

Hotel and Recreation Equipment Trade Mission, Santo Domingo and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, February 8–11, 2000. Recruitment closes January 31, 2000.

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Information Technology Dealmaker, Toronto, Canada, February 9–10, 2000. Recruitment closes January 31, 2000.

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Corporate Executive Office Program at Meditech Asia Show, Bangkok, Thailand, March 1–4, 2000. Recruitment closes February 15, 2000.

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Manufacturing Matchmaker India, New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, and Pune, India, April 3–11, 2000. Recruitment closes April 11, 2000.

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Telecommunications Matchmaker Trade Delegation, Madrid, Spain and Rome, Italy, April 10–15, 2000. Recruitment closes February 28, 2000.

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Women In Trade Business Development Mission, France and the Netherlands, May 7–12, 2000. Recruitment closes March 22, 2000.

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U.S. Information Technology Trade Mission to Far East Asia, Taipei, Taiwan, Seoul and Pusan, South Korea, June 11–17, 2000. Recruitment closes April 15, 2000.

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Telecommunication Trade Mission to Chile and Argentina, June 18–23, 2000. Recruitment closes May 31, 2000.

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Medical Devices and Biotechnology Trade Mission to Australia, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, June 25–30, 2000. Recruitment closes May 5, 2000.

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Medical Device Trade Mission, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Singapore, August 19–31, 2000. Recruitment closes June 30, 2000.

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Dated: January 19, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board (Board) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, February 10, 2000, from 1:00–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA; telephone 703-683-6000.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council and Board will consider the following items: Discuss the development of a conservation equivalency amendment for summer flounder; discuss the development of an amendment to review allocation of annual total allowable catch and discards and revise summer period state by state quotas for scup; possible review and comment on 2000 specifications for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; discussion of disapproved portions of Sustainable Fisheries Act amendment for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; and discussion of other measures that would be included in amendments to summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and Commission for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis, 302-674-2331, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of test program.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is amending its Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans to implement Section 817 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. Section 817 provides for a five year extension of the DoD Test Program for negotiation of comprehensive small business subcontracting plans from September 30, 2000 to September 30, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ivory Fisher, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, OUSD (A&T) SADB, 1777 North Kent Street, Suite 9100, Arlington, VA 22209, telephone (703) 588-8616, telefax (703) 588-7561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In accordance with Section 834 of Public Law 101-189, as amended, the Department of Defense (DoD) established a Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans (the Program) to determine whether the use of comprehensive subcontracting plans on a corporate, division, or plant-wide basis would increase subcontracting opportunities for small business concerns. DoD amended the Program to implement the requirements of Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85). The amendments: (1) Provide for subcontracts that are awarded by participating contractors performing as subcontractors, under DoD contracts, to be included in comprehensive small business subcontracting plans, and (2) to cover the HUBZone Act of 1997 implementation in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which results in the addition of HUBZone small businesses to the categories of small business concerns that must be addressed by comprehensive small business subcontracting plans.

Ivory Fisher,

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

The revised test plan is as follows:

Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans

I. Purpose

This document implements Section 834 of Public Law 101-189, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, as amended. The primary purpose of the Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plan Test Program (the

Program) is to determine whether the negotiation and administration of comprehensive small business subcontracting plans will reduce administrative burdens on contractors while enhancing subcontracting opportunities for small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals under Department of Defense (DoD) contracts.

II. Authority

The Program is established pursuant to Section 834 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, as amended.

III. Program Requirements

A. The Program shall be conducted from October 1, 1990, through September 30, 2005.

B. The selection of contractors for participation in the Program shall be in accordance with Section 811(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 1996, Public Law 104-106. Eligible contractors are large business concerns at the major (total) corporate level that, during the preceding fiscal year:

1. Were performing under at least three DoD prime contracts; furnished supplies or services (including professional services) to DoD, engaged in research and development for DoD, or performed construction for DoD; and were paid \$5,000,000 or more for such contract activities; and

2. Achieved a small disadvantaged business (SDB) subcontracting participation rate of 5 percent or more during the preceding fiscal year. However, this requirement does not apply to the eight original contractors accepted into the Program. Additionally, a large business with an SDB subcontracting participation rate of less than 5 percent during the preceding fiscal year may request, through the designated contracting activity, to participate in the Program if the firm submits a detailed plan with milestones leading to attainment of at least a 5 percent SDB subcontracting participation rate by September 30, 2000, 2005.

