eBusiness Briefs

This newsletter provides information on various topics relating to government procurement. Additional information can be obtained by accessing the websites provided or by contacting any GACO/GCAC office.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) – Federal Debt Flag (FDF)

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) mandating the Federal Debt Flag (FDF) in CCR was published on November 30, 2009 and will be active in February 2010. The FDF field is displayed in your CCR registration and can be accessed by logging into your account with your "User ID" and "Password." When you click on "view" from your user account, the "Delinquent Federal Debt" field is displayed below the "Business Start Date." If your registration shows "Yes" for the "Delinquent Federal Debt" field, then you will need to contact Financial Management Service (FMS), a bureau of the United States Treasury, at 800-304-3107 with any questions regarding that debt. CCR receives weekly updates from FMS for the FDF. We recommend checking your information to ensure the FDF is correct.

CCR Implementation of TPIN Retirement

On December 21, 2009 CCR performed the following:

* Removed all TPINS from the system
* Removed the TPIN login page that was in CCR Update
* Removed the Forgot TPIN page from CCR Update
* Removed the DUNS/TPIN login from the home page
* Updated the FAQs and any other CCR.gov pages to reflect the changes

All CCR registrants were notified via email of the TPIN retirement. Any CCR registrant who has not converted their TPIN to a user ID and password will have to contact the Federal Service Desk at 866-606-8220 or 334-206-7828 to gain access.

State Government Contracting

State governments offer a wide variety of opportunities for businesses to compete for government contracts. By accessing http://www.usa.gov/Business/Business_Gateway.shtml you will find a list of state procurement agencies and information on how to register as a contractor and bid on opportunities. After accessing the website click "Sell to the Government" and then scroll to the bottom of the page and click "State Procurement Agency."

Federal Reporting Requirements

In accordance with FAR clause 52.204-11, contractors who receive awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are required to report on the cumulative use of such funds for each calendar quarter. Contractors will need to register at the Federal Reporting Website, http://www.FederalReporting.gov and review the "Recipient Reporting Data Model" found under Downloads, to better understand the categories of information you will be required to provide.

Upcoming GACO Events

February 18, 2010 - CO-STARS Seminar, VA Medical Center, Butler, PA
October 20, 2010 - Procurement Opportunities Fair ‘10, Holiday Inn, Washington, PA
WebFLIS

The Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) free on-line system, WebFLIS, provides users with read only access to cataloging and supplier information on fourteen million active and inactive supply items used by the U.S. Government and NATO allies. No user code or password is required and searches can be performed by National Stock Number (NSN), Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code for company information only, Part Number, Partial Part Number, CAGE Code/Part Number, CAGE Code/Partial Part Number Combination and Company Name/Partial Part Number Combination. Accessing this database at http://www.dlis.dla.mil/webflis/pub/pub_search.aspx will enable you to see who is selling to the government, what they are selling and how much they charge for their products.

ARRA links on PA Department of General Services (DGS) Website

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, Pennsylvanians are expected to receive approximately $16 billion in funds for health care, education, infrastructure, job training, energy independence, housing and other aid. The Department of General Services Bureau of Minority and Woman Business Opportunities has added an ARRA (stimulus projects) section to its web page so that all small, minority-owned, and woman-owned businesses can easily find information on stimulus projects in Pennsylvania as well as nationwide. By accessing http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/arra_(stimulus_projects)/12355/information___sources/574024 you will find links to websites, ARRA opportunities, executive orders and press releases and a state agency point person contact list.

The Bureau has also released a Minority/Woman Business Enterprise Certification Application for minority and woman-owned businesses seeking M/WBE certification to perform on ARRA projects. Applicants must identify the specific ARRA projects requiring certification to expedite the certification process. This application can be downloaded from the website listed above under the Quick Links section. For additional questions you may contact Elizabeth Bowers, Western Region Representative, DGS Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at elowers@state.pa.us or 412-442-5872.

USAspending.gov

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 required full disclosure to the public of all entities or organizations receiving federal funds through a single searchable website. In December 2007, http://www.USAspending.gov was launched to provide information on federal awards that include: the name of the entity receiving the award, the amount of the award, information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, etc, and the location of the entity receiving the award. By accessing the website and clicking on the Spending tab, you can search for award information on federal contracts, purchase cards, grants and loans. Subcontracts and Subgrants pages are under development at this time. Under the contracts section, user search categories include contractor name, place of performance, and agency. The website is user friendly and can supply varying levels of detail for each federal contract award search ranging from summary information to complete data.

DIBBS Supplier Information Resource Center

Product Data Management Division (PDMD) customer service’s new website assists DIBBS vendors with technical data issues related to cFolders, open solicitations and contracts. At https://www.pdmd.dla.mil/cs you will be able to access DIBBS, download document views, obtain the DD Form 2345 (used to receive JCP certification) and log into cFolders with your User ID and Password.