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PANEL SESSION 84: US DOE Procurement and Contracting Trends and Opportunities

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1. **William Morrison**, *President, EFCOG*
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3. **Greg Gonzales**, *Small Business Program Manager, US DOE/NNSAS*

There were approximately 50 people in attendance during the Session. This panel on US DOE procurement and contracting activities focused on recent and upcoming DOE Environmental Management (EM) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The panel provided the rationale and insight for recent RFP changes, results and lessons learned from the perspective of federal procurement officials. A summary of results and status from the EFCOG's EM Policy Group will be provided.

Summary of Presentations

Mr. Morrison presented on the contracting community's perspective on the US DOE procurement process and cycle. DOE has been working collaboratively with the contracting community, specifically EFCOG, the last few years. DOE has listened and implemented a number of EFCOG'S recommendations, specifically related to the procurement schedule and process, including: 1) Release the full draft RFP; 2) Schedule one-on-ones with the contracting community during the draft RFP; 3) Schedule the Oral Interview within 2 weeks of proposal submittal; 3) Target an award announcement within 6 months of proposal submittal; and 4) Target for a full procurement life-cycle of 120 days.

Mr. Holland presented on the DOE Procurement Cycle and Contracting Trends and Opportunities from EMCBC's perspective. DOE's objective is to increase authority of the field procurement organizations and conduct DOE Headquarter's oversight of the "critical path". Progress to date has included: HCA Directive review, Preference for "guidance and support" verses "direction", EM-HCA delegation revised to eliminate process steps, and a revised oversight model development is underway. DOE hosted a Workshop in September 2016 with an objective of identifying major issues being faced by Industry. DOE continues to focus on Small Business contracting opportunities, including defining "meaningful work" for small businesses in the RFP, and implementing fee penalties for Contractors not meeting their small business goals. DOE continues to consider performance against small business goals in the evaluation of past performance. DOE also continues their outreach efforts for enhanced community participation. **Mr. Holland** outlined and discussed the Full and Open and Small Business Set-Aside contracts most recently awarded. In conclusion, **Mr. Holland** summarized the eight major

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DOE procurements to be awarded (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Transportation, Savannah River Liquid Waste, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Deactivation & Remediation, Los Alamos Clean-up, and Portsmouth Paducah Project Office Technical Services) and to be procured (Oak Ridge outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility, Savannah River Site Operations Post FY2018, and Hanford Reservation post-2018).

Mr. Gonzales presented on the DOE Procurement Cycle and Contracting Trends and Opportunities from the NNSA's perspective. **Mr. Gonzales** highlighted the 11 NNSA site offices across the US, briefly discussed the NNSA budget request over the next five years (FY2017 = \$12.9B, FY2018 = \$13.6B, FY19 = \$14.1B, FY20 = \$14.4B, FY21 = \$14.8B), and presented on the upcoming NNSA opportunities, including; Aircraft Maintenance Services, Psychological Assessment Services, NNSA Enterprise-Wide Technical Services BPA, R&D Inertial Confinement Fusion Targets, Highly Enriched Uranium Downblending, NNSA Enterprise-Wide Administration Services BPA, Enriched Uranium Recovery, Facilities Maintenance Services, and Facilities Maintenance Services. On average, the NNSA M&O Contractors have spent approximately \$3.4B in total procurements in 2016, with \$1.7B (50%) subcontracted to small businesses. Of that, the Sandia National Laboratory has the largest spend at \$1.08B. The NNSA M&O Contractors include: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Nevada National Security Site, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Pantex/Y-12 Plants, Kansas City National Security Complex, Savannah River Site and the Naval Reactor Program.