C. Contractors selected for participation shall:

1. Be eligible in accordance with paragraph III(B);

2. Establish their comprehensive subcontracting plans on the same corporate, division or plant-wide basis under which they submitted the Standard Form (SF) 295 during the preceding fiscal year, except that a division or plant that historically reported through a higher-level division, but would meet the criteria of paragraph III(B)(2), shall be permitted to participate in the Program if the lower-level division, plant or profit center can demonstrate a 5 percent or greater subcontract performance level with SDB concerns;

3. Have reported to DoD on the SF 295 for the previous fiscal year, except as provided in paragraph III(C)(2);

4. Accept an SDB goal for each fiscal year of not less than 5 percent, or an SDB goal that is in accordance with the milestone established under paragraph III(B)(2);

5. Comply with the requirements of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Section 215.605 for source selection purposes;

6. Offer a broad range of subcontracting opportunities;

7. Voluntarily agree to participate; and

8. Have at least one active contract that requires a subcontracting plan at the designated DoD buying activity responsible for negotiating the Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan.

IV. Elements of the Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plan

A. The comprehensive small business subcontracting plan shall address each of the 11 elements set forth in paragraph (d) of the clause at FAR 52.219-9, "Small Business Subcontracting Plan."

1. The subcontracting plan, percentage and corresponding dollar goals for awards to small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business and women-owned small business concerns shall be developed by the contractor for its entire business operation in support of all DoD contracts and subcontracts under DoD contracts regardless of dollar value.

2. Participating contractors shall include separate specific goals and timetables for the awarding of subcontracts in two industry categories which have not historically been made available to small business and small disadvantaged business concerns. These industry categories will be recommended by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer. Subcontract awards made in support of the specific industry categories shall also count towards attainment of the overall small business and small disadvantaged business goals.

3. The subcontracting plan shall set forth the prime contractor's actions to publicize prospective subcontract opportunities for small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business and women-owned small business concerns.

B. Subcontracting plans to be established under the Program shall be submitted each year by participating contractors to the designated contracting officer 45 days prior to the end of the Government's fiscal year (September 30). However, new contractors requesting participation under the Program shall submit subcontracting plans to the contracting officer as far in advance as possible to the beginning of the fiscal year in which the contractor proposes to participate.

Procedures

A. The Service Acquisition Executive within each military department and defense agency having contractors that meet the requirements of paragraphs III(B) and (C) shall designate at least three but not more than five contracting activities to participate in the Program. In selecting the contracting activities to participate in the Program, the Services Acquisition Executive shall ensure that the designated activities cover a broad range of supplies and services.

B. The designated contracting activity will accomplish the following:

1. With the coordination of the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business

Utilization, for their military department or defense agency, select as many eligible prime contractors (at least five) for participation under the Program as deemed appropriate.

2. Establish a "Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plan" negotiating team(s) composed as follows:

a. A contracting officer(s) who will be responsible for negotiation and approval of the comprehensive subcontracting plan(s) as well as the responsibilities at FAR 19.705.

b. The contracting activity's Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist.

c. The Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist of the cognizant contract administration activity that administers the preponderance of the selected prime contractor's contracts and/or the appropriate individual who will administer contractor performance under the test in accordance with FAR 19.706 and the provisions herein.

d. Production specialist, price analyst and other functional specialists as appropriate.

C. The designated contracting officer shall:

1. Encourage prime contractors interested in participating in the program to enter the program on a plant or facility basis.

2. Solicit proposed comprehensive subcontracting plans from selected contractor(s) as soon as possible and by July 1, annually thereafter.

3. By October 1, and annually thereafter, review, negotiate and approve on behalf of DoD a comprehensive subcontracting plan for each selected contractor.

4. Distribute copies of the approved subcontracting plan in accordance with paragraph VI(A).

5. Upon negotiation and acceptance of the comprehensive subcontracting plan, obtain from the contractor:

a. A listing of all active DoD contracts that contain individual subcontracting plans required by Section 211 of Public Law 95-507.

b. The listing shall include the following:

- i. Contract number.
- ii. Name and address of the contracting activity.
- iii. Contracting officer's name and phone number.

