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New contracts to provide fast, easy mechanism to improve energy efficiency

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Installation energy managers Armywide are looking for ways to improve energy efficiency as they strive to meet mandated energy goals.

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's Energy Conservation Investment Program is developing the tools and has the expertise in place to help U.S. Army Corps of Engineers districts and DoD installations worldwide in this endeavor.

ECIP is a military construction-funded program designed to improve energy efficiency at Department of Defense facilities while reducing associated utility energy and non-energy related costs. ECIP is a key component of DoD's energy management strategy. ECIP projects focus on energy and water savings, implementing renewable energy and converting systems to cleaner energy sources.

The Huntsville Center is dedicated to meeting this mission by supporting local Corps districts, as well as the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and other DoD agencies. Because the Center is not restricted by geography, it can provide single source convenience and rapid acquisition for both renewable and non-renewable funded energy projects.

The Huntsville Center has committed to providing this capability by initiating a five-year, \$250 million design-build multiple award task order contract. This capability is in the request for proposals stage, and will come online in early 2011. These contracts are structured to provide ECIP contract acquisition and project management support DoD-wide. The main objective of these contracts is to provide appropriate, turnkey solutions for clients who need them.

Another contracting tool that will support the more detailed designs required in complex energy savings projects is an energy architect and engineering MATOC that also will be online and available to assist clients in early 2011.

These design-build contracts will allow DoD clients the opportunity to meet Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), Executive Order 13423 "Strengthening Federal Environmental Energy and Transportation Management" and the Energy Independence and Security act of 2007 (EISA2007). EPA 2005 and EISA2007 require a 3 percent federal energy reduction with a target of 30 percent reduction by 2015. ECIP projects in conjunction with other energy savings improvements assist clients with meeting these goals.

The primary objective for these contracts is to allow Huntsville Center to assist customers with meeting these energy requirements by using industry leading contractors. It is anticipated that due to the overwhelming response in the initial survey of interest, the five-year capacity for both contracts will be depleted in less than five years.

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Acronyms List

ECIP - Energy Conservation and Investment Program

MATOC - Multiple Award Task Order Contract.

DoD - Department of Defense.

MILCON - Military Construction.

USACE - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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