The purpose of this solicitation notice is to issue the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0010762 and provide information on significant changes from the previously issued Draft RFP. Release of the RFP in no way commits the Government to procure this requirement.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL),

issues this competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) DE-SOL-0010762 as an unrestricted full and open competition for Research Support Services (RSS). Anticipated work assignments for this service contract would support activities across all NETL sites, with primary on-site presence in Morgantown, WV, Pittsburgh, PA and Albany, OR, and include travel to other DOE locations. The resulting contract will be a cost-plus-award-fee contract with a base performance period of three-years, two two-year option periods, and one three-year option period for a total of ten-year (10) period of performance if all options are exercised. This is a follow-on contract to DE-FE0004000 which currently has an expiration date of July 31, 2018. It is anticipated that the award date for the resulting contract will be prior to the expiration of the current contract and will have an effective date of July 2018.

Several significant changes were made from the Draft RFP previously issued, including but not limited to:

* Removal of the potential incentive award term – the final RFP is a cost-plus-award-fee with a base period and option periods for a total of 10-years if all options are exercised;
* Removal of references to the Service Contract Act and Wage Determinations – the final RFP anticipates that all labor categories are professional or administrative in nature and will not require services covered by the Service Contract Act;
* Historical information related to level of effort - the final RFP provides more detail on the historical level of effort for the services as they are currently performed today but based on the requirement included in this RFP.

The services sought are to provide NETL the necessary skilled personnel (primarily scientific and engineering), facilities, equipment, materials, supplies, and services to support, implement and conduct assigned basic, applied, and technology development-based energy research, development and demonstrations. The contractor will actively perform and provide support for fundamental and applied research efforts; in addition to interdisciplinary, collaborative R&D with federal in-house technical staff.

The contract objective is to support NETL in its implementation of authorized on- and off-site (primarily on-site) research and technology development in a manner that 1) effectively supports DOE’s efforts to provide energy security; 2) fortifies and increases the Nation’s engineering and scientific foundations; 3) protects the safety and health of the public, the contractor and its subcontractor employees, and DOE personnel; 4) stewards and protects the environment; 5) instills public confidence; 6) accelerates development of energy related technologies to meet the Nation’s need for reliable, clean, efficient energy systems; 7) provides sound and accurate research results that promote NETL as an industry leader in fossil energy research; and 8) effectively transfers NETL’s results of basic and applied research and technology development to the private sector.

The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code for this effort is 541712. All responsible business sources may submit a proposal which shall be considered by the agency.

NETL has initiated an electronic reading room as part of the strategy to provide information that may benefit potential offerors in preparing their proposals for the final RFP, when issued. The information is provided to assist the reader in gaining an enhanced understanding of the requirement. The reading room may be accessed at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/site-support>. A FOIA release version of the current NETL support contracts are also posted in the electronic reading room. Offerors requesting a FOIA copy of the current contract will be directed to the reading room to download it from that location. Interested parties should monitor the Federal Business Opportunities website, DOE’s Fedconnect website (https://www.fedconnect.net), and/or NETL’s electronic reading room (<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/site-support>) for future announcements regarding this requirement.

Information regarding how to submit information via FedConnect can be found at

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By e-mail: support@FedConnect.net

By phone: 1-800-899-6665 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, except Federal

holidays).

Questions relating to the RFP are required to be submitted electronically through FedConnect. All questions must be submitted no later than September 08, 2017 at 4:00 pm local time. Proposals are required to be submitted electronically through FedConnect. The due date and time for proposals is September 25, 2017 5:30 pm Eastern local Time.