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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(CONTRACTING), SAF/AOC
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT,
DLSC/DLA

SUBJECT: Government Wide Point of Entry for Federal Procurement
Opportunities

Section 850 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85) requires, in part, that any notice of agency requirements or notice of a solicitation for contract opportunities be provided through a single, Government-wide point of entry. On August 21, 2000, a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) proposed rule was published designating the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps) as the electronic government wide entry point for information on government contracts over \$25,000. With some exceptions, the proposed rule requires agencies to post all qualifying notices and provide access to solicitations on the FedBizOpps web site (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>) on and after October 1, 2001. A March 9, 2001 OMB memorandum re-affirms the necessity to move to a government wide entry point on that date. To meet the October 1, 2001 requirement and provide sufficient time for FedBizOpps to test DoD's synopsis and notice submissions and FedBizOpps' scalability, contracting activities should transition to FedBizOpps no later than July 30, 2001.

Attachments 1 and 2 respectively provide guidance and the content and format for the posting of synopses and notices with FedBizOpps (also available electronically at <http://www2.eps.gov/pilotGeneralInfo/Overview.html>). Attachment 3 provides guidance for solicitations. All unclassified DoD solicitations must be available to the public electronically by October 1, 2001. The interim rule contains some exceptions to posting synopses. However, I believe that the



DoD must use FedBizOpps to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, unless I issue specific authority to a Department/Agency, no DoD actions other than classified contracts are exempt from the October 1, 2001 start date for solicitation availability. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any contracting activities that cannot provide access to solicitations on FedBizOpps or DoDBusOpps using one of the methods described in Attachment 3.

Please designate a Department/Agency point of contact to obtain FedBizOpps login information and passwords from the General Services Administration. That person should be responsible for managing and distributing log-ins and passwords among your contracting activities. The General Services Administration point of contact is Mr. Wilbert Kelley who can be reached by phone at 202-208-2664 or by email at wilbert.kelley@gsa.gov.

The DoD Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office will act as DoD's interface with FedBizOpps and will provide technical assistance to your contracting activities if necessary. Please provide JECPO's DoDBusOpps Program Manager, Mr. Richard Clark (richard_clark@hq.dla.mil), a complete list of the automated procurement systems used by your contracting activities to interface with CBDNet or FedBizOpps as soon as possible.



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Director, Defense Procurement

Attachments
(as stated)

FedBizOpps Transition Guidance

Synopsis and notice posting requirements

1. Contracting activities that are not using FedBizOpps must obtain FedBizOpps logins and passwords from their Department/Agency login/password points of contact.

2. Contracting activities that currently enter synopsis and notice via the CBDNet website or that provide a paper input to the CBD, must begin submitting data to FedBizOpps as soon as possible and, through December 31, 2001 also forward a copy of each synopsis or notice to the CBD. Copies can be forwarded by selecting the appropriate option on the FedBizOpps web page.

3. Contracting activities that automatically transmit notice or synopsis data from an existing procurement system to CBDNet should continue to send data to CBDNet through December 31, 2001 and must begin sending that data to FedBizOpps by July 30, 2001.

4. Contracting activities that currently use FedBizOpps to post synopses and notices should continue to do so.

FedBizOpps Transition Guidance

Synopsis and notice content and format**Presolicitation Notice Template**

The Presolicitation template is used for the publication of notices for proposed acquisitions. FAR, Section 5.2 requires the submission of this document prior to the publication of any further actions. FBO will reject any other documents that refer to a specific solicitation without previous publication of the Presolicitation Notice for that solicitation.

