

Sample Sources Sought Notice

POTENTIAL SOURCES SOUGHT (Request for Interest)

PURPOSE: The Air Force seeks to identify responsible potential sources and obtain information in regards to privatization of utility systems in accordance with 10 USC 2688, "Utility Systems: Conveyance Authority". The Air Force is seeking interest and information specifically for the potential privatization of the electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utility systems at Little Rock AFB and Tyndall AFB.

OBJECTIVE: Should privatization result, the ownership of the Air Force base's electric, natural gas, water and wastewater systems, operation and maintenance and obligation to continue to provide utility service for an indefinite and ongoing period will transfer to a utility service provider. All responsibility for maintaining reliable utility service, including such items as environmental compliance, maintenance costs, major system renovations, construction, equipment, manpower and overhead costs will become the utility service provider's responsibility. It is intended that the privatization will ultimately reduce the Air Force's life-cycle costs for operating and maintaining utility systems and services.

REQUESTED RESPONSE: Parties interested in acquiring utility system and providing utility distribution services at Air Force installations listed below should provide a statement of interest identifying the installation name(s) and specific system(s) in which there is interest and response to the specific questions identified below. If an offeror is interested in multiple systems, responses should be provided to each system of interest. In addition interested parties are required to provide information regarding experience and qualifications for operating utility systems for each the systems of interest. Interested parties are advised that responses to this synopsis indicate full understanding that the Federal Acquisition Regulation applies to this requirement and interested parties should reference the RFP template at the following website for information regarding terms and conditions in the draft RFP. The template can be found at <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Contracts/UtilPrivatization/UPTemplates.htm>. Specifically parties are put on notice that the Federal Disputes clause FAR 52.233-1 Alt 1 will apply when the entity is providing services where the rates are not set by law or regulation for that particular area of service and acknowledge understanding that acceptance of this clause is required to be considered responsive to any subsequent RFP. These responses will be used to assist in refining the acquisition strategy and subsequent decisions regarding future issuance of a competitive RFP. Specific responses to the following is required in order for your firm to be considered "interested" in providing a offer for services under this program.

1. Installation and/or Installation of Interest
2. System of interest;
 - a. Electric Utility Distribution System
 - b. Natural Gas Utility Distribution System
 - c. Potable Water Utility Distribution System
 - d. Wastewater Utility Distribution System
3. Your status as regards your authority to support this service
 - a. Regulated utility and service is within certificated area of service
 - b. Regulated utility providing non-regulated service for this area of service
 - c. Regulated utility and service is not within certificated area of service
 - d. Non-regulated utility for the service of interest
4. Classification of your company
 - a. Publicly owned utility
 - b. Investor owned utility
 - c. Cooperative owned utility
 - d. Publicly owned and traded company – not a utility
 - e. Privately owned company

- f. Limited Liability Corporation
 - g. C-Corp
 - h. Other
5. Do you acknowledge acceptance of application of the Federal Acquisition Regulation terms and conditions included in the RFP template?
 - a. Do you acknowledge that you may be required to comply with the Cost Accounting Standards
 - b. If you propose to provide nonregulated service within your proposed service area will your entity accept the Federal Disputes Clause FAR 52.233-1 Alt 1?
6. Include the Company name, address, email address and phone number for your point of contact

Please respond electronically (no more than 1 page) to uprfi.helpdesk@tyndall.af.mil or by hard copy to HQ AFCESA/CEOC, 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 1, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403-5319, no later than 1 April 2003.

AIR FORCE LOCATIONS: Utilities privatization is being considered for the following installations:

Little Rock AFB	Little Rock, AR
Tyndall AFB	Panama City, FL

Descriptions of these utility systems are also posted by installation on the HQ AFCESA web site, <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Contracts/UtilPrivatization/UPbidder.htm>. When determining interest in acquiring the utility system at an Air Force base, the Air Force Request for Proposal (RFP) template must be considered. The government intends to issue Requests for Proposal similar to the RFP posted at the following web site:
<http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Contracts/UtilPrivatization/UPTemplates.htm>

This request for interested parties is for gathering information and is a required component of a systematic process to evaluate the interested parties under the Air Force Utilities Privatization Program. To minimize costs to both potentially interested parties and the government, this notice is being issued to determine the interest and feasibility of proceeding with formal RFPs. Should insufficient credible interest be identified for a privatization action, the government may decide not to issue formal solicitation.