

## Chapter 10 System Procurement

### 10-1. General

*a.* The term "Information Technology (IT)" is defined in Public Law (PL) 104-106, Section 5002 Definitions, (3) (b). IT includes computers, ancillary equipment, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services) and related resources.

*b.* The passage of PL 104-106 has shifted the responsibility for management and oversight of IT from the General Services Administration (GSA) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). GSA abolished the FIRMR effective 8 Aug 96. OMB is required to issue guidance in conducting IT acquisitions. Your local Director or Chief of Information Management will be able to provide you with the latest guidance and direction in defining and developing the appropriate documentation to justify initiating the acquisition process. As a minimum, requirements should have been identified in your organization's IMA Mod Plan and the IT assets captured in the Requirement Statements Management System (RSMS). If solicitation or contract does not require IT then a brief statement must accompany the request that states, the specification for this contract do not contain any requirement for IT."

*c.* The documentation required to justify initiating the acquisition process is, generally: stating a specific mission that needs IT resources to satisfy that mission, with measurable benefits derived from the investment. All of these must be consistent with common sense and sound business practices.

(1) The planning for IT resource requirements starts with establishing the mission need. The needs identified at program initiation must be reexamined at each milestone to assure that they reflect the most current program conditions and IT. The following are major elements in the acquisition process: mission needs, structuring an acquisition strategy, developing producible and affordable designs, making decisions, and assessing program status as it applies to Life Cycle Management of Information System (LCMIS).

(2) A part of the requirement justification must identify the IT resource being requested, in order that the Director or Chief of Information Management can certify compliance that it is consistent with Army Technical Architecture. A statement justifying the requirement is required, and a financial analysis under LCMIS may be required. You need to assure that requirement statement has been updated and still conveys the justification for the IT resource.

### 10-2. Contract Vehicles

This section lists the points of contact for some existing contract vehicles that can be used by USACE Commands to procure GDS hardware and/or software. These contracts are applicable to GDS procurements but are by no means the only vehicles available. Using an existing contract vehicle eliminates some of the procurement steps. However, all hardware procurements must have approved Life Cycle Management documentation, a Requirements Analysis and Analysis of Alternatives.

The most important contract for acquisition of GDS hardware and software is the "Facilities CAD2" contract. The CAD2 contract was awarded to two vendors, Intergraph (Contract N66032-93-D-0021) and Cordant, Inc. (Contract N66032-93-D-0022). Both vendors offer a wide variety of software and hardware products and support services for GD&S applications.

The USACE point of contact for the Facilities CAD2 contract is:

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GDS software and hardware are also available from the CEAP-IA. This contract supports the Corps of Engineers Automation Plan (CEAP) and is an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract. The ESRI line of ARC/Info GDS software products are available from this contract. It also provides multiuser SUN and Control Data 4000 workstations, SUN and Control Data 4000 UNIX mini-computers, Control Data CYBER mainframes, local (LAN) and wide area network (WAN) hardware and software, the ORACLE database management system with associated products, and professional support services.

The USACE Point of Contact for the CEAP-IA is:

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The Small Multi-user Computer-II (SMC-II) contract was awarded to Telos and supplies peripherals, software, networking components, maintenance, and engineering

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