

Introducing the Army Open Solicitation









Background

ACC-APG has issued the Army Open Solicitation (AOS) which utilizes multiple solicitation authorities to include Commercial Solutions **Openings and Broad Agency** Announcements and is available to fulfill Army requirements using both FAR and non-FAR based awards

The AOS is aligned with recent DoD and Executive Order Guidance on the use of CSOs and OTs







Multiple Methods/Authorities



Solicitation Methods

Commercial Solutions Opening
Broad Agency Announcement



Award Authorities

FAR Based Contract

10 U.S.C. §4021 – Research OTs

U.S.C. §4022 – Prototypes OTs

10 U.S.C. §4023 Experiential OTs

Employee Stock Ownership Pilot (ESOP) Program





Why do we need an Army Wide Open Solicitation?



Reason 1- Primary Focus for Industry



Reason 2- Reduce Redundancies for Contracting Teams



Reason 3- Consolidated Repository of Solution Briefs accessible across the Army.







When To Use

When an Open Solicitation is Appropriate

Capability Gap or Problem Statement
When the requirement is defined by broad
objectives and you are seeking unique,
creative, or innovative solutions from industry

When an Open Solicitation is Not Appropriate

Specific Requirement

When the requirement is mature, and an innovative approach is not anticipated.



Two Methods

Active Capability Gap

The ACG method invites solutions from industry through continuously open submission process

Calls for Solutions

The Calls for Solutions method allows Army organizations to issue specific calls to industry to address gaps for known areas of need







Active Capability Gap Method



INDUSTRY SUBMITS SOLUTION
BRIEFS TO ANY ARMY MISSION
AREA FOR EVALUATION



INDIVIDUAL MAILBOXES ARE LISTED FOR EACH EXAMPLE AREA.



THE GOVERNMENT HAS 90 DAYS TO RESPOND



SOLUTION BRIEFS LIVE IN REPOSITORY AND MAY BE ACCESSED BY ANY ARMY AGENCY FOR FURTHER EVALUATION







Example Areas

Intelligence,
Electronic Warfare
and Sensors

Army Enterprise Business Solutions

Tactical Communications

Soldier Equipment

Simulation
Training and
Instrumentation

Ground Combat Systems

Missiles and Space

Aviation

Supply Chain and Logistics

Installation
Support and
Innovation

Advanced Manufacturing







Calls for Solutions Method



CALLS FOR SOLUTIONS
ARE WORKED BY THE
INDIVIDUAL
CONTRACTING AND
PROGRAM TEAMS
ACROSS THE ARMY



EACH CALL FOR
SOLUTION WILL INCLUDE
THE SPECIFIC
EVALUATION
METHODOLOGY AND
PROBLEM STATEMENT



ACC TEAMS WILL UPDATE THE AOS SAM.GOV LISTING TO PUBLISH NEW OPPORTUNITIES



CALLS FOR SOLUTIONS
CAN BE COMPLETELY
TAILORABLE







AOS is live on SAM.gov



https://sam.gov/opp/2368c920fbdf4ec9aff56f571690c859/view



