



July 30, 1999

**DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. DE-RP05-99OR22717  
FOR COMMENT**

The enclosed Acquisition Approach and initial draft Request for Proposal (RFP) describes a major Department of Energy, acquisition for services to the Depleted Uranium Management Program. The primary services required are conversion of the Department's depleted uranium hexafluoride ( $\text{DUF}_6$ ) inventory stored at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site in Ohio, the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site in Kentucky, and the East Tennessee Technology Park in Tennessee.

Normally, it is the Department's policy to issue a draft RFP when the document is essentially complete. However, the Department views the conversion of its  $\text{DUF}_6$  inventory as an opportunity to strengthen the historic relationship between the Department, the gaseous diffusion plants, and the surrounding communities. Pursuant to this objective, the Department is seeking stakeholder input early in the Acquisition Approach and RFP development process to ensure the concerns and issues of the local community, community reuse organizations, local and State governments, Congress, and interested citizens are considered. Further, because of the unique characteristics of this acquisition the Department is very interested in receiving early input from potential bidders.

The initial draft RFP includes only the most significant section in complete form for comment. The complete draft sections include: Section C (Statement of Work), Section L (Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors), and Section M (Evaluation Factors for Award). The remaining Sections appear in summary form in this draft and will be completed and made available in the coming weeks.

The contract base is currently five and a half years due to the restriction of the Service Contract Act which limits the Cylinder Management portion to five years. However, the Department plans to apply to the Department of Labor for a waiver to allow the Contract base to be extended to ten years.

In addition, it should be noted that based on stakeholder and industry comments, it is expected that the Acquisition Approach and initial draft RFP sections presented here will change prior to the issuance of the final RFP. Any effort expended by potential offerors to prepare bids at this time is strongly discouraged and would be at the offeror's risk.

Comments concerning the Acquisition Approach and the initial draft RFP must be forwarded by E-mail to *DUF6-RFP.comments@hq.doe.gov* or submitted in writing to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, ATTN: Edmond G. Tourigny, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585. Offerors, in addition to submitting proprietary information submit a copy that can be summarized and publicized. Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. eastern time on Friday, August 20, 1999. No response will be provided for individual comments; however, comments may be summarized or publicized. Please clearly state if you prefer to have your comments published anonymously.

Finally, potential offerors may schedule a meeting with representatives of the Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Management Program to discuss their conversion capabilities. The meetings are not part of the acquisition evaluation process. The meetings will be held in Washington, D.C., between August 23, 1999, and September 10, 1999. To schedule a meeting, please contact Julie Simmons at 301-903-2348 or via electronic mail at *julie.simmons@hq.doe.gov*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Shaw", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Shaw, Chairman  
Source Evaluation Board

Enclosures