EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DGS Project 962-32
Harrisburg Military Post Rehabilitation
Dauphin County

In accordance with §516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the Secretary of General Services has designated the Deputy Secretary for Public Works to determine whether to authorize an emergency procurement in this instance.

The Harrisburg Military Post (HMP) is owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is home to the Headquarters of the 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PANG). The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is the state agency responsible for managing PANG and has identified an urgent need to rehabilitate the HMP. The 28ID warriors take pride in being fit, resilient, and well trained in order to support each other and defend our great nation. Operation Spartan Shield (OSS) is designed to maintain a U.S. military posture in Southwest Asia to strengthen our defense relationships, build partner capacity, and execute USCENTCOM contingency plans when necessary. Units supporting OSS provide capabilities such as aviation support, logistics, force protection, and information management. In addition, they facilitate theater security cooperation activities, such as key leader engagements, exercises, conferences, symposiums, and humanitarian assistance/disaster response planning. Operating in one of the most dynamic regions of the world, the presence of the 28ID enhances security cooperation and reassures our partners and allies in the region.

Roughly 700 soldiers use the facilities at HMP to train and build readiness to respond to state and federal missions. This project is intended to modernize several buildings (i.e., must update to feed the 700 soldiers in 90 minutes), and improve site access in order to accommodate modern military training, improve force protection, physical fitness and security, and meet current life, health and safety standards. Additionally, this project must address unit space deficiencies defined in the Conditions of Satisfaction and the Federal Government criteria for Anti-Terrorism Building Standards.

DGS and DMVA collaborated to select the HMP project as a pilot project to demonstrate how DGS’ new design management processes will deliver higher levels of satisfaction and construction quality in less time and enhance the value of services delivered to the citizens of the Commonwealth. This new alternative approach to project delivery combines Lean management principles with an aligned team and contract structure empowered to collaborate and incentivize to drive down the cost of a project while delivering the agreed scope and quality desired by the Client Agency.

The HMP Pilot project requires a design team familiar with new and innovation delivery methods and principles beyond the typical design approach, such as Pull Planning, Target Value Design, Continuous Estimating and Big Room Integration Events. Pursuant to §905 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, DGS solicited proposals from the design community, drawing specific attention to the unique requirements of the HMP project. DGS did not receive any responsive design proposals for the project.
Consequently, in accordance with Section 516 and Section 905(a) of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the Deputy Secretary for Public Works, has determined that the need to complete the rehabilitation to support DMVA’s military purposes and, more importantly, the project-specific circumstances to acquire design services from a firm familiar with the new processes and procedures required beyond those typically used by designers, creates an urgency of need on this particular project that does not permit a re-solicitation under §905, but does create an urgency of need for the use of an Emergency Procurement under §516.

Therefore, on this pilot project, DGS will solicit proposals from three design professional services firms with the requisite familiarity and expertise in the unique lean design principles. The three proposals will be evaluated using a modified matrix issued under §905.

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