

UPDATE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) NCEP 2014

This notice is to provide the current status of the market research being conducted for NOAA advanced HPC Weather and Climate Operational Supercomputing System (WCOSS) II program. The Government is continuing to consider all available solutions to implementing WCOSS II. No decision has been made to date. Under consideration are options to continue with the incumbent contractor; open the acquisition for WCOSS II to all offerors for new technologies; examine trade-offs between capacity and complexity of heterogeneous versus homogeneous systems (i.e. legacy system and new technology). In seeking a performance based total solution for NOAA's HPC computational support, the Government is encouraging all prospective offerors to continue an open dialogue with the Government in order that the most efficient and effective approach may be selected and implemented.

Attached to the NCEP WCOSS Website is a Statement of Objectives (SOO). This SOO is a requirement that is under current consideration by the Government. While a decision on the acquisition method has not been determined, the SOO has been sent to the incumbent contractor for delivery of a task order proposal to ensure all acquisition avenues remain open. We welcome any feedback, comments, or other responses to the SOO. Your input through written communications and one-to-one meetings with the Government are welcomed. All proprietary information should be marked "Proprietary" and will be handled accordingly. This is not a request for proposals. The Government is not obligated to award a contract as a result of this SOO. Your response to this request will assist the Government in making a determination of the method in which this requirement will be awarded (i.e. Full and Open , Current Contractor).

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