FedBizOpps Overview

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BTA Role

- FBO is a program in Defense Business Systems Acquisition Executive Directorate (DBSAE)
- DBSAE is responsible for driving the successful implementation of DoD systems and initiatives in support of DoD Business Transformation goals
- Provide functional/technical expertise and support to DoD organizations in the implementation and use of FBO

What is FBO?

- Automated System that collects and stores Procurement Opportunities
  - Documents are submitted From:
    - Contract writing systems (or other interfacing systems)
    - Directly from the Web Portal.

- Authoritative, Government-Wide Point of Entry (GPE) Source for Advertising Federal Business Opportunities, including Solicitations, Synopses, Award Notices, etc.
  - FAR 5.1 Requires that All Contract Actions Expected to Exceed $25,000 Must be Advertised in FBO

Who Uses FBO?

- **Designed for Use by:**
  - Contracting Officers
  - System Administrators
  - Vendors
  - Media, research groups, marketing groups, and other commercial businesses
  - Any interested public parties
    - Any interested party can view*:
      - General Information
      - News
      - Opportunities
      - Agencies / Offices Lists
      - Privacy Statement

* Neither the MPIN nor the DUNS is required for Registration for notices or searches.

FBO Vision and Goals

- Transparency and visibility into government opportunities
    - Business opportunities across the federal spectrum in real time
- Powerful marketing and vendor selection tool for the contracting community
    - Provides unparalleled level of visibility for advertised opportunities.
        - Agencies can view all interested parties based on single or multiple opportunities.
    - Provide interoperability with interfacing systems.
- Foundation for standardizing solicitation processes
    - A single portal for all documents and actions reduces vendor confusion, contracting oversight, system redundancies and costs
    - Policy changes can be made in one tool and utilized across the Federal enterprise

What Documents does FBO contain?

– Contract Related Documents:
  - Presolicitation Notice - Synopsis
  - Combined Synopsis/Solicitation
  - Amendment to a Previous Combined Solicitation
  - Modification to a Previous Presolicitation Notice
  - Award Notice
  - Sources Sought Notice
  - Foreign Government Standard
  - Special Notice
  - Sale of Surplus Property
  - Justification and Approval (Official Template Coming Soon)

FBO Roles/Privileges

- **Government**
  - Administrators
    - Location Administrator
      - Assigns Rights/Privileges
      - Able to post Opportunities
    - Super User
      - System Oversight/administrative rights
  - General Users
    - Buyer
      - Maintain Buyer Profile
      - Creates/Amends/Cancels Opportunities
      - Manage technical document package content/vendor accessibility to package documents
    - Engineer
      - Post/Update Technical Document Attachments
    - Buyer/Engineer
- **Vendor**
  - Maintain Vendor Profile
    - Duns/CAGE/MPIN Information
  - Review Opportunities
  - Bid on Opportunities

Vendor Opportunity Search

- Vendors can search for opportunities based on the following terms:
  - Keyword search
  - Opportunity/procurement type
  - Posting date
  - Response deadline
  - Last modified date
  - Place of performance zip code
  - Set-aside code Classification code
  - NAICS code
  - Agency/Office(s)

FBO Online Training

- Training Presentation Videos available based on User Role

FBO Help Desk

- **FBO help desk**
  - Application Support
    - How do I…?
    - Why can't I connect?
- **Interfacing System questions and issues**
  - Contact your system's Help Desk
  - Contact your Agency System Administrator
    - Liaison to service/agency policy

FBO Agency System Administrators

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FBO – New System Launch

- ## New system launched March 31, 2008
  - Included FedTeDs functionality – The ability to host Technical Documents tied to solicitations.
  - Minimum threshold removed - Procurements of any dollar value can now be posted to the system.
  - Allows Far More flexibility for System Users.

- ## Since launch:
  - Over 40K unique notices posted
  - Over 70M pages viewed
  - Over 1.5M unique visitors

FBO – New System Features: FedTeDS Functionality

- Securely post / update sensitive, unclassified documents associated with opportunities

  – Removes confusion of having separate systems

  – Allowed FBO to become the single Authoritative GPE for all actions tied to solicitations.

FedTeDS Functionality

FBO – New System Features: System Users

- The New System Launch included My FBO Functionality. This functionality provides more flexibility for Vendors to find Opportunities.
  - Vendors maintain their own profile with specific Information about their company
  - Reference targeted opportunity by setting up "watch list"
    - Saved and Named search agents – Based on watch lists or any other criteria. These search agents will find opportunities that fit Vendor Profiles

- Full integration with CCR
  - Vendor Profiles
  - Interested Parties Lists

FBO – New System Features: System Users (Cont.)

