

**San Francisco - Acquisition Interagency Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2016**

Participants:

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| • GSA FAS | • Corps of Engineer |
| • GSA PBS | • USDA ARS |
| • Forest Service | • Coast Guard |
| • SBA | • SF Federal Executive Board |

1. Feedback/Observations of the Small Business Outreach Event in Oakland held 28 April 2016

- Good participation, about 75 checked in attendees
- Feedback from agencies
 - Worked well with all panel members responding to questions.
 - Gave perspective on how agencies operate differently.
 - Allowed panel members to piggy back off each other.
 - Good to see questions in advance.
 - Afternoon sessions very beneficial. Great participation from vendors.
 - Allowed agencies to network with agencies and opportunity to expand SF-AIC membership
 - Long line for industry getting through security
- Feedback from Industry
 - Very positive feedback, beneficial to have multiple different perspectives on questions.
 - Small businesses interested in having DoD representation
- Recommendations for next Industry Day
 - Including DoD, large businesses, state and local representation
 - Space:
 - SBA/FEB can get involved to find free space
 - Involve industry partners so they can host
 - South Bay/NASA conference center
 - Work with Marshall Service on getting dedicated bodies for line
 - Including senior officials from industry on panel to provide different perspective
 - Possibility of charging conference fee. FEB has authority to charge.

2. Agency/Contracting Updates

- GSA
 - GSA has created third service – Transformation Technology Service (TTS), provides digital/emerging technology solutions. Procurement authority to be determined. Consist of the following groups: 18F and Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies (OCSIT). Currently close to 300 people. May tap into FAS and PBS for COs.

- GSA Schedule initiatives
 - Make It Easier (MIE) initiative – Currently piloted under Schedule 70, may expand to other Schedules. Fast track lane to onboard vendors on Schedule with 30-45 days. Hand in hand with Spring Board which allows companies to substitute their experience/past performance/financial statements.
 - Plain English – make it easier to read/understand with less Government verbiage.
 - ODCs issue – finding legislation for a way to incorporate ODCs.
- Current audit on Oasis task orders to review how well the vehicle is used and quality of contracts.
- Human Capital
 - Vacancies based on contract availability in the following areas: Honolulu, San Francisco, and San Diego.
 - Filled 2 1102 positions in San Diego and 2 in San Francisco.
- Alliant and Alliant Small Business 2 GWAC solicitation wrapping up and forthcoming.

- PBS
 - \$400 million project workload, big portion going to small business.
 - Biggest challenge is to meet WOSB goals.
 - Human Capital
 - 51 FTEs, 11 non-1102s due to staffing issues
 - Hiring 4-5 1102s
 - 1176s have SAT warrants
 - Transitioning to new contracting system.

- SBA
 - Human Capital
 - Area Director position vacant for almost 2 years
 - Filled PCR position in San Diego
 - Pending rule on mentor-protégé Government-wide program
 - May 31 Final Rule preliminary highlights
 - roles of PCRs
 - new method on calculating limitations on subcontracting utilizing bottom line cost less cost of materials
 - Similarly situated entities – allows small business prime contractors to subcontract to similarly situated entities (i.e. 8(a) prime to subcontractor to another 8(a) contractor)
 - Subcontracting plans – non-performance sanctioned as breach of contract.
 - Nonmanufacture Rule – applies to commercial off the shelf software
 - Affiliation – small business joint ventures will not be regarded as affiliated, encourages small businesses to form teams.

3. Training

- Tom Andrews (GSA PBS) provided a list of contracting/program management classes they are hosting. See handout.
- Contact Cathy Jeffries via email at cathy.jeffries@gsa.gov for registration
- GSA PBS confirmed that they intend to have classes for FY 17.
- FEB writing classes
 - Simply Grammar 08/01-02
 - Write to the Point 08/03-04
 - Visit FEB website for more info at <https://www.sffeb.us/>

4. Acquisition Workforce Recognition

- FEYA award ceremony held on May 3.
- New category for acquisition
 - 10 -11 nominations
 - Same process (peer review)
 - Will be in next cycle (typically every 2 years)

5. Action Items

- SBA to follow up get clarification on whether or not “once 8(a) always 8(a)” policy has changed
- SBA to provide additional information on May 31 final rule.

*Next meeting scheduled for September 1.