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The information contained on this webpage is applicable only to the IRS's acquisition of Private Collection Agency (PCA) vendors.

Update: April 27, 2005

The IRS has issued Request for Quotation TIRNO-05-Q-00050 for the limited implementation phase of its Private Debt Collection Initiative program. The IRS has utilized GSA's Schedule 520-4, Financial & Business Solutions Schedule, Special Item #4 for Debt Collection Services, in identifying vendors to receive the RFQ. FOR THIS LIMITED IMPLEMENTATION ONLY, IRS has identified "vendors who currently have a task order for and are providing debt collection services to the Federal Government under GSA Schedule 520-4" as a mandatory requirement.

IRS intends to make approximately three awards during this limited implementation phase.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO VENDOR AWARDED A TASK ORDER DURING THIS LIMITED IMPLEMENTATION PHASE WILL BE GIVEN A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE DURING IRS'S FULL IMPLEMENTATION PHASE, scheduled for FY2007.

Update: April 4, 2005

The IRS continues to make progress in its delivery of a limited implementation phase of the private debt collection program beginning this summer. The first task order awarded for this work will be precedent setting; therefore, it is critical to future expanded efforts to ensure the IRS' success during the initial task order.

The IRS will be issuing the PCA Request for Quotes (RFQ) to qualified General Services Administration (GSA) Financial and Business Solution (FABS) Schedule 520, SIN 4, vendors in the very near future. In our limited implementation phase, the IRS will be soliciting quotes from qualified GSA Schedule vendors. The implementation phase is being limited due to the need for security of sensitive United States tax data.

The contracts resulting from this activity will be awarded early this summer. The IRS will place taxpayer accounts with the successful awardees in the January 2006 timeframe.

It is important to note that vendors who receive an award in the limited implementation phase will not have a placement advantage when the program is fully implemented.

Background

On October 22, 2004, President Bush signed the American Jobs Creation Act that created a new Section 6206 of the Internal Revenue Code to permit private collection agencies (PCA) to help collect federal tax debts. The program will help reduce the significant and growing amount of un-collectible cases that now go untouched, enable the IRS to better focus existing resources to address more difficult cases and ensure the confidence in our tax system remains strong.

PCAs will not replace internal IRS collection resources. IRS compliance personnel have extensive knowledge and tools to collect a wider range of tax debt. They possess a number of enforcement powers, such as the power to levy and file liens on property, which will not be given to a PCA.

PCAs can, however, be very efficient in handling cases that do not require enforcement action or the exercise of discretion in resolving tax liabilities. Under the proposal, the IRS will only forward those cases that PCAs can work effectively and appropriately.

Implementation

The IRS will begin a limited implementation phase of the program this summer. Full implementation is planned for FY 2007. The total number of agencies needed for that phase will be determined at a later date. It is important to note that vendors who receive an award in the limited implementation phase will not have a placement advantage when the program is fully implemented.

IRS will be using GSA's Financial & Business Solutions (FABS) Schedule to identify vendors and to make awards for the full implementation phase of this program. For your reference, the GSA FABS Schedule Number is 520, SIN 4 (Debt Collection).

Companies must be on this GSA Schedule to pursue bidding on the full implementation phase of this project.

Companies not on this GSA Schedule and SIN, **must** contact the GSA Contracting Officer, [Denise Francis](#) at 703-305-3092 for instructions on becoming a GSA Schedule vendor.

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