

Weekly Report for May 23, 2014

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

The Wait is Over..GSA Awards OASIS Contracts to 74 Businesses

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) awarded 74 companies contracts for its One Acquisition Solution for Integrated Services (OASIS) solution that will provide federal agencies with best-value services for complex professional service requirements on Monday May 19, 2014. OASIS is part of a family of contracts along with OASIS Small Business (SB), a 100-percent small business set-aside contract; <u>The Wait is</u> <u>Over...GSA Awards OASIS Contracts to 74 Businesses</u>.

OMB Issues Notice to Announce the Availability of the 2014 OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a notice to announce the availability of the 2014 OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement (Supplement), <u>79</u> <u>Fed. Reg. 29457</u>. The 2014 Supplement adds five new programs, which are added to existing clusters, deletes 17 programs, and updates for program changes and technical corrections. The 2014 Supplement supersedes the 2013 Supplement and will apply to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2013. Comments are due October 31, 2014.

NIH Launches \$20 Billion Government Wide IT Procurement

A new government wide contract, the Chief Information Officer-Commodities and Solutions ("CIO-CS"), is aiming to support information technology across the federal government, particularly focusing on agencies involved in health care and clinical and biological research, like the National Institutes of Health and its parent, the Health and Human Services Department, including everything from fax machines to genetic sequencers to enterprise storage. In addition to health-specific products and services, "the contract also contains general IT commodities, partly because medical systems are increasingly integrated within a broader IT architecture, requiring a systems approach to their implementation and a sound infrastructure for their operation," the solicitation said. CIO-CS is a 10-year, indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contract with a ceiling value of \$20 billion; <u>NIH Launches \$20 Billion Government Wide IT Procurement</u>.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Issues Notice Seeking Nominees for Advisory Committee on Women Veterans The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued a notice seeking nominees to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (Committee) for the 2014-2015 membership cycle, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 29504</u>. The Committee is authorized by 38 U.S.C. Sec. 542, to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on: the administration of VA's benefits and services (health care, rehabilitation benefits, compensation, outreach, and other relevant programs) for women Veterans; reports and studies pertaining to women Veterans; and the needs of women Veterans. Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by June 30, 2014, no later than 4:00 p.m.

SMALL BUSINESS

SBA Issues Proposed Rule to Increase Employee Based Size Standards in Wholesale Trade and Retail Trade

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued a proposed rule to increase employee based size standards for 46 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 42, Wholesale Trade, and one industry in NAICS Sector 44-45, Retail Trade and retain the current size standards in the remaining industries in those sectors, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 28631</u>. SBA also proposes to retain the current 500-employee size standard for Federal procurement of supplies under the nonmanufacturer rule. As part of its ongoing comprehensive size standards review, SBA reviewed all 71 industries in NAICS Sector 42 as well as the two industries in NAICS Sector 44-45 that have employee based size standards. The proposed revisions, if adopted, will primarily affect eligibility for SBA's financial assistance programs. This proposed rule is one of a series of proposed rules that will review size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. Comments on the proposed rule are due July 18, 2014.

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Following Notice Was Issued:

<u>79 Fed. Reg. 28489</u>, May 16, 2014, proposing to add services (Base Supply Center Service, U.S. Army, Tobyhanna Army Depot, 11 Hap Arnold Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA; Supply Room Service, Social Security Administration Regional Office, 1301 Young Street, Dallas TX) and delete products (3M Twist N Fill Dispensing System; Napkin, Table, Paper; SKILCRAFT SAVVY Non-Acid Bathroom Cleaner; Folder, File; Squeegee, Ergonomic Style Handle) and services (Custodial Services, Huntsville Warehouse 351, 351 Electronics Blvd., Huntsville, AL) from the Procurement List. The proposed additions and deletions will be effective June 16, 2014.

<u>78 Fed. Reg. 28490</u>, May 16, 2014, proposing to add products (Scrubber Brush, Produce; Spinner, Salad; Turner, Omelet; Utensil, Splitter, Mango; Undershirt, FREE, Army, Unisex; Dry Erase White Board) and services (Healthcare Housekeeping and Related Services, US Army Medical Command, Madigan Army Medical Center, Building 473 Cabrillo St, Suite A1A, Presidio of Monterey, CA; Kennel Caretaker Service, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Kennel Facility, Ft Buchanan, Bldg 295, Guaynabo, PR; Laundry and Linen Service, VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus, 1310 24th Avenue South, Nashville, TN) and delete a service (Janitorial/Custodial Service, Social Security Administration Building, 612 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL) from the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed additions and deletions are due June 16, 2014.