



CONTRACT LAW DIVISION

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Biweekly Report—Period Ending July 19, 1997

Med-National, Inc. v. DOC—GAO B-277430

This recently filed protest against a NOAA procurement for personnel support services is being handled under GAO's express option provisions. Protester contends that NOAA improperly excluded its proposal from consideration because the proposal would have been received timely but for the Government's actions. We are preparing to file the agency report next week. Cecilia R. Jones has the case.

Telephone Questionnaire Procurement

Fred Kopatich attended the initial meeting of program and procurement personnel commencing this \$30 million Census procurement. This will be the fourth Census Bureau procurement using the streamlined CONOPS process. The Bureau intends to initially perform a detailed market survey through use of a Project Agreement before issuing a solicitation and requesting formal proposals.

Micromass v. DOC—GAO No. B-277378

This is a new NIST protest challenging the specifications for a RFP for a Low Resolution Inductively Coupled Mass Spectrometer. Protestor claims that the specifications are unduly restrictive. We are meeting with the program office in the coming week to evaluate this protest. Our agency report is due on or before July 30, 1997. Ken Lechter has the case.

North Florida Shipyards, Inc. v. DOC—GSBCA No. 14030-COM

Ken Lechter is scheduled to travel to Norfolk next week to coordinate document production and defend the deposition of one of the Government's experts in this claim against NOAA of approximately \$500,000.00 arising out of a contract for ship repair.

Techno-Sciences, Inc. v. DOC—GAO B-277260

We have drafted a Declaration from the COTR in this protest over NESDIS' § 8(a) acquisition of non-proprietary software to operate the SARSAT US Mission Control Center. SBA is submitting a statement on behalf of the Department's position. The Agency Report is due next week. Amy Freeman and Mark Langstein have the matter.

PTO-Patent Data Capture Services Project

The Project Team for PTO's \$110 million patent data capture services project has finalized the Project Agreement which will begin the procurement. The Project Team is utilizing the Concept of Operation, a streamlined method of procurement, to acquire these services essential for the publication of PTO's Official Gazette and paper copies and CD ROMs of issued patents. Lisa J. Obayashi is advising.

Unisys v. DOC—GSBCA Nos. 12823-COM, 13460-COM and 13477-COM

By the end of this week we expect the NEXRAD contract to be modified to include the terms of the settlement agreement negotiated several weeks ago. Unisys raised several objections to the modification which we were able to resolve. Terry Lee and Steve Carrara

Discussions with the Ukrainian Government

Ken Lechter participated, as part of the interagency team, to brief Ambassador Morningstar on the results of the team's recent trip to Ukraine.

