

Chemical Biological Defense Acquisition Initiatives Forum

Small Business Sector

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DCMA (Defense Contract Management Agency) Role

- **How does industry & JPO view their role**

Traditionally small businesses have minimal interface with DCMA in the support of Chem Bio programs especially if the services provided by the small business are in development, design and engineering.

- **Is DCMA a benefit, detriment or just there?**

The benefit or detriment of DCMA is more personality than mission driven. Some DCMA Reps are proactive/team players who work closely with the requiring activity.

- **How can DCMA provide more value to both industry and JPEO?**

By working closely with the requiring activity and minimizing the “DCMA traditional” tasks that add no value to the program. Also early involvement of the DCMA Rep with the requiring contract and technical community would be beneficial.

Contracts

- **Are contracts the “Right Size” and Type for competition?**

Yes

- **Are contract awards fair?**

Yes

- **Are contracts administered fairly?**

Yes

- **Do contracts protect both the company and the Government?**

Yes

- **What improvements can be made to the contract process?**

Our experience is that contract are the right size and type for competition, contract awards are fair and contracts are administered fairly.

Statements of Work

- **Are SOWs clear and specific?**

Yes

- **Are there inconsistencies?**

None that can not be easily clarified

- **What improvements could be included?**

Statements of work are consistent, clear and specific.

Independent Research and Development efforts in the CBD Sector

- **Does the size of the CBD market enable industry to maintain a robust independent R&D capability?**

No. Independent R&D capabilities are limited to small businesses.

- **How does the S&T investment compare to industry IR&D?**

Small businesses traditionally benefit and have better opportunities from S&T funding than IR&D.