



Alaska District

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Note: This handout can be found at <http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/pa/hottop/hottop.htm>

Working as an A-E for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1. USACE Homepage; <http://www.usace.army.mil>.
POA Homepage; <http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/hm/default.htm>
 - A link in this homepage directs you to information on contracting with the COE.
 - Visit the web site for the Division, District, or Laboratory with which you desire to do business in order to learn about the missions and the types of services/supplies each procures.
 - If you have a small or disadvantaged business, call, write or visit the Corps of Engineers Deputy for Small Business in the location of interest to you.
POC at POA: Ivonne Drake- 753-5576
 - Discuss your capabilities, interest and capacities to perform with the Deputy for Small Business or Contracting Office in the location of interest to you.
 - EP 715-1-4, "Competing for Architect-Engineer Contracts Awarded by the US Army Corp of Engineers". This publication can be found thru the USACE Homepage.
2. Opportunities for Architect-Engineer services; All announcements for A-E contracts are on the FEDBIZOPPS website (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>). Requirements for A-E services are listed under Procurement Classification Code C, except that surveying and mapping requirements are listed under codes R and T.
3. Register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR): <http://www.ccr.gov/>. This is mandatory to be eligible for award of a Federal contract and a DUNS number is required.

References and pertinent links when working on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Architect-Engineer Contracts.

1. EP 715-1-7 "Architect-Engineer Contracting" is a good reference for AE's working with the COE. This publication can be found thru the USACE Homepage.
2. Two links to the modernized ACASS "Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System";
<http://www.cpars.csd.disa.mil/acassmain.htm>
<http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/ct/i/>.
The first site above offers on-line "practice system" sessions and web-based training to learn more about ACASS. A user's manual for ACASS is also available on this site.

Suggestions to consider when contracting with POA District on an A-E contract

1. Reference the base contract for your IDIQ Architect Engineer contract and pay specific attention to Contract Section J which gives specific instructions, guidance, and direction.
2. Each Task Order Statement of Work (SOW) may have additional or different requirements beyond the Indefinite Delivery Architect-Engineer base contract requirements. If you believe there is conflicting direction between the base contract and a task order, contact the POA Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR), the Project Engineer in Engineering, or the Project Manager for clarification.
3. Pre-award - Recommend requesting a pre-proposal meeting thru the POA Contracting Officer (KO) or COR, prior to submitting a proposal to discuss the statement of work. The Project Engineer from Engineering, or the COR from Engineering (if one has been appointed) are required to be in attendance at these meetings.

4. Post-award - The A-E should request a meeting through the KO with POA technical staff to go over administrative items in contract section J, clarify any technical requirements in the Statement of Work, and introduce the AE's technical team members.
5. The point of contact on a contract is the KO. The COR can be contacted if the KO is not available but will only be able to address items that are identified in the COR designation letter that is provided to the AE.
6. Communication with the POA technical Project Engineer in Engineering Division, the COR (normally in Engineering Division), and the KO is important to maintaining a good working relationship and to minimize any problems that come up in executing project work.

Active IDIQ AE Contracts

NOTE: For planning purposes, POA advertises for new contracts approximately 9-12 months in advance of the expiration date of existing contracts.

Architectural – Koonce Pfeffer Bettis – Expires Oct 2008

Architectural – Livingston Sloan, Inc – Expires Oct 2008

Architectural – Design Alaska – Expires Mar 2009

- Anticipate advertising for new Architectural contract(s) in first quarter CY 2008.

Mechanical/Electrical – PDC, Inc. – Expires Aug 2009

POL – Enterprise Engineering, Inc – Expires Jul 2009

HTRW - MACTEC – Expires Jul 2008

HTRW – CH2MHill, Inc. – Expires Sep 2008

- HTRW – Source Selections for one “small business set-aside” and two “open to all contracts” have been completed. Awards are anticipated for the second quarter of CY 2008.

VE and Facilitation – Value Management Strategies – Expires Nov 2009

Survey – Dowl LLC – Expires May 2010

Survey – R&M Consultants – Expires Jun 2010

Hydrographic Survey – Fugro Pelagos – Expires Oct 2010

Hydrographic Survey – TerraSond – Expires Oct 2010

Geotechnical Design – R&M Consultants – Expires Mar 2008

- Geotechnical Design – Source selection for one new contract has been completed. Approval is pending. Award is anticipated for the second quarter of CY 2008.

