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The SPAWAR Systems Center, Atlantic (SSC-LANT) CIC met on Tuesday, 09 October 2012. Here are the highlights from that meeting:

**1. Trip Wires**

- a. There is no consistency for implementing the Trip Wires across the Navy SYSCOMs and other Acquisition Authorities (like NAVFAC).
- b. During the September 2012 CIC meeting, SSC-LANT indicated they had a target date for 01 October to develop standardized language for incorporating Trip Wires requirements into existing and new contracts, developing standardized implementation / compliance forms, developing examples for industry of “acceptable” rationale for breaching a Trip Wire threshold, and for completing internal Trip Wires training for SSC-LANT personnel. Although progress HAS been made, SSC-LANT has not completed the efforts described above. Estimated completion date for standardized Tripwire Memos, guidance to industry is 19 Oct 2012.
- c. SSC-LANT distributed to and requested feedback/comments from the CIC industry representatives to a proposed revised standardized CDRL A001, Contractor Progress, Status, and Management Report that includes Trip Wire reporting requirements.

**2. Pillars**

- a. Pillars CONOPS almost finished. CONOPS will provide guidance to applicable SSC-LANT representatives on how to determine which Pillar to use to support a given requirement and how to determine whether the required support should be solicited using the Unrestricted or Small Business (SB; includes SB, 8(a), and Preferred) contract(s) for that Pillar.
  - i. There will be some process EARLY in the Delivery Order (DO) acquisition process to determine whether a competitive DO RFP should be released to SB or Unrestricted Pillar contract holders.
    1. If SSC-LANT can determine in advance that only one (1) SB contract holder is capable of performing the work, the competitive DO RFP will be released to the Unrestricted Pillar contract holders.
    2. If SSC-LANT cannot determine in advance if only one (1) SB contract holder is capable of doing the work, SSC-LANT will conduct a Market Survey to determine whether two (2) or more SBs are capable of performing the work. If there are Two (2) or more capable SBs, the DO RFP will be released SB.

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- ii. SSC LANT CONOPS Working Group to meet 11 / 12 Oct to discuss where Market Survey will be injected into the process and other areas affecting MAC PR Execution Process.
- b. SSC-LANT hopes to award up to three (3) more SB Pillars in October and up to four (4) Unrestricted Pillars in the November/December timeframe.

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- 3. FY 2012 Defense Authorization Act Requirement that the Government pay no more for similar work than was paid in FY 2010.**
  - a. Does not apply to a Contract or DO less than \$10M or to “new” work (i.e., not work that is a follow-on to work performed in FY 2010).
  - b. SPAWAR Headquarters has provided implementation “guidance”, but SSC-LANT isn’t sure how to translate the guidance into action. Applies to both industry and SSC-LANT FY 2010 rates.
  - c. SSC-LANT is developing standardized language to be incorporated into existing and new contracts. Until further guidance is received on how 2010 rates will be determined standardized language will not be incorporated into existing or new contracts.
- 4. Invoicing (i.e., how SSC-LANT Contracting Officer’s Representatives (CORs) can obtain copies of invoices (and the necessary supporting detail)).**
  - a. Invoice content and supporting detail varies widely among contractors.
  - b. Every COR seems to be developing (and imposing on industry) their own requirement.
  - c. SSC-LANT to develop a common (i.e., standardized) supporting detail requirement and mandate industry compliance by incorporating this requirement into new and existing contracts.
- 5. Contractor Furnished Equipment (CFE) connected to the SSC-LANT network.**
  - a. Contractors will get approximately six (6) months to remove their equipment (computers and peripherals) connected to the SSC-LANT network.
  - b. Contractor personnel will then be given an NMICI or S&T seat.