

The Department of Energy (DOE) is pursuing a sole source contract with the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy for partial sponsorship of the 2008 Summer Study Conference on Energy Efficiency in Buildings under FAR 6.302-1, One Responsible Source. The contract proposed period of performance is August 17-22, 2008.

The DOE is one of several agencies providing funding for a Summer Study Conference on Energy Efficiency that will bring together a diverse group of pre-eminent energy efficiency professionals. EERE (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies) will receive 20 registrations. DOE will also receive 11 papers on topics critical to BT (Building Technologies) that will be presented. The value of this effort is \$60,000.00.

The DOE has supported the ACEEE Summer Study Conference for a number of years. By using the same forum repeatedly, DOE is able to continue to consistently build on the face-to-face networking previously developed during previous conferences with a very diverse array of DOE program stakeholders.

The statutory authority for permitting other than full and open competition for this modification is Section 303[c][1] of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended by the Competition in Contracting Act, 10 USC 2304[c][1], and implemented by FAR 6.302-1[a][2][ii][B], which authorizes other than full and open competition when there is only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements; and when it is likely that an award to any other source may result in unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirements. ACEEE has the specialized knowledge and services, which have been used by the DOE and other agencies for a number of years successfully. The North American Industry Classification System (NAIC) Code for this requirement is 541710. \*\*\*See Numbered Note 22. Commercial firms who believe they have a superior solution to DOE's proposed award to American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy must respond in writing to the Contracting Officer.

Interested parties may submit a proposal and rationale as to why they should be considered by July 17, 2008 to: Mr. Anthony Buch, MA-641.2, 1000 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20585, or via e-mail to Anthony.buch@hq.doe.gov. The written response must include a discussion of why an alternate organization should be considered, general proposal for offering the service mentioned in this announcement, past performance client information for similar work, and a rational why your firm's proposal would be in the Government's best interest.