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Corps of Engineers to conduct national outsourcing competition for information technology services

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Department of Defense today formally announced the beginning of a standard competition for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Information Management/Information Technology functions, in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 (revised). This is a nationwide competition, and will include more than 1,300 positions throughout the Corps, including 60 positions in New Orleans District.

The IM/IT services included in the competition are: (1) automation services and systems support, (2) communications services and systems support, (3) information assurance service and support, (4) record management services and support, (5) printing and publication services, (6) visual information services, and (7) IM/IT Administration and Management. There are approximately 1,350 positions and 550 different contractors currently providing these services at 45 Corps sites throughout the United States.

The competition will take 18 months to complete, and is scheduled to end on Nov. 29, 2005. There is no request for proposals at this time; however, a draft request will be issued in November 2004 for comment. A second notice will be issued when the final request for proposals is released.

The announcement of a competition does not obligate the government to award any contract. Under the A-76 standard competition procedure, the in-house government organization currently performing the work will be allowed to compete against the private sector and other public reimbursable service providers for the referenced work. Accordingly, a contract may or may not be awarded as a result of the competition.

This competition is being conducted as part of the President's Management Agenda, which requires all federal agencies to streamline and become more effective.