

The Corps of Engineers Norfolk District is soliciting comments from the construction community addressing the potential use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the following large scale (exceeding \$25 million) construction project:

AIT Barracks Complex Phase II, Fort Lee, VA

Project Description:

This is a portion of phase II of a three phase project. Construct one 300PN 5-story barracks addition to an existing 300PN 5-story barracks/COF Facility in accordance with the current standard design facilities approved for Fort Lee. Project includes installation of Intrusion Detection System (IDS), connection to Energy Monitoring and Control System (ECMS), Special Foundations and Information Systems. Supporting Facilities include utilities; electric service, water, sewer and gas; paving, walks curbs and gutters; storm drainage; site improvements; information systems, as well as demolition of 6 existing facilities that are currently located on the site. Anti-terrorism/force protection measct (i)-10(w)-3(el)-10()-10(i)4(t)-Foub2(ot)-5(e Tc 0 21.22[(e,-)1

- b. The complexity of the project.
- c. Shortage of skilled labor in the region.
- d. Completion of the project will require an extended period of time.
- e. The use of PLA's on other comparable projects in this geographic area.
- f. The promotion of the Governments long term programs interests such as training of skilled
- g. The possibility of labor disputes that threaten timely completion.
- h. Additional costs from use of PLAs may be cost prohibitive.

A PLA is defined as a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor organi terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project and is an agreement c

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Policy:

- a. Project Labor Agreement (PLA) is a tool that agencies may use to promote economy and e procurement. Pursuant to Executive Order 13502, agencies are encouraged to consider requ

more subcontractors, employing the same trade?

f. Are there concerns by prime contractors on the availability of skilled construction labor? Are there large scale construction projects in the area (over \$25M, within 50 miles of Fort Lee, VA) which could impact availability of skilled labor for this project? What is the anticipated volatility in the labor market for the trades required for the execution of the project?

g. Is the proposed schedule/completion time one which would benefit from a PLA - if so, how? Will a PLA impact the completion time? Would a PLA benefit a project which contains a unique and compelling mission-critical schedule?

h. Where have PLAs been used on comparable projects undertaken by Federal, State, municipal, or private entities in the geographic area of this project?

i. Will the use of PLAs impact the ability of potential Offerors and subcontractors to meet small-business utilization goals?

Please provide your comments via e-mail to Jennifer Majdeski, Contract Specialist at Jennifer.r.majdeski@usace.army.mil no later than 11:00AM EST on 6 Feb 2013.

This is NOT a Request for Proposal and does not constitute any commitment by the Government. Responses to this labor market survey will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions.