

September 4, 2009

Mr. Jeff Madison, President
Cool Hand Nuke
1900 Audubon Street
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Mr. Madison:

I am responding to your letter dated August 27, 2009, to the Honorable David Vitter, United States Senator, in which you requested information on the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) requirement for recruiting software and support.

Specific to your inquiry about the FEDBIZOPPS notice RS-38-09-739 posted on July 13, 2009, NRC requirement for recruitment software, the existing software contract provides a web-enabled system (Hiring Management) that currently supports the on-line vacancy application system for the NRC. The contractor for this requirement, Monster Government Solutions LLC, also provides hosting of the software application and technical support. At this time, there is no known software system that is compatible with the NRC's on-line vacancy application system. In addition, Hiring Management interfaces with USAJobs, which integrates the NRC with the e-Government Recruitment One-Stop initiative. The current contract with Monster, which expired on August 31, 2009, has been extended to July 31, 2010.

As part of the NRC's acquisition strategy for the follow-on contract for recruitment software, extensive market research will be conducted to determine the availability of potential resources with the intent of conducting a full and open competition for that requirement. As part of our market research efforts, you are welcome to submit a capability statement so that our technical team here at the NRC can make a determination your software's compatibility with our current system. It appears that the Cool Hand Nuke software was specifically developed to recruit nuclear/engineer professionals. The NRC recruits for the computer, engineering and nuclear industry positions, but also for lawyers, administrative and business professionals, acquisition, and financial personnel. You may submit your capability statement to the attention of Ms. Monique Williams, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001 Mailstop TWB-01-B10M.

In order to encourage interest in NRC's programs and foster competition, the NRC publicizes proposed business opportunities. Actions valued at greater than \$25,000 are published on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website at <https://www.FBO.gov/>. Contract actions with estimated values between \$10,000 and \$25,000 are posted on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov>. All interested sources may submit a proposal in response to these solicitations for consideration by the NRC Division of Contracts (DC).

J. Madison

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Interested small business sources are also encouraged to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. NRC uses the "Dynamic Small Business Search" feature at CCR as the primary database to identify small and disadvantaged businesses to fulfill agency requirements. In addition, the NRC publishes an annual forecast of business opportunities. The NRC Forecast for Fiscal Year 2009 is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/contracting/forecast.html>.

We also invite you to attend the NRC's Small Business Meet and Greet Seminars. The Small Business Program hosts a series of informational seminars on how to conduct business with the agency. These Business Meet and Greet Seminars are planned for the first Thursday of each quarter in Rockville, Maryland. Past seminars have also been videotaped and webcasted for viewing by the general public. For registration information, see <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/contracting/small-business/meet-greet-seminars.html>.

I hope you find this information helpful and thank you for your interest in the NRC and its programs.

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