

July 27, 2015

Dear Industry Partners –

Thank you for your collaboration and feedback regarding GSA's RFQ (now in draft) soliciting identity monitoring data breach response and protection services.

During the past week, we have considered your feedback, responses to the request for information, and have continued to develop our requirements based on input from OPM, DOD, DHS, the FTC, and other key agencies partners.

I want to request your continued engagement in the procurement going forward as well as share with you information about next steps including:

1. A new eBuy announcement is opened to support the government in effectively completing its identity monitoring data breach response and protection services procurement.

Given the number and scope of changes realized since the procurement's original release on April 27, 2015, the government is simultaneously cancelling the current RFQ and issuing a new eBuy announcement.

While cumbersome, this affords the government with a new baseline document and procurement through which to compete the BPA and initial orders.

All versions – draft or final – of RFQ # GS10F15LPQ0007 with Project ID# B15SA0061 are cancelled.

RFQ# GS10F15LPQ0022 with Project ID# B15S47E0073, when ready, will be posted under this eBuy announcement. Going forward please utilize this eBuy announcement for all communications regarding the referenced procurement.

2. Contractor eligibility.

Based on feedback from industry, for pending RFQ# GS10F15LPQ0022, with Project ID# B15S47E0073, quotations will be considered from Contractors holding an active:

- a. GSA FABS Schedule with SINs 520-16, 520-17, 520-18, 520-19, and/or 520-20.
- b. GSA 00CORP Schedule with SINs C520-16, C520-17, C520-18, C520-19, and/or C520-20.
- c. Optional: GSA IT70 Schedule with SIN 132-51. Contractors may form Contractor Team Arrangement (CTA's) with FABS SIN 520-16, 520-17, 520-18, 520-19, and/or 520-20, and C520-16, C520-17, C520-18, C520-19, and/or C520-20 contract holders.

Note, the requirement to provide services under FABS SIN 520-21 and C520-21 have been eliminated in the new BPA RFQ. All GSA Schedule Contractors may **subcontract** with whomever they chose.

The pending RFQ will require that all BPA services required must be proposed, i.e. a Contractor must be able to provide all services contemplated in the BPA. CTA quotes are eligible and will be evaluated the same as other quotes. Contractors who do not have all related FABS SINs (either the FABS 16 through 20, or OOCORP 16 through 20) in their MAS contracts must form a CTA to cover all the SINs contemplated in the procurement to include GSA Schedule IT70 SIN 132-51 contract holders. (Reference: www.gsa.gov/cta)

3. Updated procurement schedule.

Our goals remain: ensuring adequate competition, providing quality identity theft response services to the federal community, and as quickly as possible awarding response services related to the second recent OPM data breach. To achieve these goals we will simultaneously compete the BPA RFQ for long term response services as well as award initial order(s) to respond to recent data breaches.

OPM, DOD, DHS, FTC and other agency partners are actively supporting requirements development for the BPA and initial orders. A five year government-wide BPA will be available for use by all agencies and support a broad set of identity monitoring data breach response and protection services agencies may require during this time period. Additionally, an initial order(s) will provide tailored services that respond to the second data breach experienced by OPM and is expected to be sponsored and awarded by DOD. Although the BPA and initial order(s) will be separately awarded and administered, they will be competed simultaneously and quotes will be submitted as part of one quotation response.

Our “**best effort**” plan of action and milestones has been updated and is provided here for reference:

Date	Activity
07/16/15	Request for information (RFI) issued to support award of initial orders by DOD
07/17/15	Draft amendment to BPA RFQ issued
07/20/15	Virtual industry meeting to discuss next steps, plan of action and milestones, RFI, and draft amended BPA RFQ
07/21/15	Responses to RFI requested by close of business, 5:00 PM PDT
07/27/15	BPA RFQ # GS10F15LPQ0007 with Project ID# B15SA0061cancelled
07/27/15	BPA RFQ# GS10F15LPQ0022 with Project ID# B15S47E0073 announcement opened in eBuy
07/30/15	Final BPA and order RFQs issued
08/12/15	Quotations due 12:00 PM PDT
08/21/15	Award decisions announced

Key: Complete

As and if our plans change, we will notify industry as soon as possible. We strongly encourage questions to the Contracting Officer. Answers to which will be posted in e-Buy no less frequently than daily (assuming questions are received that frequently). Questions should be submitted to tamara.grant@gsa.gov.