

Intent to Award Contract for the Invitation to Negotiate For Information Technology Services and Support (ITSS) Advertising Number: ITN-025-ITSS

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024 To: Respondents to ITN-025-ITSS

From: Chris Hughes, Manager, Contracts and Compliance

Subject: Intent to Award

On August 16, 2024, four (4) potential providers submitted timely replies to the advertised Invitation to Negotiate for ITN-025-ITSS.

On September 13, 2024, the replies that met the mandatory criteria were ranked by the ITN evaluation team. As a result of the recommendation of the evaluation team, FSS posted the Notice of Intent to Negotiate with Bizco Technologies, Complete Network, IVenture Solutions on September 13, 2024.

Following the negotiation period and pursuant to this ITN, FSS intends to award a contract to Bizco Technologies.

FSS reserves the right to hold additional negotiations with Bizco Technologies, to establish final contract terms and conditions.

Protest and Disputes:

Any person who or agency that has been adversely affected by a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation or a notice of contract award may file a written notice of intent to protest with the FSS contact person listed in the solicitation document within three (3) calendar days after the posting of the solicitation or of the notice of FSS' decision or intended decision. The notice of intent to protest may be filed electronically and submitted to: chris.hughes@fssnf.org.

Any person who or agency that files an action protesting a decision or intended decision pertaining to contracts administered by FSS must comply with the following requirements:

- 1. When protesting a decision or intended decision, the protestor must post a bond equal to five percent (5%) of FSS' estimated contract amount. FSS at its sole discretion shall estimate the contract amount based on factors including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. The price of previous or existing contracts for similar or contractual services.
 - b. The amount appropriated for the contract.
 - c. The fair market value of similar contractual services
- 2. FSS shall provide the estimated contract amount to the protestor within three business days after the notice of intent to protest has been filed. The estimated contract amount is not subject to protest. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs and charges that are adjudged against the protestor in any subsequent hearing in which action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding.
- 3. The official hours of office operation for receipt of notice of intent to protest, protest and/or a petition and bond are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, ET.



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FAILURE TO FILE A PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN S. 120.57(3), F.S., OR FAILURE TO POST THE BOND OR OTHER SECURITY REQUIRED BY LAW WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED FOR FILING A BOND SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 120, F.S.

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