



Information Technology Laboratory

Electronic Bid Solicitations

Background Advertising and processing bids for services and goods for the Federal Government can be time-consuming, cumbersome, and costly. These disadvantages discourage or even prevent some potential contractors from learning about and/or submitting bids. In addition, Department of Defense agencies are mandated to reduce or eliminate the need for costly printed media. The CADD/GIS Technology Center for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment designed and implemented the Electronic Bid Solicitations (EBS) system as a paperless means of facilitating the procurement process for prospective bidders and making the process more efficient for Government agencies. Prospective bidders can view, search, download, and request project solicitation documents on the Web. The only requirements are a Windows-based PC, a CD-ROM drive, and an Internet browser. The Center maintains the EBS system and offers Web hosting support to Government activities.

The EBS received the prestigious Vice President's Hammer Award for Excellence in 1996.



- Objectives**
- Improve and streamline the procurement process.
 - Eliminate unnecessary reproduction and storage of printed media.
 - Enable significant savings in resources.

- Benefits** The EBS system:
- Enables immediate access to information.
 - Facilitates paperless contracting.
 - Lowers administrative costs of engineering and construction procurement through reduction of printing and reproduction costs for plans and specifications.
 - Encourages solicitations from prospective bidders.
 - Enables faster processing the bids and contracts.
 - Enables cost avoidance of about 80% versus issuing paper bid solicitations.

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