Civil Works – Tryck Nyman Hayes, Inc. – Expires Dec 2009

Civil Works – Tetra Tech, Inc. – Civil Works – Expires Jul 2009

General Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Information

1. AE Payment Information: POA POC's are Mr. Ted Boom 753-5783, or Mr. Steve Eldridge 753-5696 in Engineering Contract Services Section (EN-ES-CT). Reference contract section J for complete details.
2. AE Performance Evaluations are recorded using the Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS): POA Focal Point (POC) is Mr. Steve Eldridge 753-5696. POA Alternate Focal Point (POC) is Mr. Ted Boom 753-5783. If you are having difficulty accessing or understanding the new ACASS system, please contact these individuals. If we can not resolve your problem over the phone, we may be able to make arrangements for a visit to your site to guide you through this.
3. Architect-Engineer Responsibility Management Program: (reference EP 715-1-7, Chapter 7). The A-E Responsibility Administrator of the Architect-Engineer Responsibility Review Board is the Chief of Engineering, Ms. Patricia “Trish” Opheen. The Architect-Engineer Responsibility Coordinator at POA is Mr. Ted Bales 753-5666.
4. Federal acquisition regulations; FAR, DFARS, AFARS, EFARS.
5. Federal form for submitting A-E qualifications; Standard Form 330.
6. A general POC for AE Contracting at Alaska District is Mr. Ted Bales in the Engineering Contract Services Section (EN-ES-CT), 753-5666.
7. The primary POC's at Alaska District for the Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS) are Scott Mikkelsen (753-5649), and Dean Broek (753-5528).
8. Performance evaluations prepared in ACASS and CCASS are transmitted to the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PIRS) and maintained in that database for a period of six years.

9. Alaska District Engineering Division Points of Contact:

Chief of Engineering Division, Patricia Opheen, (907)753-2662
Chief of Staff / Chief of Environmental Branch, Jim Volz, (907)753-5667
Chief of Engineering Services Branch, Laura Walker, (907)753-5705
Chief of Military Technical Engineering Branch, David Frenier, (907)753-5633
Chief of Civil Works Branch, Carl Borash, (907)753-2609
Chief of Engineering Contract Services Section, Ted Bales, (907)753-5666

Technical News

Under Army MILCON Transformation (MT), Centers of Standardization (COS) at eight Districts (all in the lower 48) have been designated to be lead in development of facility standards. As regional and national contracts established by the COS will be impractical for use in Alaska and Hawaii, the Alaska and Honolulu Districts will be responsible for the establishment of their own acquisition plans for their respective regions and develop a variety of contracting tools to support the strategy and anticipated MT workload laid out in their plans.

BIM is an acronym for Building Information Modeling. The Corps of Engineers nationwide is pursuing developing the Army Transformation standard designs as 3D models using BIM tools. Current plan for MT is to allow the use of either Bentley's or Autodesk's BIM products and require BIM model submission with MT design-build contracts beginning in FY08. Headquarters Corps of Engineers is currently evaluating which BIM platform to use, currently leaning towards Bentley however no final decision has been made. The Alaska District has solicited feedback from Industry about BIM and has provided that feedback along with information that Autodesk products are the standard in the State. At Alaska District, we are using Autodesk products primarily for design and drafting of construction documents (drawings). We use some of the BIM features in the software, including automatic schedules, 3D Models, dynamic sections and plans to do our work where team members are capable and when it will save time and effort. Our experience is that in the right hands, these tools can improve quality and save time, but we are still in the development stage of determining how to effectively use these tools routinely.

The Alaska District has been formally designated as the Pacific Ocean Division Regional Geotechnical Center (RGC). This is a significant event in the regionalization efforts ongoing throughout POD and is a tribute to the outstanding cadre of technical experts we have on our staff. The RGC mission is to supplement the existing geotechnical capabilities of POD organizations and enhance the quality of geotechnical products provided to POD partners and customers throughout the Pacific area. As the RGC we are expected to maintain a robust staff of technical specialists with broad experience in geotechnical investigations, design and related construction, capable to provide Independent Technical Reviews and other technical consultation services to districts within POD on a reimbursable basis. The RGC is authorized to start operating immediately

A Design-Build Industry Forum was held at the Loussac Library on 15 January 2008. Topics covered include: Stipends, Design-After-Award activities, and LEED/EPAct 2005/Commissioning. All presentations and minutes to the General Session and breakout sessions can be found at the website given at the beginning of his handout. The next Design-Build workshop is scheduled for either March or April 2008 at 1:00 - 5:00 pm in the Loussac Library.

In the interim, we are asking industry for generic information concerning costs associated with preparing Design-Build proposals. To discuss this, contact Trish Opheen, Chief of Engineering, 907-753-2662

Other POCs for Design-Build working groups:

Stipends: Chris Tew 907-753-2543
Design-After-Award activities: Mike Gaulke 907-753-5747
LEED: Jerry Ouzts 907-753-5635 and Monica Velasco 907-753-5688
EPAct2005/Commissioning: Brian Taylor 907-753-5636