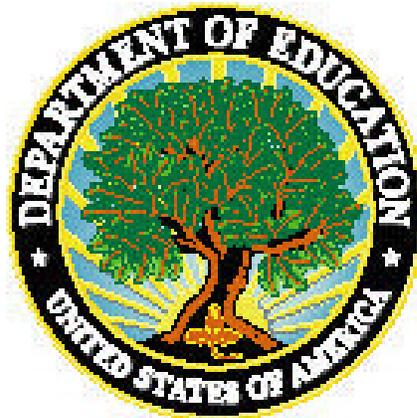


SFA Modernization Partner Project LEGACY CONTRACT TRANSITION PLAN

Campus Based Maintenance and Development (CBMD)



Part 3 Recommendation and Timetable For Transition Plan for CBMD

Source Selection Information – See FAR 3.104

Recommendation:

The Student Financial Assistance Program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) should seek to offer a solicitation for a new Performance-based contract, through December 31, 2002 (with a one year option period) to meet requirements for maintenance, operations, technical support, software, and documentation for the CBMD. The solicitation should be offered through a GWAC's program (e.g., GSA, ITOP's, COMMITS, etc.) and priority should be given to mandating a disadvantaged business contractor.

The CBMD is at the center of a larger system designed to deliver billions of dollars of Federal financial assistance to students pursuing a post-secondary education. Student Financial Assistance (SFA) is developing a modernization plan that will affect all systems in SFA, including the CBMD system. SFA recently awarded a contract to Andersen Consulting to serve as a Modernization Partner to assist in the final development and implementation of the modernization plan. Andersen Consulting has identified 23 major initiatives to be included in the implementation of the modernization plan which will result in major changes to all of the existing (legacy) systems within SFA. The timetable for completing these initiatives ranges from October 2000 to June 2002. Therefore, the basic contract should be let through December 2002, and include a one year option period. This will cover implementation of the new plan, testing and turnover to operations, as well as any potential changes to the current schedule. Additionally, because the system is antiquated and because of the Initiatives Timeframe for implementation, the solicitation should also include a task for conversion of the database to a relational database, as well as continued operations, maintenance of data and conversion of systems.