#### DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

AMERICA' S COMBAT LOGISTICS SUPPORT AGENCY





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#### Market Research

- We use this information to develop lot structure, set-aside strategy, and quantity structures:
  - We seek to maintain a viable industrial base, your participation matters.
  - Quantities are meant to be economically feasible.
  - Small business categories



# **Pre-Solicitation Notice**

- Typically posted to FBO 30 days or more before solicitation release:
  - Contains items to be procured, quantities, and applicable specifications.
  - Has Contracting Officer & Acquisition
    Specialist contact information.
  - Now is the time to start asking questions.



### **Solicitation Release**

- Be prepared for award:
  - Have a plan for appropriate financing.
  - Have a plan for manufacturing.
  - Know the required terms as listed in the solicitation.



#### **PDMs**

- Required for each Place of Performance
- Can only be submitted with initial closing
- Patterns and Specifications can be requested here:
  - http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/ClothingandT extiles/SpecRequest.aspx
  - POCs:
    - maria.thomas@dla.mil
    - darryl.bulls@dla.mil



# **Solicitation Closing**

- Once the solicitation closes communications are limited to clarifications or negotiations.
- Depending on dollar value, there are various review stages which can be lengthy.
- Submit your best offer up front, the Government typically reserves the right to award on initial offers.



# Negotiations

- This is an optional phase of the acquisition, read what the solicitation states.
- At this point you are able to communicate with the Contracting Team about your proposal.
- Must respond by the due date.



#### Award

- Upon award, a Contracting Officer should reach out to you.
  - Will discuss the possibility of a Post Award Conference.
- Initial order time line discussion.



#### **Post Award Conference**

- Attendees:
  - IST Supervisor
  - Contracting Officer
  - Acquisition Specialist
  - Product Specialist
  - DCMA QAR
  - You



# Post Award Conference Cont.

- Topics:
  - Lead times
  - Technical Questions
    - Patterns
    - Specifications
    - PDMS
  - Administrative matters
    - Production Lead Times
    - VIM/ASAP
    - Sub-Clins



# What The Government Can Do

• Answer questions related to the solicitation.

- Answer technical questions.
- Provide Technical Specifications.



#### **Points of Contact**

- Acquisition Specialist
- Contracting Officer



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