

**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
ACTION AGENDA**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT

ITEM: 5-IT **Agency Contact:** Ellis Kitchen (410) 260-2994
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DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Budget and Management (DBM)
Office of Information Technology (OIT)

CONTRACT ID: F10R6200027;
Independent Verification and Validation Services
(IV&V) for Major Information Technology
Development Projects (MITDP)
ADPICS NO. F10B6200013

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION: Small Business Reserve (SBR) contract to provide
Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) services to assess and report on the status of
various Major Information Technology Development Projects (MITDPs) that are being
implemented at State agencies.

AWARD: VeriSolv Technologies, Inc.
Reston, VA
(MDOT Certified MBE)

TERM: 3/2/2006 - 3/1/2009

AMOUNT: \$400,000 (3 Years)

PROCUREMENT METHOD: Competitive Sealed Proposals

BIDS OR PROPOSALS: See Attachment

MBE PARTICIPATION: None (see Requesting Agency
Remarks below)

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FUND SOURCE: 100% Gen.

APPROP. CODE: F10A0405

INCUMBENT: None

REQUESTING AGENCY REMARKS: This is a Small Business Reserve (SBR) procurement. As such, no MBE subcontracting goal was established because of the high number of MBEs who are SBR-registered and capable of providing IV&V services.

A notice of availability of the Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the *Maryland Contract Weekly*, at the *eMarylandMarketplace.com* and DBM websites and on the DBM Bid Board. Copies of the solicitation notice were mailed directly to 26 registered small business prospective vendors, 20 of which were Maryland firms, and included 18 MBEs. A copy was also sent to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs.

The pre-proposal conference was attended by 98 interested vendors. A total of 14 proposals were received, of which 7 were determined to be not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. Of the remaining 7 offerors, the ones technically ranked one and two submitted outstanding proposals, the rest were acceptable and so ranked (see Attachment).

As indicated in the Attachment, the financial offers were evaluated based on a three-year average total composite labor rate. Also, technical factors had greater weight than financial factors in the overall award determination. Award is recommended to VeriSolv Technologies, Inc. ("VeriSolv") as having submitted the most advantageous offer to the State. VeriSolv was the top technical ranked offeror and the fifth lowest cost offeror.

This contract will provide DBM with the means to:

- Provide third party, independent findings, recommendations, mitigation strategies and action items to re-establish goals and objectives of State MITDPs;
- Demonstrate proactive implementation of the State's IT Project Oversight Program; and
- Increase the likelihood of successful implementation of the State's portfolio of MITDPs.

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Two protests were filed against the proposed award of this contract to VeriSolv Technologies, Inc. Both protests were denied by the Department. The protest denials were not appealed to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals.

The *Award Amount* above is the budgeted amount for these services. Payments will be made based upon firm fixed labor rates contained in the contract.

RESIDENT BUSINESS: No

MD TAX CLEARANCE: 05-2566-0110

Board of Public Works Action - The above referenced Item was:

APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	DEFERRED	WITHDRAWN
	WITH DISCUSSION	WITHOUT DISCUSSION	