Electronic Bid Sets

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Historical Perspective

- Directed by Department of Army to become “paperless” in FY 98.
- First step October 97 all Army Military Construction would be done in electronic format.
- By the end of FY 98 all Military Construction would be in electronic format.
The files on the CD-ROM or Website are developed at the local office.

- Reproduced locally or commercially.
- The CD-ROM contains the Contract Viewer Software module, which integrates the Acrobat Reader and the MaxView Reader.
Welcome to the Seattle District

Advertised Solicitations

Click on a Solicitation Number to View or Register.

- CD
- Paper
- Web/FACNET
- Notice Only

Click on a heading to sort by that heading.

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Electronic Bid Solicitation Packaging

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CD Rom Information
Efficiency Through Innovation

- Lowers reproduction and distribution costs.
- Hyper-linking eases burden of shuffling through large amounts of technical drawings and specifications.
- In the future EBS Bids may be electronically filed.
How EBS affects you, the Contractor:

- Solicitation requested via Internet, FAX, or mail.
- Solicitation Received via mail or Internet.
- Download the Readers, or Insert the CD-ROM and open the solicitation.
- Page through as you would a paper solicitation.
- Take measurements and do take-offs as you would a paper solicitation cutting and pasting the results in your spreadsheet.
Why the Change to Electronic Bid Solicitation (EBS)

$ave Costs

... to the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Cost Savings

- **Military Construction Projects**

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- **Civil Projects**

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*Based on FY97 costs*
Minimum Hardware & Software Requirements

- **Hardware:** Pentium
  - CD-ROM: 8X or better
  - RAM: 64 Meg or more
  - Monitor: 17” SVGA
- **Software:** Windows 95, 98/NT
EBS Distribution

- EBS CD-ROM’s are sent to registered plan holders.
- Registration can be accomplished via the internet at the Corps of Engineers Web Site.
  - No telephone calls to the local office accepted.
- Some EBS packages are distributed only on-line.
Contractor Usability

- The CD-ROM contains all the software to navigate and read the contract and all associated drawings.
- A free, basic reader is provided, but other commercial software is available to do take-offs and make estimates.
The Contract Viewer will appear on the screen once the CD-ROM is inserted in the computer.

Available on the toolbar are the Contract, Notes, Drawings and Specifications, Help and Exit.

A “Splash Screen” will appear indicating the Proposal due date and other information about the solicitation.
# EBS Summary

## Contract Viewer

Integrates the following 2 applications

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<td>- Read the text of the Contract and applicable notes</td>
<td>- View drawings of the Contract</td>
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<td>- Hyper-linking capabilities</td>
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<td>- Print or copy sections to word processors</td>
<td>- Tools for measuring &amp; estimating</td>
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EBS Summary ... (con’t)

- Contract documents and specifications can be read ... 
- Take-offs can be made from EBS drawings on CD or downloaded from Web site ... 
- Estimations can be made with the same tools you now use ... 
- Paper doesn’t have to be printed and pen or pencil does not have to touch it to complete an estimated bid (except for submission of final sealed bid package).
Electronic Commerce Resource Center (ECRC)

- Funded by the Department of Defense (DOD)
- Administered by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- Chartered to assist Suppliers and Contractors in adopting Electronic Commerce to do business with the Government
- Has classes and on-line seminars to help you.
- Closes September 2001

http://www.becrc.org