



## National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)

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### **SOURCES SOUGHT FOR INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY (IDIQ), TASK ORDER CONTRACT (TOC) UNDER NAICS CODES 237990, 237130 and 236210 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS APPROVED**

This is a Sources Sought Synopsis announcement, a market survey for information to be used for preliminary planning purposes. The information received will be used within the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), managed by Associated Universities, Inc., to facilitate the decision-making process and will not be disclosed outside of the organization. The intent of this Sources Sought Synopsis is to identify potential qualified businesses.

This Sources Sought Synopsis is one facet in the NRAO's overall market research in regard to the proposed solicitation being full and open (unrestricted). No procurement strategy will be determined based solely on the information received in response to this Sources Sought Synopsis.

No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this announcement or any follow-up information requests. This notice does not constitute a Request for Proposal and is not to be construed as a commitment by NRAO for any purpose other than market research. Respondents will not be notified of the results of this market research.

NRAO is seeking Business sources with current and relevant experience, personnel, and capability to perform new infrastructure construction projects for the Next Generation Very Large Array (ngVLA) program at various locations as approved. These are potential requirements to consider:

- **The new infrastructure is related to radio astronomy 18-meter dish antenna foundations along with related site infrastructure.**
- **Site infrastructure will include all construction necessary to develop approximately 1 acre raw land suitable for antenna installation including access, power, telecom, security and ancillary buildings.**

- **The locations are expected to be widely distributed locations within United States CONUS/OCONUS/Territories in remote rural areas to avoid Radio Frequency interference.**
- **Locations may be on Federal, State or private land. Land acquisition is outside the scope of this contract other than planning in support of land acquisition and approvals**
- **The task orders will encompass site planning, engineering services, approvals support and construction through site completion.**
- **Antenna structure, and antenna installation services, are not within the scope for this work, other than coordination roles with the antenna provider. A reference Antenna Foundation design will be validated or modified for local soils, as needed.**

The proposed contract will be for a base performance period of One (1) year and two (2) option periods of two (2) years each, resulting in the contract performance period maximum of five (5) years. The estimated total contract price for the base year and all option years combined is \$33,156,462. Task order range is estimated between \$3000 and \$10,698,855.

Interested sources are invited to respond to this Sources Sought announcement via email with the following information:

1) Contractor Information: Provide your firm's contact information, including Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov) and CAGE Code. **NOTE: SAM registrations are taking much longer for approval. This is especially true for newly formed Joint Ventures. Prospective offerors are highly encouraged to start the SAM registration prior to issue of the Request for Proposal.**

2) Type of Business.

3) Bonding Capacity: Provide your surety's name, your maximum bonding capacity per project, and your aggregate maximum bonding capacity.

4) Locations: Identify any restrictions for locations in which you are not willing or capable to work.

Any procurement which results from this market research, may include a geographical restriction, which requires potential contractors to provide a verifiable address of an established physical office.

5) Experience: Submit a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) recent specific government or commercial contracts/projects your firm has performed as the prime contractor to demonstrate your experience in construction of fixed antenna very large array earth stations construction projects as indicated in this announcement. A specific project is a single project or a single task order under an indefinite quantity contract. "Recent" is defined as having been 100% completed within the five years prior to the submission due date. All projects shall have a minimum construction cost of \$100,000. Projects which do not meet these requirements may not be considered relevant.

**Utilize the attached General Construction Sources Sought Information Form**, for each of the projects submitted for experience evaluation, provide the following:

- title and location
- award and completion dates
- contract or subcontract value
- type of work for overall project and type of work your company self-performed
- current customer information including point of contact, phone number, and email address
- whether the work was performed as a prime or subcontractor
- description of the work that was self-performed by your company, including the percentage of contract value your company self-performed. "Self-perform" refers to your company performing 50% (based on total project cost) of relevant and major commercial and institutional building construction work in-house without subcontractors on a project. This does not include project administration or management functions (such as quality control or safety program) and miscellaneous work (such as housekeeping or cleanup). Relevant and major construction work is that which is the same or similar to the work that may be ordered under this contract.

6) Safety: OSHA Days Away from Work, Restricted Duty, or Transfer (DART) Rate, and Total Recordable Case (TRC) Rate for each of calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025. For any DART rate above 3.0, or any TRC above 4.5 provide an explanation to address the reasons for the rate and extenuating circumstances that affected the rate. Instructions for calculating the DART rate can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/iif/osheval.htm>.

In sections where recent experience is requested, all experience will be evaluated for market research purposes only. Firms are advised that while experience older than five years or not yet 100% complete may demonstrate capability to perform the scope of work, it may not indicate that the firm could be competitive during a future solicitation where only

the most recent five years of experience will be accepted. NRAO may make an acquisition strategy determination based on the likelihood that a sufficient pool of qualified contractors will be competitive on a future solicitation.

Responses to this Sources Sought announcement are due no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time) on 3 June, 2026. Please address your response to NRAO via email **ONLY** to **akaiser@nrao.edu**. Facsimile submittals will not be accepted

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