SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
U.S. General Services Administration Region 09
Acquisition Operations Division (AOD)

Agile Application Development Services (AADS) BPA and Task Order
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Office of Environmental Information
Office of Digital Services and Technical Architecture

The purpose of this special announcement is to inform industry of the GSA, Region 09 AOD’s upcoming acquisition for the EPA. The upcoming requirement will be for Agile Application Development Services (AADS). Below is a brief background of the project and an overview of the planned acquisition.

This is not a solicitation.

RFI: A Request for Information (RFI) will be posted to GSA eBuy (www.ebuy.gsa.gov) AND to FedBizOpps (fbo.gov) in approximately 20 (twenty) days and will include a draft Statement of Objectives (SOO). Vendors will be provided an opportunity to respond to the RFI and to submit questions. The resulting requests for quotation (RFQ) are expected to be posted to GSA eBuy, Multiple-Award Schedule 70 - General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services, SIN 132 51 - Information Technology (IT) Professional Services. For informational purposes, the North American Industry Classification Code (NAICS) is 541512 Computer Systems Design Services; the expected small business size standard is $27.5M.

Informational Video: The Government will provide additional information through video or other electronic means, in lieu of conducting a live Industry Day. This information will be available through FedBizOpps and GSA Ebuy.

The Agile Application Development Services (AADS) acquisition is intended to be a vehicle for the EPA to create an enterprise-wide modular contracting approach for agile software development and related services. This vehicle will provide EPA Program Offices, the Agency’s 10 Regions, and associated labs with a comprehensive Information Technology (IT) support resource. The goals of this acquisition include but are not limited to:

1. **Implementing lasting agility in the acquisition process used to support software development.** Using rapid iterative approaches to development with short periods of performance reduces risks by separating and standardizing specific contractual requirements, i.e. legal, security, architecture, and 508 compliance.

2. **Procuring IT services and products through contractors who use Agile methodologies.** Vendors will promote and support Agile software product development and deployment activities for the Program Offices and Regions through the Office of Digital Services and Technical Architecture (ODSTA). AADS will provide access to multiple IT service vendors to yield cost and time savings, as well as, efficiency, agility, public availability, interoperability, and sustainability improvements of applications that are used to support the Agency’s mission of protecting human health and the environment.

3. **Providing support services and tools to assist EPA in fostering the adoption of Agile practices.** Adopting Agile and Lean practices is an Agency culture change. Vendors will assist in this culture shift by providing coaching, and consulting services; and by assisting in requirements
gathered through user-centered design and prototyping. Vendors will also support Agency-provided Agile project management and product delivery tools.

The three functional areas of this acquisition and their services are described below:

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| FA-A Agile Support Services | FA-A targets customers who need assistance on: (1.) Agile organization transformation; (2.) Building a software application or model in EPA - advises customers on how to meet Federal and Agency IT requirements; and (3.) Supporting the Discovery Phase - which includes defining the Product Vision; the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Planning; and Developing Prototypes. The Government is considering a multi-award, small business, Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) | ● Agile Coaching  
● User-Centered Design Services  
● Consulting Services  
● Prototype Delivery |
| FA-B Agile Lifecycle Management Services | FA-B configures and supports Agile tools to be used in managing Agency projects and product development, and supports the lifecycle of those products. It will also aid in implementing and maintaining the Agency’s Agile practices. The Government is considering a firm fixed price single award. Winning vendor cannot compete on other functional areas IAW FAR 9.505 et seq. | ● Agile Tool Installation, Configuration and Support (includes help desk services)  
● Agile Service Monitoring  
● IT Security Management Services |
| FA-C Application Development Services | FA-C applies to all types of software development projects including mobile, web, desktop or cloud-based applications, and scientific/engineering models. It includes COTS product customization and integration; data modeling and reporting application development work; and post-deployment development work. The Government is considering a multi-award BPA. | ● Sprint Zero Planning and Development, Integration  
● Post-Implementation Maintenance Support  
● DevOps  
● COTS Customization and Integration  
● Data Modeling and Reporting |

Functional Area Considerations:

- **Functional Area A (FA-A)** is intended to be a Multi-Award, Small Business set-aside BPA.

- **Functional Area B (FA-B)** is intended to be an unrestricted Single-Award Task Order.

  **NOTE:** It has been determined that this functional area consists of an Organizational Conflict of Interest in relation to Functional Areas A and C; given its access to information.
provided in those functional areas (A & C). Given this determination, awardees of Functional Area B, WILL NOT be considered for award of functional areas A or C. Offerors and their direct affiliates should be advised, and govern themselves accordingly.

- **Functional Area C (FA-C)** is intended to be an unrestricted, Multi-Award BPA.

Questions are not to be submitted at this time. An opportunity to submit questions will be provided in the RFI.

We look forward to industry’s participation.