOTE, OR INVITATION FOR BID. THERE WILL NOT BE A SOLICITATION, SPECIFICATIONS OR DRAWINGS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.**

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Seattle District, is issuing a Sources Sought to determine interest, availability, and capability of 8(a), HUBZone, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned, Women-Owned, and Small Business concerns. The NAICS code for the work is 115112, Preparation, planting and cultivating, with a size standard of \$9.5 million.

This sources-sought announcement is a tool to identify businesses with the capability to accomplish the work and is for information/market research purposes only.

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, QUOTATIONS OR BIDS, NOR A SYNOPSIS OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT ACTION UNDER FAR SUBPART 5.2. NO SOLICITATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. The type of solicitation to be issued will depend upon information received in response to this sources sought notice. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this sources sought notice or any follow up information. Responses to this sources sought announcement will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions. All interested firms should respond to this notice no matter what business size under NAICS 115112 Soil Preparation, Planting, and Cultivating.

Unsolicited proposals will not be accepted. Further, proprietary information is not being requested at this time, and respondents shall refrain from providing proprietary information in response to this sources sought notice. No award will be made from this sources sought notice. This is not a request to be placed on a solicitation mailing list and is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government.

### **SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Joint Base Lewis McChord Yakima Training Center (JBLM YTC) is a United States Army training center (Army maneuver training, land warrior system testing and live fire area) located in south central Washington state. It comprises approximately 327,000 acres of land, most of which consists of shrub-steppe. Main vegetation components consist of sagebrush, bitter brush, and bunch grasses.

For this requirement, the Contractor will be responsible to provide season long control of designated weed species at various roads and military training areas for the period of performance of the contract. Sample target species for control include, but are not limited to kochia, diffuse knapweed, Russian thistle, cheat grass, dalmatian toadflax, purple loose-strife, bull thistle, Canada thistle and Russian olive. Note, not all species are present at each treatment area. The approximate treatment area is 2,100 acres. For the scope of this requirement, the Columbia Basin shall be defined as within the United States geographic areas located east of the Cascade Mountains and west of the Rocky Mountains in the states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and the western part of Montana. The Contractor shall achieve 90% control of designated vegetation during the period of performance. If the Government proceeds with the acquisition, a site visit is anticipated during the acquisition period.

### **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Interested firms should submit a capabilities package limited to three (3) pages and shall include the following information: (Clarifications and/or questions shall be submitted in a separate word document and will not count towards the 3 page limitation).

1. Firm's name, address (mailing and URL), point of contact, phone number and email address.
2. CAGE code and UEI number of your firm.
3. Your company's North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code(s).
4. Business classification, i.e., state whether your firm is classified by the Small Business Administration as any of the following or is Other Than Small Business:

- Small Business (SB)
- Small Disadvantage Business (SDB)
- Woman-Owned SB (WOSB)
- Veteran-Owned SB (VOSB)
- Service-Disabled VOSB (SDVOSB)
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone)
- 8(a) Program
- Other Than Small Business (Large Business)

5. Regions in which your company normally performs work or would perform work:

- West
- Midwest
- Northeast Southwest
- Southeast
- OCONUS (Outside the Continental United States)
- All of the Above

6. Two (2) to five (5) recent examples of past projects demonstrating the offeror's capability to meet proposed project requirements. If applicable, please identify which effort the prime contractor self-performed and which it subcontracted. Contractor must provide a brief description of experience in performing similar projects for noxious weed control of similar size (2,100 acres) and scope (commercial weed control with a Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Commercial Applicator or Commercial Operator Pesticide Applicators License as defined by WSDA within the Columbia Basin) completed within the last six (6) years.

7. Of the total summary Description of Proposed Project:

- a. Do you believe all aspects of the project could be performed by the small business sector?  
 Yes  No
- b. As a  large business /  small business, what estimated percentage of the TOTAL project would you self-perform? \_\_\_\_%
- c. Please specify/describe which areas are best suited for subcontracting to the small business sector. Also identify your intentions to:
  - pursue a joint-venture or some other form of teaming arrangement subcontract any
  - work.

d. What do you think can be subcontracted out to small business?

- Small Business (SB) \_\_\_\_%
- Small Disadvantage Business (SDB) \_\_\_\_%
- Woman-Owned SB (WOSB) \_\_\_\_%
- Veteran-Owned SB (VOSB) \_\_\_\_% Service- Disabled
- VOSB (SDVOSB) \_\_\_\_%
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) \_\_\_\_%

8. Firm's Joint Venture Information, if applicable.

9. Bonding Information. Provide the following, on the Bonding Company's letterhead:

(1) Bonding Limits: (a) Single Bond (b) Aggregate

Responses to this Sources Sought Notice will be shared with the Government project team, but otherwise will be held in strict confidence.

**PLEASE SUBMIT TO:**

Responses to the Sources Sought Notice must be received no later than 1:00 pm (Pacific Time) on 07 December 2023. Submit responses only to the attention of Mary Hesser, Contract Specialist, at [mary.a.hesser@usace.army.mil](mailto:mary.a.hesser@usace.army.mil).

Office Small Business Programs POC: [enshane.nomoto@usace.army.mil](mailto:enshane.nomoto@usace.army.mil).

All interested firms must be registered in System for Award Management (SAM) and remain current for the duration of the contract to be eligible for award of Government contracts.