

NNSA's mission contains several national security areas, including:

- **Defense Programs:** One of the primary missions of NNSA is to maintain and enhance the safety, security and reliability of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. NNSA, through its Office of Defense Programs, ensures that the U.S. nuclear arsenal meets the country's national security requirements and continues to serve its essential deterrence role;
- **Nonproliferation:** One of the gravest threats the United States and the international community face is the possibility that terrorists or rogue nations will acquire nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction (WMD). NNSA, through its Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, works closely with a wide range of international partners, key U.S. federal agencies, the U.S. national laboratories, and the private sector to detect, secure, and dispose of dangerous nuclear and radiological material, and related WMD technology and expertise; and
- **The Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program** provides militarily effective nuclear propulsion plants and ensures their safe, reliable and long-lived operation. This mission requires the combination of fully trained U.S. Navy men and women with ships that excel in endurance, stealth, speed, and independence from supply chains.

In light of these national security program areas, NNSA wishes to support veterans of the United States armed forces. The men and women of the United States military have greatly sacrificed for our country, especially wounded warriors returning from conflicts overseas.

In addition, DOE/NNSA historically has been challenged in meeting its Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) contracting goals.

NNSA's research indicates that there are over 250 contractors listed in the GSA eLibrary with SIN 132 51, subcategory IT Facility Operation and Maintenance, available on their Schedule 70 General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services contracts.

Therefore, NNSA contemplates providing some degree of preference to SDVOSBs for this procurement. NNSA contemplates doing this in one of three ways:

- 1) Making the entire Consolidated IT and Cyber Security Support Services procurement a SDVOSB set-aside;
- 2) Reserving one or more BPA awards for SDVOSBs; or
- 3) Including an evaluation criterion to give evaluation preference for vendors led by a SDVOSB Prime Contractor or CTA Team Leader and including SDVOSB Subcontractors or CTA Team Members.

NNSA requests industry comment on two areas for this announcement:

- 1) Whether interested vendors and vendor teams are or vendor teams include SDVOSBs; and
- 2) Regarding the three contemplated methods of giving preference to SDVOSBs stated above. Comments regarding alternative methods of providing preference to SDVOSBs for this procurement will also be accepted.

**Comments shall be received in FedConnect no later than 8:00am, EST, Monday, November 25, 2013.**