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Today's Webinar

Welcome

Goals of today's session

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NSA WEBINAR

June 23, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Reconstituting Under COVID-19

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U.S. CYBERCOMMAND WEBINAR

June 11, 2020

FEATURING

MAJ. GEN. JOHN B. MORRISON, JR.
Chief of Staff

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Command Acquisitions Executive/J9 Director

DISA WEBINAR

April 24, 2020

FEATURING

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NSA WEBINAR

April 21, 2020

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More to come this summer!

MARYLAND PROCUREMENT OFFICE

► COVID-19: Moving Forward

► 06/23/2020

► (U) The overall classification of this briefing is **UNCLASSIFIED**.

RECONSTITUTION

- ▶ Decisions will be condition-based, flexible and site specific with tailored decisions for each location based on conditions in each local area.
- ▶ Travel restrictions:
 - ▶ For Agency personnel remain in effect per DIRNSA and SECDEF guidance.
 - ▶ Under current DoD guidance, official travel, with limited exceptions, has stopped.
 - ▶ MPO will travel locally only when necessary.
- ▶ In June, the Office of Security began to increase processing for contractor clearances on a limited basis.

RECONSTITUTION SAFETY MEASURES

- ▶ The Agency has implemented a number of mitigation procedures to ensure the safety of all NSA affiliates (civilian, military and contractor) within NSA spaces; to include:
 - ▶ The use of face coverings
 - ▶ Physical distancing
 - ▶ At home daily health checks
 - ▶ Workspace cleaning and disinfecting
 - ▶ Elevator etiquette
 - ▶ Personal hygiene (e.g. hand washing)
 - ▶ “Barriers” where needed

RECONSTITUTION SAFETY MEASURES

- ▶ The Agency is providing adequate hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes/spray and masks for NSA affiliates (civilian, military and contractors) within NSA spaces.
 - ▶ All cleaners and disinfectants must be OHESS-approved and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ NSA's Installation and Logistics (I&L) organization is responsible for all physical modifications within Agency spaces.
 - ▶ All buildings have been surveyed and necessary mitigations are scheduled to be completed by 2 July 2020.
- ▶ Temperature scanning
 - ▶ Pilots are in process at selected Agency locations
 - ▶ Data collected will inform decisions of when and how the pilots may be expanded

RECONSTITUTION SAFETY MEASURES

- ▶ There are currently no plans to install freestanding air/HEPA filters.
 - ▶ The Facilities organization evaluated the guidance set forth by the industry experts of American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE):
 - ▶ Programming adjustments were made to maximize the amount of outdoor air introduced into the buildings where feasible and applicable.
 - ▶ Disabled night setbacks and occupancy sensors to operate air handling systems on a continual basis, which ensures that consistent ventilation and maximum air exchanges is provided at all times.
 - ▶ These building systems are monitored and controlled 24/7 by our operations personnel in the Facilities Control Center (FCC).

RECONSTITUTION SAFETY MEASURES

- ▶ When any affiliate in the workplace is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they should immediately notify their supervisor or Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and contact OHESS Medical Center.
- ▶ All NSA/CSS contractors shall comply with MPOAS clause 352.204-9017, Public Health Emergency Requirements (SEP 2009).
 - ▶ Shall comply with all federal, state, local, DoD and NSA/CSS requirements to include Health and Safety of the NSA/CSS Workforce.

FY20 PRIORITIES

- ▶ Obligate expiring funds
- ▶ Continue to gradually restart competitive acquisitions
 - ▶ We will award as many as possible with our available resources
 - ▶ Determining which new procurements to award includes:
 - ▶ an analysis of the mission criticality of the work,
 - ▶ the availability of the source selection team members and facility,
 - ▶ and the workload of the contracting team.

ACQUISITION FORECASTING

- ▶ The Industry Forecast will resume in October 2020 with updates provided quarterly.
 - ▶ The Forecast will continue to address upcoming competitive acquisitions.
 - ▶ Decisions regarding specific ongoing acquisitions will be made by the respective Contracting team and communicated via updated Milestone Letters.
 - ▶ The Forecast will continue to focus on upcoming competitive awards. If an existing sole source contract is within 30 days of expiration, please reach out to the Contracting team for status.
- ▶ For RFQ solicitations that were in process when COVID-restrictions began, we are reviewing each procurement individually and making decisions based on the availability of Government and Industry resources.

EVENTS

- ▶ 2020 NAIPE Canceled (see ARC News dated 2 June 2020)
 - ▶ Planned to resume in Spring FY21
 - ▶ Requests for a virtual NAIPE in the November timeline
 - ▶ Will work with AFCEA to determine the best way to proceed.
- ▶ NAMAS
 - ▶ Currently planned for mid-November
 - ▶ Part or all of the conference will be held virtually

CARES ACT

- ▶ The CARES Act expires on 30 September 2020.
 - ▶ Absent an extension to the CARES Act or new legislation, NSA does not have the authority to continue reimbursement for contractors to keep their employees in a mission ready state.
 - ▶ Upon recall via the Code Orange Contract List, identified labor categories must be filled according to the required schedule. Personnel unable to report are no longer considered to be in a “ready state”. Therefore, their labor expenses are ineligible for recovery under the CARES Act.
 - ▶ The Agency does not anticipate additional “COVID” funding.
 - ▶ CARES Act invoices should not result in burn rates greater than what would have occurred absent COVID-related restrictions.

AWARD FEE CONTRACTS

- ▶ Award Fee (AF) periods, and associated AF pool amounts, that ended on 31 March 2020 will not be adjusted.
- ▶ MPO is analyzing how contracts with AF periods that end on 30 September (and later) will need to be adjusted.
 - ▶ Award Fee Plans are not identical and we will need to make decisions that account for the unique aspect of each contract.
 - ▶ Decisions will comply with the limitation of the CARES Act that does not allow fee on CARES Act labor expenses.
 - ▶ Decisions will be communicated to the Prime as soon as we are able.

TELEWORK

- ▶ The Agency is considering long-term changes to incorporate telework into our environment. These changes affect more than just technology and will take some time to incorporate across the Enterprise.
- ▶ MPO recently began two very limited pilots for contractor telework:
 - ▶ Piloting unclassified research with Universities.
 - ▶ Piloting use of the eVo development environment.
 - ▶ We will use the data from the pilots to determine next steps.

COMMUNICATION

- ▶ The Acquisition Resource Center (ARC) will remain our primary avenue for communication.
- ▶ Updates to the Code Orange Contract List will be posted every Tuesday and Thursday via the ARC until the Agency moves to Code Yellow.

Future Events

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FMA Rising Stars & Young AFCEANs
Virtual Networking Event

Kuhn Hall Wallbreaking: July 15, 2020

DISA Leadership Forecast: August 7, 2020

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