

Exploration of all available contracting authorities, including but not limited to a potential Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity contract for Reclamation to provide scalable access to commercially available construction management/testing resources on an individual project basis

Acquisition Offices supporting the Bureau of Reclamation are exploring the use of a multi-pronged strategy to provide Reclamation with flexibility to meet diverse project needs, cost efficiency through streamlined procurement and economies of scale, and scalability for surge capacity on managing large or complex construction projects. This approach could ensure legal compliance by maintaining FAR standards for Federal-led acquisitions while introducing partner-led pathways under SOL oversight for eligible projects. By diversifying procurement options, Reclamation is able to mitigate risks related to schedule delays and capacity constraints, ultimately supporting faster, more cost-effective delivery of critical infrastructure projects.

Accordingly, Reclamation could utilize FAR compliant vehicles to provide scalable access to construction management (CM), civil/mechanical/electrical inspection, and materials testing services on an individual project basis. Reclamation could also utilize Partner-Led Procurement Pathways under SO 3446 where they are legally supportable, enable qualified transferred works operators to conduct procurement for reserved works using SOL reviewed clause language and governance controls, while safeguarding Federal interests.

Acquisition offices supporting Reclamation projects will leverage the full range of tools in the acquisition toolbox to implement SO 3446 and provide timely, cost-effective project and construction support for Reclamation's projects, customers and stakeholders.

- **Multi-Award Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ)'s that provide for construction management**, inspection, and testing services organized by labor categories and geographic zones to ensure surge capacity. Ordering: Rapid task-ordering, standardized task order Statement of Work (SOW) templates, and performance-based task orders when feasible. The IDIQs would be in compliance with existing policy and regulation including, but not limited to: the Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS) for services; Davis-Bacon where task orders include construction labor; Competition & Socioeconomic requirements; Buy Indian Act preferences where applicable; and Quality & Safety requirements and site safety conformance, including contractor quality control plans reviewed by the Government.
- **Architect-Engineer (A-E) IDIQs that utilize SF-330 qualifications-based selection** for tasks meeting the statutory definition of A-E services, allowing for construction management/inspection/testing that is non-A-E and commercial on the primary FAR based IDIQs to expand Reclamation's ability to service and support its projects and stakeholders.
- **General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) / Blanket Purchase Agreements** will be used when market research confirms suitable coverage

and pricing to complement Reclamation IDIQs for standardized testing/inspection service categories and ancillary supplies/services.

- **Interagency Agreements (IAAs)** where capacity or specialized capability is needed (e.g., USACE labs), Reclamation will partner with Bureau's and Agencies to augment and support Reclamation's projects.

This multipronged approach:

- Provides Reclamation with flexibility to respond quickly to diverse project needs through multiple acquisition channels
- Diversifies procurement options to reduce schedule delays and capacity constraints
- Reduces administrative burden and consumer costs by streamlining procurement and leveraging economies of scale
- Provides surge capacity for large or complex projects through multi-award IDIQ pools and regional coverage, and
- Maintains statutory and FAR compliance for Federal-led acquisitions while introducing partner-led pathways under SOL oversight for eligible projects.