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Competition **Management Office** & Ombudsperson



Submit all SAR Packages to the CMO at the following address:

USA TACOM LCMC 6501 E. 11 Mile Attn: AMSTA-CSC-M, MS 309 **Source Development Officer** Warren, MI 48397-5000 Phone: (586) 282-6596 FAX: (586) 282-5020

For further information on the Sources Sought and Approval Process, please visit the following website: http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/ ssn/sources.htm

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Useful Websites

TACOM LCMC Public Website: http://www.tacom.army.mil/main/ index.html

Competition Advocate Website: http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/ compmgt/competition.htm

Ombudsperson Website: http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/ acginfo/ombudsperson.htm

Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps): https://www.fbo.gov/

TACOM LCMC Office of **Small Business Programs:** http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/ sbo/sbo.htm

Freedom of Information Act POCs (TACOM): http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/ acqinfo/foia.htm



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- Force Provider Module
- Expeditionary TRICON System (Kitchen, Shower, Latrine, Laundry)
- Force Provider Cold Weather Kits
- Force Provider Prime Power Connection Kits Force provider Electric Kitchen Facility
- Containerized Chapel
- Containerized Shower System Containerized Latrine System
- Waste Water Evacuation Kit

How to Do Business with TACOM LCMC

In order to do business with TACOM LCMC

Vendors must adhere to TACOM's electronic procedures as identified on the Acquisition Center's Website. The following information is provided for your review:

1. Register with the Entity Management functional area of System for Award Management (SAM) https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/. Environment

(formerly Central Contractor Registration (CCR)), which is the primary database for the U.S. Federal Government to manage information on potential government business partners of federal financial assistance recipients. Also visit the following Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) website to view information regarding http://www.dlis.dla.mil/cage_welcome.asp.

2. Complete the TACOM LCMC-Warren Vendor Notification Registration online request form at http:// contracting.tacom.army.mil/vendreg.htm . Completion of this form allows contractors an opportunity to subscribe to one or more Solicitation Notice Lists using the (NAICS). To ensure you are aware of all Open Solicitations, contractors are encouraged to frequently check the Open-Solicitation portion of our website at http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/opportunity.htm

3. For information on submitting a proposal for a particular solicitation of interest, please review the "Paperless Contracting" at http://contracting.tacom.army.mil/userguide.htm#paperless. Information at this site outlines the procedures for doing business with TACOM LCMC Warren in a paperless environment.

Additional Opportunities

A list of TACOM LCMC projected spare part buys are posted on the website in two listings: Competition Advocate's Shopping List (CASL) and Advance Procurement Planning List (APPL). The items listed on the CASL are sole source. There is little or no technical data. They are not screened for competition potential until a contractor expresses interest. The TACOM Competition Management Office (CMO) will work with interested contractors to screen the items and determine if further efforts towards developing competition would be advantageous to both the Government and the interested contractor. The Advance Procurement Planning List (APPL) shows projected requirements for spares which have a Competitive Level III Technical Data Package available to support future acquisitions. However, some of the items listed on the APPL may need to have other sources established. The (CASL) and (APPL) for TACOM LCMC Warren can be accessed at http://contracting.tacom. army.mil/future buys/future buys.htm. Contractors interested in obtaining technical data, or sample parts for secondary spare parts procured by TACOM-Warren Acquisition Community must have a U.S. / Canada Joint Certification Number before contacting the Competition Management Office / Ombudsperson's Office. The Joint Certification Number establishes eligibility of U.S. and Canadian individuals and enterprises to receive technical data. Procedures for obtaining a U.S. / Canada Joint Certification Number and completing the U.S. / Canada Joint Certification Form DD Form 2345 are located at http://www.dlis.dla.mil/JCP/. Please review the link associated with the FAQs for an explanation of why contractors must complete the DD2345 form.

Source Approval Booklet

The U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) buys a huge array of spare parts to support our combat and tactical vehicle fleets. Most of these parts have complete detailed technical data packages (TDP) that allow competitive procurement from any competent source. Procuring spares through full and open competition procurement actions are the preferred method of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 (CICA). However, TACOM LCMC also buys many parts for which little or no technical data is available to support procurement actions. The procurement of these parts is restricted only to "approved" sources that have demonstrated their ability to produce the parts. For restricted parts, CICA requires buying activities like TACOM LCMC to seek new sources and to give those interested sources opportunities to demonstrate their capabilities to produce the parts. At

TACOM LCMC Warren, the implementation of this CICA requirement is called the Source Approval Program.

All Source Approval Requests (SARs) must contain the following information:

1. Cover letter explaining the offeror's intention of becoming an alternative source of supply for a particular item. Identification of the offeror as a small business or corporate affiliation with an established CAGE Code. The letter must also identify by National Stock Number (NSN) and Manufacturer Part Number (MPN) the item of interest. If the item of interest is on an open solicitation that is currently on the street, include the solicitation information so that the CMO can coordinate the offeror's interest to become an approved source with the appropriate Contracting Officer.

2. Manufacturer brochure or a synopsis of offeror's manufacturing operations and capabilities. Normally, any corporate literature or brochure can be used to fulfill this requirement.

3. Manufacturer or Supplier Statement certifying that the offeror will perform all or most of the manufacturing operations required to produce the SAR candidate. If an alternate manufacturer will be used in the production process, then the submitted statement must be for the facility and location where the actual manufacturing and supplier processes will occur.

4. Complete set of drawings must be submitted for all SAR candidate(s). All drawings must include forging and casting, technical image and supporting drawing data. If the item is a safety or mission critical part, annotate drawings with the critical safety identifier and identify specific characteristics that are critical (e.g. dimension, material, composition, finish, etc.). If the drawings contain proprietary information, please mark accordingly for proper handling.

5. Quality System Documentation describing the quality assurance system (e.g. MIL-Q-9858, MIL-I-45208, etc) that will be used in manufacturing the part.

6. Identify all special processes and materials required in the manufacturing processes which are difficult to control or acquire. In addition to identifying special processes and materials, the offerors must describe their plans for controlling special processes and materials, as well as identification of all sub-contractors and vendors involved in the manufacturing processes. Examples of processes that must be accounted for are castings, forgings, platings / coatings, various methods of welding, and exotic metals such as gold, titanium and depleted uranium.

7. A Qualification Test Plan is probably the most important SAR component because it is a detailed explanation of how the offeror is going to demonstrate that his version of the part will perform as well or better than the current part. The test plan should identify all procedures, equipments, and testing locations. If the testing is to be done at an independent testing laboratory, the offeror should identify the proposed vendor so that TACOM LCMC Warren's quality staff can evaluate the vendor's capability. Generally, a test plan cannot be developed without the assistance of the TACOM LCMC Warren engineers which the CMO can assist offerors in identifying the correct engineering point of contact for all testing requirements. If military vehicles are required in support of testing, TACOM LCMC Warren engineers' can also assist the offerors in making the necessary testing arrangements.

8. If the offeror is a manufacturer that is currently making the SAR component for the vehicle system's Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or the OEM's sub-contractors, submitting copies of the OEM's purchase orders and shipping documents along with the SAR Package can shorten the process. Also included in the SAR Package is information that helps to identify the item, such as cross-references to the OEM's part number and the military part number or National Stock Number (NSN) which speeds up the evaluation process. At the discretion of the engineers, qualification testing can sometimes be waived for offerors falling into this category.

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