TO: All Potential Offerors

SUBJECT: DRAFT Request for Proposal (DRFP), Solicitation No. 80GSFC18R0034, Environmental Test and Integration Services (ETIS) III

You are invited to review and comment on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center’s (GSFC) Environmental Test and Integration Services (ETIS) III draft solicitation. The principal purpose of this requirement is to provide support to the NASA/GSFC Applied Engineering and Technology Directorate (AETD). AETD is responsible for providing multidiscipline engineering expertise to all projects within GSFC and managing the Environmental Test and Integration facilities. These facilities provide environmental test and capability that ensures spacecraft and flight experiments will withstand the rigors of launch and will operate properly in the space environment. AETD is an end-to-end science mission operation that is instrumental in designing missions, building satellites and instruments, operating and controlling spacecraft, and acquiring and distributing data to the world-wide science community. The principal purpose of this contract is to acquire environmental test and integration engineering and related services for AETD’s Mechanical Systems Division and related organizations throughout GSFC, as required, for the formulation, design, development, fabrication, integration, testing, verification, and operations of space flight and ground system hardware and software, including development and validation of new technologies to enable future space and science missions. The Statement of Work, Attachment A to the DRFP, describes the scope of the requirement.

Potential offerors are encouraged to comment on all aspects of the draft solicitation, including the requirements, schedules, proposal instructions, and evaluation approaches. Potential offerors should identify unnecessary or inefficient requirements. Potential offerors are encouraged to comment on any perceived safety, occupational health, security (including information technology security), environmental, export control, and/or other programmatic risk issues associated with performance of the work.

This acquisition will be conducted as a full and open competition. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541330 and the small business size standard is $15M.

This competitive procurement will result in a Cost-Plus-Award Fee (CPAF), Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) requirement with the ability to issue CPAF task orders. The contract
will have an effective ordering period of 5 years from the contract effective date. Phase-In will be conducted, under a separate contract or purchase order, during the 60-day period prior to the effective date of the contract.

The contract will be performed onsite at GSFC and offsite at the Contractor’s facility. The Government will make available existing Installation-Accountable Government Property (IAGP) for onsite contract performance and Government Furnished Property (GFP) for offsite use at the Contractor’s facility.

Please note, a SECRET facilities clearance is required for this procurement in accordance with the DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification.

The current planned release date for the Final Request for Proposal (RFP) is on or about August 1, 2018, with proposals being due approximately 30 calendar days later.

All documents related to this procurement, including this letter, the solicitation, attachments, exhibits, and any amendments will be attainable electronically from the World Wide Web through the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website at https://www.fbo.gov.

Additional information can also be found on the ETIS III online Reference Library at: https://elibrary.gsfc.nasa.gov/.

Potential offerors are requested to periodically monitor the website for updates.

NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) clause 1852.215-84, OMBUDSMAN, is applicable. The Center Ombudsman for this acquisition can be found at http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/pub/pub_library/Omb.html.

This DRFP is not a solicitation and NASA GSFC is not requesting proposals. This request does not commit GSFC to pay any proposal preparation costs, nor does it obligate GSFC to procure or contract for this requirement. This request shall not be construed as authorization to proceed with, or be paid for charges incurred by performing any of the work called for in this DRFP.

Due to potential organizational conflicts of interest, NASA will provide the potential offerors the opportunity to submit their OCI mitigation strategies after the draft RFP is released. Offerors are encouraged to provide mitigation strategies addressing potential Organizational Conflicts of Interests (OCI) identified in L.25, Notice of Potential Organizational Conflicts of Interest, of the Draft RFP. Offerors should submit their strategies via e-mail to the Contracting Officer by June 29, 2018. Feedback on the Offerors’ draft mitigation strategies will be provided before the issuance of the Final Request for Proposal. Offerors will not be considered “ineligible” from competition if mitigation strategies are not provided.

Any comments regarding the DRFP should be submitted in writing via e-mail to the Contracting Officer identified below within 30 calendar days after the release of this DRFP for consideration. The Government will consider all comments received in preparation of the Final RFP, but does not intend to post or formally respond to Draft RFP comments. To the extent a
comment leads the Government to revise the acquisition approach or requirements, the change will be reflected in the Final RFP. Some DRFP questions and comments may receive a posted FBO response if the Contracting Officer determines that a response would facilitate additional understanding of the solicitation. The Government will respond via FBO to comments and/or questions received following the issuance of the Final Request for Proposal (RFP).

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