

SFA Modernization Partner Project LEGACY CONTRACT TRANSITION PLAN

Post-secondary Education Participants System (PEPS)



Part 3 Recommendation and Timetable For Transition Plan for PEPS

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, 2003. The contract should allow for annual task orders to fulfill the requirements for maintenance, operational, technical support, systems, software, and documentation development and support by the Post-secondary Education Participants System (PEPS). In addition, because the SFA is a Performance Based Organization, the new contract should include performance metrics by which the contractor is measured and compensated. The solicitation should be offered through a GWAC's program (e.g. GSA Schedule, ITOPs, COMMITS, etc.).

The basic contract should be let through December 2003, to allow for the implementation in the timeframe discussed above and to also allow for any schedule slippage. The contract should provide for annual or shorter duration task orders for performance under the contract to allow for an earlier termination of the contract if the implementation of the new plan, including any testing which may need to be done, can be accomplished sooner than is currently projected.

The PEPS is a part 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 PEPS 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 initiatives which will have a significant impact on the PEPS are shown below (See Part 2, Product and Services Release Plan Initiatives Affecting PEPS, for detailed supporting information).

<u>Initiative</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Data Warehouse	Apr 00	Aug 01
Enterprise Integration	Apr 00	Sep 01
Advanced Call Center	Feb 00	Jun 01
Single Identifier (PIN)	Oct 00	Sep 01
Information Security	May 00	Jun 01
FMS Phase III (Full Functionality)	Aug 00	Sep 01
Web Portals for Schools		
• Conversion/Migration (IFAP)	Mar 00	Jun 00
• Common Origination & Disbursement	Jul 00	Jun 02