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To whom it may concern:

The Coalition for Government Procurement (“the Coalition”) would like to thank the United States Department of the Army for (Army) the opportunity to provide feedback on the second draft of Sections L & M of the Marketplace for the Acquisition of Professional Services (MAPS) Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Coalition is a non-profit association of firms selling commercial services and products to the Federal Government. Coalition members include small, medium, and large business concerns, and collectively account for more than \$145 billion in spending through Government contracts. The Coalition is proud to have worked with Government officials for more than 45 years towards the mutual goal of common-sense acquisition.

Expansion of NAICS Codes

MAPS is intended to be a recommended vehicle for the Army’s professional and IT services requirements. Since IT and professional services typically span a large set of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, we recommend a more expansive list of NAICS than currently reflected in the draft RFP. Additional, relevant NAICS codes will ensure that Army customers are able to bring all relevant work to MAPS over the life of the contract. It will also ensure that offerors with experience performing relevant work that is aligned with other, related NAICS codes are not excluded from competing on MAPS. In addition, a more expansive set of NAICS codes is consistent with other recent solicitations published for major multiple-award contract vehicles such as OASIS+, Alliant 3, and SEWP V.

Separate Contracts for Small and Large Businesses

The Coalition recommends separating the MAPS contract into awards for large businesses and small businesses. This approach can provide several benefits, including promoting competition by encouraging a diverse range of vendors to participate, supporting small businesses by ensuring they can compete and grow over the duration of the contract, and enhancing flexibility by allowing agencies to leverage the unique strengths and capabilities of both large and small contractors. In addition, distributing awards across multiple vendors can reduce the risk of dependency on a single supplier, ensuring continuity of services and supplies. This is a best practice for other multiple award contract vehicles such as OASIS+ and even the predecessor ITES-3S contract.

Increasing Scorecard Point Range

The Coalition also recommends opening the point scoring to include additional areas in "Past Performance" for Innovation of Emerging Technology in the current federal environment such as AI, Cybersecurity, Research & Development, and more, assigning a "Points Table" allowing an increase for each technology earned through documented artifacts. This approach, in line with other vehicles such as OASIS+ and Alliant 3, may nullify the possibility of a tiebreaker situation.

Thank you again for considering the Coalition's comments in response to the MAPS Sections L & M draft RFP. The attached spreadsheet includes individual comments from our member companies for consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to engage with the Army on the procurement. If there are any questions, I may be reached at rwaldron@thecgp.org or (202) 315-0975.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Waldron', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Roger Waldron
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