6. Upon receipt of the information provided by the participating contractor under paragraph V(C)(4), direct the designated administrative contracting officer to issue a comprehensive change order, which modifies all of the contractor's active DoD contracts that include subcontracting plans. The modification will substitute the contractor's approved comprehensive subcontracting plan for the individual plans, will substitute the clause at DFARS 252.219-7004 for the clause at FAR 52.219-9, and will delete the clauses at FAR 52.219-10 and 52.219-16 and DFARS 252.219-7003 and 252.219-7005, as appropriate.

7. Review annually, with the contract administration activity, the contractor's performance under the plan. Document the review findings and distribute, in accordance with paragraph VI(A), within 45 days of the end of the fiscal year.

8. By November 15 of the year after acceptance, and annually thereafter,

determine whether the contractor has met its comprehensive subcontracting goals. If the goals have not been met, determine whether there is any indication that the contractor failed to make a good faith effort and take appropriate action.

9. By December 15, 2005, prepare and submit a report on each participating contractor's performance which details the results of the Program. The report must compare the contractor's performance under the Program with its performance for the three fiscal years prior to acceptance into the Program. The report distribution will be in accordance with paragraph VI(A).

D. Participating contractors:

1. Shall establish their comprehensive subcontracting plans on the same corporate, division or plant-wide basis under which they submitted the SF 295 during the preceding fiscal year, except that those contractors that historically reported through a higher headquarters can elect to participate as a separate (lower-level) reporting profit center, plant or division if the contractor achieved an SDB subcontracting performance rate of 5 percent or greater in the preceding fiscal year.

2. Upon negotiation of an acceptable comprehensive subcontracting plan, shall be exempt from individual contract-by-contract reporting requirements for DoD contracts and subcontracts under DoD contracts unless otherwise required in accordance with paragraph III(C)(5).

3. Shall continue individual contract reporting on non-DoD contracts.

4. Shall comply with the flow-down provisions of Section 211 of Public Law 95-507 for large business subcontractors which are not participating in the Program. Consequently, large business concerns which are not participating in the Program receiving a DoD subcontract in excess of \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) are required to adopt a plan similar to that mandated by the clause at FAR 52.219-9. Participating contractors are prohibited from flowing down the "Comprehensive" subcontracting deviation provisions of DFARS 252.219-7004. Accordingly, large business subcontractors to the participating contractors who themselves are not participating in the Program shall be required to establish individual subcontracting plans with specific goals for awards to small business, small disadvantaged business and women-owned small business concerns.

5. Upon expulsion from the Program or Program termination on September 10, 2005, shall negotiate and establish individual subcontracting plan son all future DoD contracts that otherwise meet the requirements of Section 211 of Public Law 95-507.

VI. Monitoring and Reporting of Comprehensive Subcontracting Plans and Goals

A. Upon negotiation and acceptance of comprehensive subcontracting plans and goals, the designated activity shall immediately forward one copy of the plan to each of the following:

1. Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of

the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), 1777 North Kent Street, Suite 9100, Arlington, VA 22209

2. Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, for the military department or defense agency of the activity that negotiated and accepted the comprehensive subcontracting plan.

3. The cognizant contract administration office.

B. Each participating contractor shall complete the SF 295 "Summary Subcontract Report" in accordance with the instructions on the back of the form on a semi-annual basis, except as noted below:

1. One copy of the SF 295 and attachments shall be submitted to Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), 1777 North Kent Street, Suite 9100, Arlington, VA 22209.

2. Participating contractors shall enter in Item 14 Remarks block the annual corporate, division or plant-wide small business, small disadvantaged business and women-owned small business percentage and corresponding dollar goals.

3. Participating contractors shall also enter separately in Item 14 the percentage and corresponding dollar goals for each of the two selected industry categories (see paragraph IV(A) (2)).

4. Participating contractors shall also enter separately in Item 14 on a semi-annual cumulative basis the percentage and corresponding dollar amount of subcontract awards made in each of the two selected industry categories.

5. Participating contractors shall be exempt from the completion of SF 294 "Subcontract Report For Individual Contracts" for DoD contracts during their participation in the Program.

January 18, 2000.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of proposed information collection requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of