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**Subject: Sources Sought Announcement: US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
A-E HTRW ID/IQ Services MATOC Strategy, NAICS 541330**

Dear Small Business Advocates:

Thank you in advance for review of this letter. I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Small Environmental Business Action Coalition, Inc. (SEBAC), www.sebac.org. SEBAC serves as a voice for the small business community providing environmental engineering, remediation and related support to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and other Federal agencies throughout the country. A key part of our mission is to support and promote opportunities for small businesses by monitoring the federal government's goals, policies, and regulations regarding small business participation.

The purpose of this letter is to briefly introduce SEBAC and to hereby request that the planned acquisition referenced above be fully set-aside only for SB/SDB concerns, and that large business concerns be excluded from this acquisition. Based on publicly available spending reports (attached) on the current CENAE A-E HTRW ID/IQ Services contracts, the New England District has assigned a significantly larger dollar amount (approximately \$10M) of work to your two current large business

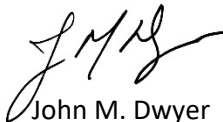
HTRW contractors, compared to only \$4M-\$5M (approximately) of work assigned to your 4 SB/SDB HTRW prime contractors combined. SEBAC is highly concerned about a growing trend where the majority of work is being assigned to large business concerns when a single Federal agency MATOC funding pool is to be shared between large business and SB/SDB concerns.

Further, with this planned ID/IQ type MATOC, SEBAC requests that the USACE limits project-specific competition (i.e. – task orders) to no more than three SB/SDB prime contractors. SEBAC is concerned about the increasing unrecoverable time and expense that SB/SDB concerns must incur in order to respond to and compete for issued project-specific requests in a MATOC environment. Instead, SEBAC supports the reliance of USACE upon the SB/SDB prime contractors stated qualifications and experience presented within their submitted SF330 forms (with updated SF330 submittals accepted annually) as the preferred and most time/cost-effective means to select a pool of up to three SB/SDB qualified prime contractors to compete for a project-specific A-E HTRW Services task order.

SB/SDB prime contractors have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to successfully undertake, manage and complete similar sized HTRW and related environmental contracts and task orders for the USACE. Given this, the capability of small businesses and past track record of success, there are ample facts surrounding the requests presented herein. SEBAC recognizes and appreciates the issuance of a Sources Sought Announcement by the USACE New England District for this planned acquisition.

We look forward to engaging you in a dialogue.

Respectfully,



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SEBAC