

NIF Highlights from March 2018

SBA Regulation and Legislative Update

(Kenneth Dodd: Director of Policy, Planning)

- Pending FAR Rules
 - Joint Venture Proposed Rule: *allow smalls to JV and be considered SB and be able to go after larger contracts*
 - Multiple Award Contracting Final Rule
 - Part 19 and Contracts Awarded and Performed Outside the US Proposed Rule
 - Lower Tier Subcontracting Proposed Rule
- Pending SBA Rules
 - SDVOSB Ownership and Control Proposed Rule: *self-certification except through the VA*
 - WOSB Certification Proposed Rule: *will move to SBA certification, 1 ½ years from being in place.*
 - HUBZone Proposed Rule: *considering not penalizing folks who move out of a HUBZone*
- NDAA 2018
 - Section 1701 (HUBZone)
 - HUBZone recertification no later than every 3 years
 - Map will not change until January 1, 2020, then will be updated every 5 years
 - Base Closure Area will remain a HUBZone for at least 8 years
 - Re-designated area eligible for 3 years
 - State governors may petition for HUBZone designation

Office of Procurement Update

(Monica Manning, Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Procurement)

- Procurement Business Services Assessment (BSA)
 - Reduction in Volume: *number of procurement transactions*
 - Reduction in Time: *procurement lead time*
 - Reduction in Work: *work required for the award of contracts (evaluation of proposals)*

- Increase use in Enterprise contracts and federal wide enterprise contracts
- Increase in Non-SEB Source Selections: *such as Price Performance Tradeoff and Lowest Price Technically Acceptable*
- Increase in Acquisition Knowledge: *across the agency in terms of contract information, best practices/ lessons learned, information sharing, and retention*
- Agency-wide Database: *contract information available across the Agency.*
- **Implementation Activities**
 - Limit proposal requirements in the solicitation to a few discriminators to demonstrate best value to the government
 - Selection Methods/Streamlined Acquisition: Trade-Off (Mission Suitability SEB Process), Price Performance Trade-off, and Lowest Price Technically Acceptable
 - Contract Audit Services: Utilize CPA firms to provide contract audit services for contractors that NASA is the designated cognizant federal agency. NASA Industry Day April 25, 2018 for those contractors.

**NASA Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs (OLIA) Update –
Congressional Overview
(Maureen Muncy, Legislative Affairs Specialist)**

- Who influences the NASA/ Congress Relationship
 - Congressional members, staffers, budget office, research service, government accountability office: National Space Council, contractors, NASA centers, white house, medial general public, state and local governments, etc
- Goals and Objectives for 2018: support NASA’s missions and capabilities, win enactment of NASA legislative priorities, and secure support for NASA’s strategic plan
- Listed key congressional players associated with Authorization and Appropriations (House and Senate)

- Listed legislation and issues of interest such as the American Space Commerce Free Enterprise Act (*would place the Dep of Commerce in charge of regulating commercial space activities*)
- Listed members of the House Small Business Committee

Metrics and Subcontracting

(Richard Mann, Program Manager Office of Small Business Programs)

- NASA FY17 Subcontracting Goals vs. Actual Percentages
 - Exceeded SBA Goals
 - Thanked prime contractors for helping exceed this milestone

NIF Initiatives

(Truphelia Parker, Program Specialist Office of Small Business Programs)

- Help large businesses meet small business subcontracting goals (invite local HBCU/MSIs to NIF meetings)
- Help small businesses grow their businesses (publish annual industry success stories)
- Assist centers in meeting and/or exceeding small business goals (respective Small Business Specialist share their center goals)
- Assessing the health of NASA's small business industry base (review competitive base at center level to evaluate trends (positive or negative), if any or correlations between sources sought, number of bidders, competitive range, successful offers, etc)

NASA Budget Update

(Andrew Hunter, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CFO)

- Covered FY 19 Budget Estimates
 - \$19.9B including \$10.5B to lead an innovative exploration campaign to the moon followed by human missions to Mars and other destinations
 - Deep Space Exploration Systems: Exploration Systems Development (ESD)
 - 2019(\$3,670 M); 2020 (\$3,791); 2021 (\$3,820); 2022 (\$3,708), 2023 (\$3,846)

Other Notes:

- NASA, DOE, FAA, etc are allowed to keep their Mentor Protégé Programs. Approved for 5 years commencing in Feb 2018.
- Category Management (OMB Initiative) to reduce duplication across the government. This will be 3 to 5 years to implement. Certain centers will do certain services such as engineering services, etc.