Improved Interested Vendor List

- Built-in tracked changes
  - Full life-cycle view of notices.
  - View all changes in solicitations.
  - Sortable columns
  - Tracks each time a vendor reviews the record
    - Captured in the "audit trail" sub-tab of a released document
  - Displays mods and amendments easily.

Tracked Changes

New And Upcoming System Changes

- Bid Module
  - Launched 02/25/2009
    - Allows Vendors to bid for Opportunities directly from the Portal itself
- Justification and Approval (J&A) Notices
  - Tentatively Scheduled 04/09/2009
    - Creates a new template for Justification and Approval for Solicitations that were awarded without full and open competition.
- FBO Web Services
  - Tentatively Scheduled 04/30/2009
    - Allows interface communication via XML
      - Technical Documents will be able to be submitted without logging into the Portal
      - Interface templates (Currently only FTP and Email are supported)

Recovery Act Requirements

- Agencies must ensure Recovery Act funds are distinguishable in contract writing and reporting systems.
  - Any Contract with Recovery Dollars should be advertised on FBO.
- DPAP has issued instructions for business systems procedure requirements
  - http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA001321-09-DPAP.pdf
- To search for Recovery Act Opportunities:
  - https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&tab=searchresults&mode=list&_filt=rec

Gov't Contracting Officer Publicizing & Reporting Requirements

- Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5) (Recovery Act) places special requirements on government contracting officers to ensure actions using Recovery Act funds are identified, publicized and reported appropriately.

- FAR Case 2009-0010 is preparing an Interim Rule to be issued in mid-March (effective immediately) to require that, for Recovery Act funded actions, contracting officers:
  - Publicize pre-solicitation and award notices for contracts and orders on the Governmentwide Point of Entry (GPE) (www.fedbizopps.gov) and identify them as Recovery Act actions
    - Orders shall be publicized "For Information Only"
    - For other-than-fixed-price, non-competitive awards, contracting officers shall include the acquisition rationale in the summary section of the award notice
  - Identify awards as Recovery Act funded actions when reporting contract action reports to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)

- OMB Guidance (Feb 18 2009) provided initial system instructions for entering this data in FedBizOpps and FPDS
  - Use "RECOVERY" in the title of pre-solicitation and award notices posted on FedBizOpps
  - Use the Treasure Account Symbol (format TAS::XX XXXX XXX::TAS) in the Description field of contract action reports in FPDS

- DPAP memo to the field, expected to be signed this week, provides more specific instructions for both direct web entry and transmissions from Component contract writing and publicizing systems

- OMB will use the submissions to FedBizOpps and FPDS to feed the information to www.Recovery.gov

Recovery Act Requirements (FBO): Presolicitation/Award Notices

- If directly posting on FedBizOpps using the website (www.fbo.gov):
  - All Presolicitation/Award notices must include the word RECOVERY as the first word in the *Title* field prior to the actual title of the presolicitation notice. This must be spelled correctly.
  - Select the radio button on the screen that indicates the effort is for a Recovery Act effort.
- If using an electronic system to post to FedBizOpps
  - Include the word RECOVERY as the first word in the <SUBJECT> tag on the Presolicitation/Award template prior to the actual title of the Presolicitation/Award notice. For Presolicitation/Award notices not using Recovery Act funding, the classification code shall still remain in the first position of the Title field or <SUBJECT> tag. However for all Recovery Act funded notices, RECOVERY shall be placed before the classification code in the <SUBJECT> tag, followed by two dashes (as prescribed on the FedBizOpps website – under *Electronic Interfaces*). When submitted from an electronic system, FedBizOpps will allow the word RECOVERY to be placed before the classification code. RECOVERY must be spelled correctly

Recovery Act Requirements (FBO): Presolicitation/Award Notices (Cont.)

- Presolicitation/award notices are also required for any order, meeting the FAR part 5 dollar thresholds, under a <u>task or delivery order contract</u>. This includes orders under Federal Supply Schedules, Government-wide Acquisition Contracts, multi-agency contracts or any other Indefinite Delivery Contract. This is also applicable to orders under Blanket Purchase Agreements or Basic Ordering Agreements.
  - The same business rules as normal Presolicitation/Award Notices <u>EXCEPT</u>:
    - All presolicitation/Award notices must include verbatim the phrase RECOVERY – THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO CONTRACTORS UNDER [contracting officer insert program name]. at the beginning of the *Description* field (For Direct System Users, In the <Desc> Tag for Interface users) prior to the actual title of the presolicitation notice. The program name to be inserted should be the name of the Federal Supply Schedule, GWAC, or multi-agency contract; for example GSA Schedule 03FAC, COMMITS, or Navy's SEAPORT-E. If the contract has no name, insert the contract number.

Questions