Tag	Description	Format
<PRESOL>		
<DATE>	Month and day synopsis is submitted. Insert four digits for this term, two digits for the month and two digits for the day.	MMDD
<YEAR>	Year synopsis is submitted. Insert two digits for the year	YY
<CBAC>	User ID for the Office, Agency, or Location. Assigned by FBO System Administrator	CBDNet users may use the same CBAC
<PASSWORD>	Password. Assigned by FBO System Administrator	CBDNet users may use the same password
<ZIP>	The Contracting Office's zip code	5 digits
<CLASSCOD>	Either one alphabetic code or a two-digit code for service or supply that the synopsis should be listed under.	Valid classification code (FAR, Section 5.207(g))
<OFFADD>	The complete address of the contracting office	Up to 250 characters
<SUBJECT>	the classification code, two hyphens, and a brief title description of the synopsis	Up to 250 characters
<SOLNBR>	Unique (within given office) reference number for the	Up to 50 characters

	solicitation	
<RESPDATE>	The deadline for the receipt of the responses.	MMDDYY
<ARCHIDATE>	The date when status of solicitation will be changed to inactive.	MMDDYYYY Default - 30 days after deadline
<CONTACT>	The names and phone numbers of officials to contact in regard to the synopsis. If there are two points of contact, their information shall be separated by semicolon	Up to 300 characters
<DESC>	The narrative description of the procurement action	Up to 18,000 characters
<LINK>	The group tag; no data required	
<URL>	The Government Agency's URL that will be listed in the background (invisible to the user).	Up to 250 characters, consist of a restricted set of characters (see URL specification - RFC 2396)
<DESC>	Visible hypertext description provided to the user for linking to the related site	Up to 100 characters
<EMAIL>	The group tag; no data required	
<ADDRESS>	The Government Agency contact's email address which will be listed in the background	Up to 250 characters
<DESC>	Visible hypertext description provided for linking to the Government Agency contact's email.	Up to 100 characters
<SETASIDE>	Identify set-aside acquisitions	Valid values are: "N/A", "Total HBCU", " Total Small Business", " Total Small Disadvantage Business", " Total HUB-Zone", " Total Women-owned Business", "Partial

		HBCU", "Partial Small Business", "Partial Small Disadvantage Business", "Partial HUB- Zone", "Partial Women-owned Business"
<POPADDRESS >	Place of Performance address	Up to 250 characters
<POPZIP>	Place of Performance postal code	Up to 10 characters
<POPCOUNTRY >	Place of Performance country	Up to 25 characters
</PRESOL>		

Notes:

1. All red tags represent required data.
2. * denotes validated data.
3. <LINK>, <URL>, and <DESC> are a group data and should be provided or omitted together.
4. <EMAIL>, <ADDRESS>, and <DESC> are a group data and should be provided or omitted together.

Example:

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<YEAR>99
<CBAC>demo
<PASSWORD>DEMO
<ZIP>22030
<CLASSCOD>B
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<OFFADD>Office of Environmental Studies; 1323 Y Street;
Washington, DC 22030
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<SUBJECT>B--ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES KNOWLEDGE
DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE
HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL POPULATION
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<SOLNBR> 208-94-0008
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<RESPDATE> 061399
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<ARCHDATE> 071399
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<CONTACT> Point of Contact - Mary Ann Deal, Contract Specialist,
301-443-5329, Contracting Officer - Beatrice L. Woods, 301-443-
0043
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<DESC>The Center for Mental Health Services is soliciting proposals on a full and open competitive basis from qualified organizations to award a 3 year contract to develop and disseminate new knowledge about effective approaches to providing comprehensive community-based services to persons with serious mental illnesses who are homeless.

<LINK>

<URL>http://www.abc.gov

<DESC>Center for Mental Health

<EMAIL>

<ADDRESS>johndoe@usa.gov

<DESC>Center for Mental Health

<SETASIDE>Total Small Disadvantage Business

<POPADDRESS> Office of Environmental Studies; 1323 Y Street; Washington, DC 22030

<POPZIP>22030

<POPCOUNTRY>US

</PRESOL>

Award Notice Template

The Award template is used for the publication of the synopsis of contract awards. Its publication is required by FAR, Section 5.3.

