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COMBINED SERVICES ACQUISITION
STRATEGY/ACQUISITION PLAN

FOR
Marketplace for the Acquisition of
Professional Services (MAPS)

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(b) Consolidation.

In accordance with RFO FAR 7.107-2, this Combined SAS/AP is being used as the written determination for consolidation.

Consolidation may provide substantial benefits to the Government.

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ACC-APG has conducted market research demonstrating that consolidation of this procurement is both necessary and justified.

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Consolidating the RS3 and ITES-3S contracts from ACC-APG and CPE ES2 into a single contract vehicle will provide customers with a streamlined process for acquiring knowledge-based professional services. This consolidation is projected to yield lower overall prices for the Government, generate significant operational efficiencies, and improve mission performance beyond alternative contracting approaches. By replacing two (2) contracts with one (1), the Government will eliminate duplicative procurement and management efforts, reducing costs and administrative burdens for all parties.

Results of Market Research

The Government conducted market research, in accordance with RFO FAR 7.107-2, concerning the consolidation RS3 and ITES-3S. The Government issued a survey to Industry asking whether they were in favor of the consolidation, as well as held an Industry Day that allowed for one-on-one meetings. As identified above in Section 3(a) Market Research, [REDACTED] responses were received and [REDACTED] were from small businesses who were in favor of the consolidation. The market research also indicated that small businesses are capable of performing portions of the requirements.

Alternative Contracting Approaches and Rationale for Rejection

The Government considered an alternative contracting approach that would involve no consolidation. Specifically, the Government considered maintaining the follow-on efforts as two (2) separate IDIQ contracts. However, establishing and administering two (2) distinct IDIQ vehicles would increase the Government's administrative burden, resulting in duplicative contract management functions, additional procurement lead time, and greater overall acquisition complexity. By combining these vehicles, the Army aims to enhance flexibility, reduce redundancy, and improve cost-efficiency in acquiring knowledge-based professional services. This consolidation will also ensure a unified approach in meeting the Army's evolving technology and strategic needs, thus optimizing mission readiness and effectiveness.

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Consolidation Benefit Analysis

Consolidating the requirement would result in both quantifiable and non-quantifiable benefits. Specifically identified benefits are as follows:

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Quantifiable Benefits

1. [REDACTED]
2. Costs to the Government will also be reduced through the process of streamlines source selection and timely TO competitions and awards.

Non-Quantifiable Benefits

1. Consolidating the requirement enables standardized ordering procedures and prenegotiated terms which will result in shortened procurement lead times which results in faster fielding of services to support the Army's readiness. Accelerated fielding of operations support enhances readiness and improves the Army's ability to respond to emerging mission requirements.
2. Managing a single, consolidated contract can significantly streamline the acquisition process. This leads to shorter cycle times for awarding task orders and getting critical projects underway, enhancing the agency's agility and responsiveness.
3. Bid and proposal costs to contractors will also be reduced through the use of streamlined bid and proposal processes.
4. With two (2) separate IDIQs, the Government would administer separate contracts for similar requirements creating administrative redundancies and fragmented oversight. Under the consolidated IDIQ structure, these duplicative administrative functions will be streamlined into a unified contract management framework resulting in enhanced contract administration with better terms and conditions.

A single contract vehicle can improve transparency and accountability in the procurement process which allows the Army to mor effectively track spending and monitor performance. This can also lead to better data for future decision-making.

Summary of Substantial Benefits

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[REDACTED] MAPS consolidation is necessary and justified as the benefits of the consolidation substantially exceed the benefits of alternative contracting approaches as outlined in this AP/SAS and the requirements are critical to the agency's mission success, and the procurement strategy provides for maximum practicable participation by small business as outlined in this AP/SAS. [REDACTED]

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