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USACE hosts 'Industry Day' for Mendenhall Glacial Lake Outburst Floods Emergency Water Conveyance Prototype

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the first step toward constructing an “Emergency Water Conveyance Prototype” on Friday to address the annual Mendenhall Glacial Lake Outburst Floods in Juneau, Alaska.

USACE leadership and technical experts hosted interested offerors in-person and virtually during an event commonly referred to as an “Industry Day.” The purpose of the event was to provide context for the problem affecting residents in the Mendenhall River Valley, the parameters of the engineering objectives to design and build an EWCP aimed at mitigating the risk of flooding from GLOFs and to answer questions from potential offerors. In total, about 39 interested industry partners attended the event.

“Today’s Industry Day is an exciting step for USACE, our partners and the residents within the Mendenhall River Valley,” said Col. Victor Trujillo II, commander of the USACE – Alaska District. “Under the guiding principles of ‘Building Infrastructure, Not Paperwork,’ we are committed to moving quickly to deliver a long-term solution to Juneau—one that is affordable for the taxpayer and strengthened by the expertise and innovation of the private sector.”

USACE will be using an “Other Transaction” acquisition to develop, design and construct an innovative prototype project. This progressive design-build approach includes three phases – a pre-agreement phase for the planning, solicitation and award of the OT agreement; design and preconstruction services; and then the final design and construction of the prototype.

Moving forward, offerors interested in the project will need to submit a “white paper” to the agreements officer by Sept. 4. This document initiates the competitive selection process to find the best qualified offeror for the EWCP. Typically, this paper includes their proposed technical and organizational approach as well as demonstrating experience. USACE will then review the papers and select the best qualified offerors to be invited to participate in the pitch presentations at the end of September.

The intent of the EWCP is to prevent water levels in Suicide Basin from reaching an elevation sufficient to produce enough hydraulic pressure against Mendenhall Glacier to initiate a GLOF event. The EWCP shall prevent water levels in the Suicide Basin from rising above an elevation of 1,100 feet, while safely managing peak discharge rates of approximately 1,000 cubic feet per second to protect downstream communities.

For more information about this project and solicitation, please visit <https://sam.gov/workspace/contract/opp/a6eaa7dc33f84f9f90137b9ebbf5c09/view>.

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