<AWARD>		
<DATE>	Month and day synopsis is submitted. Insert four digits for this term, two digits for the month and two digits for the day.	MMDD
<YEAR>	Year synopsis is submitted. Insert two digits for the year	YY
<CBAC>	User ID for the Office, Agency, or Location. Assigned by FBO System Administrator	CBDNet users may use the same CBAC
<PASSWORD>	Password. Assigned by FBO System Administrator	CBDNet users may use the same password
<ZIP>	The Contracting Office's zip code	5 digits
<CLASSCOD>	Either one alphabetic code or a two-digit code for service or supply that the synopsis should be listed under.	Valid classification code (FAR, Section 5.207(g))

<OFFADD>	The complete address of the contracting office	Up to 250 characters
<SUBJECT>	the classification code, two hyphens, and a brief title description of the synopsis	Up to 250 characters
<SOLNBR>	Unique (within given office) reference number for the solicitation	Up to 50 characters
<CONTACT>	The names and phone numbers of officials to contact in regard to this synopsis. If there are two points of contact, their information shall be separated by semicolon	Up to 300 characters
<AWDNBR>	Award reference number	Up to 50 characters
<AWDAMT>	Award amount	Up to ten digits preceded by a dollar sign (\$). Whole dollars only.
<LINENBR>	Contract's appropriate line item number	Up to 35 characters
<AWDDATE>	Award date	MMDDYY
<ARCHDATE>	The date when status of solicitation will be changed to inactive.	MMDDYYYY Default - 15 days after award date
<AWARDEE>	The name and address of the awardees	Up to 400 characters
<LINK>	The group tag; no data required	
<URL>	The Government Agency's URL that will be listed in the background (invisible to the user).	Up to 250 characters, consist of a restricted set of characters (see URL specification - RFC 2396)
<DESC>	Visible hypertext description provided to the user for linking to the related site	Up to 100 characters
<EMAIL>	The group tag; no data required	
<ADDRESS>	The Government Agency contact's email address which will be	Up to 250 characters

	listed in the background	
<DESC>	Visible hypertext description provided for linking to the Government Agency contact's email.	Up to 100 characters
</AWARD>		

Notes:

5. All red tags represent required data.
6. * denotes validated data.
7. <LINK, <URL, and <DESC are a group data and should be provided or omitted together.
8. <EMAIL, <ADDRESS, and <DESC are a group data and should be provided or omitted together.
9. Award notice is archived automatically

Example

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<YEAR99
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<PASSWORDDEMO
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<CLASSCODA
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Dayton, OH 22030
<SUBJECTA--AMPLIFIER, INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY
<CONTACT Michele A Martin, Contract Specialist, Defense
Electronics Supply Center (405)123-4567
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<LINENBR 0001
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Rd, Beverly MA 01915-5579
<LINK
<URLhttp://www.fed.gov.gov
<DESCDefense Electronics Supply Center
</LINK
<EMAIL
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<DESCDefense Electronics Supply Center
</EMAIL
</AWARD

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FedBizOpps Transition Guidance

Solicitation requirements

The Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office (JECPO) and the General Services Administration are currently developing the DoDBusOpps/FedBizOpps links that some DoD contracting activities might need to provide access to DoD solicitations through FedBizOpps.

1. Contracting activities that currently post solicitations to FedBizOpps should continue to do so.

2. Contracting activities that currently post solicitations with, or provide access to solicitations through, DoDBizOpps may continue to do so but are encouraged to provide access to solicitations through FedBizOpps as soon as possible.

3. Contracting activities that have an electronic data transmission capability but are not currently providing access to solicitations through DoDBusOpps or FedBizOpps must begin providing access to solicitations through FedBizOpps as soon as possible but not later than October 1, 2001.

4. Contracting activities that do not have an electronic data transmission capability may use the Internet to forward solicitations to FedBizOpps as text (e.g. .doc, .txt, etc) or portable document format (pdf) files.