

# UXO Contractors - Don't Let 3 Years of Work Pass You By

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**Huntsville, Alabama** In an announcement posted on April 15, the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville announced their intent to extend the existing Small Business Worldwide Environmental Remediation Services (WERS) contracts by three years. This represents a 60% increase in the total contract period of performance, thus providing an eight year contract for the existing seven small business contract holders.

By policy / design the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) limits the bulk of the UXO work to 'Munitions Design Centers' - considering that each Design Center has major large scale multi-year contracts (e.g., WERS, MAMMS, MEGA) there are only a few USACE contract opportunities that open up over the years as is. Extending one of those major contracts by 60% to only the current seven contractors / teams by three years not only impacts other small business trying to grow, and essentially provides an un-fair competitive advantage for future opportunities to those companies fortunate enough to obtain eight straight years of experience with Huntsville.

The notice is requesting both small and large businesses (singularly or part of team) to respond to the Sources Sought announcement so that Huntsville can "better understand the market" according to their response to UXOInfo.com's inquiry about the notice.

Deadline for submissions is 23 April (Thursday). For reference, the posting can be viewed using the download link below.

UXOInfo.com and its management company, Ordnance Holdings, Inc. (OHI), is encouraging businesses to respond to the Sources Sought Notice. If enough response is generated, it may help to sway the Huntsville Center to re-consider their decision and examine / explore other contracting mechanisms that would be **open to ALL Small Businesses** and not just benefit the select few (7) current WERS Small Business contract holders.