DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COAST GUARD

DESCRIPTION

The Coast Guard Acquisition Directorate manages a \$30 billion recapitalization investment portfolio of acquisition projects across three major product lines: surface, aviation, and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. These projects are supported by six procurement centers:

- Office of Contract Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters
- Aviation Logistics Center
- Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology (C4IT) Service Center
- Surface Forces Logistics Center
- Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center Base Operations
- Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center Construction

Acquiring new assets and upgrading legacy platforms, mission systems and facilities are fundamental aspects of recapitalization, which replaces obsolete and costly to maintain assets in order to achieve sustainable readiness in the field. These investments deliver—within cost and on schedule—cutters, boats, aircraft and C4ISR systems that meet specified performance requirements.

INDUSTRY OUTREACH

The Coast Guard acquisition community continues to foster competition through early industry engagement. The Coast Guard's procurement centers as well as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) typically hold annual industry days to discuss acquisition opportunities and provide the chance for industry to hear from key decision-makers. In addition, for specific



acquisition projects, the Coast Guard has conducted market research, invited industry to participate in one-on-one meetings and hosted industry days.

The Coast Guard's small business program participates in DHS's monthly small business vendor outreach sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for small businesses to meet one-on-one with representatives from the Coast Guard as well as other DHS components. Meetings can be scheduled online at http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/smallbusiness/editorial_0524.shtm.

Additionally, in response to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's initiative to improve communication with industry during the acquisition process, the Coast Guard has appointed an industry liaison, Mr. Nauman Ansari, who can be reached at (202) 475-5786 or Nauman.Ansari@uscg.mil.

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TOP FIVE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES PROCURED IN FISCAL YEAR 2011 (by dollars obligated)

Shipbuilding and repair Aircraft manufacturing

Commercial and institutional building construction

Engineering services

Aircraft parts and auxiliary equipment manufacturing

WEB LINKS

Doing business with the Coast Guard: http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/business/business.asp

Federal government contracting opportunities: https://www.fbo.gov/

DHS forecast of contracting opportunities: http://apfs.dhs.gov/

DHS small business assistance: http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/smallbusiness/

Unsolicited proposals: http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/business/unsolicited.asp

International acquisition programs: http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/international/

Federal spending information: http://www.usaspending.gov

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