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Subject: Request Nominations for participation in the Specification Partnering Team in conjunction with CSI to develop a Government Specifications Credentialing Exam.

Applicability: Information

1. Purpose. This ECB announces the Corps Specifications Steering Committee's (CSSC) partnership with the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) to develop a new government-oriented CSI Certification for Technical Specifications, (CDT+G). The focus of the exam will be to address the unique characteristics of Government Construction Process as well as establish a common understanding and utilization of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in the soliciting and award of government construction contracts. Furthermore, the exam will seek to improve the utilization of SPECSINTACT in the production of construction documents for government work.

2. General Information: The CSSC is looking for interested candidates with Engineering/Technical experience and/or Project Management/ Contracting experience. Preference will be given to candidates also possessing Source Selection / Source Selection Evaluation experience. The CSSC is looking for a total of 4 Candidates to participate in the 1 year exam development process. Funding for Travel and Labor will be provided for this effort, as needed to meet team objectives. Interested Applicants must obtain supervisory approval to participate. Deadline for submitting applications is 16 August 2013. Application should be submitted electronically to Stephen Goodin. See Attachment.

3. Application Information: To submit an application, completely fill out the document 'APPLICATION' which is located on the Specification CoP Website at <https://cops.usace.army.mil/sites/EC/Specs/Shared%20Documents/CSSC%20EDUCATION%20INITIATIVE%20APPLICATION.docx>. Send an email with the application as an attached PDF document to Stephen.F.Goodin@usace.army.mil. The subject line should read as follows: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME: CSSC APPLICATION. For example, GRAY, AMBER: CSSC APPLICATION.

4. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- a. Currently employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers with 5-10 years of Technical; Project Management or Contracting experience.
- b. Desire to enhance the Specification Community of Practice. Enhance AE response to Government Requests for Proposals, enhance common understanding and best practices in the development of construction documents.

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- c. Authority and desire to commit a minimum of 20 hours per quarter, participate in telephonic meetings and (4) Face to Face Meeting on this effort through 30 August 2014.

5. Corps Policy on Certifications.

- a. Continued Corps compliance in selecting “the most highly qualified A-E firm” based upon professional qualifications ensures the Corps objective of getting “quality” products and services/plans and specifications that ultimately defines the quality of every Corps project that utilize A-E services.

- b. In making determination of the most highly qualified firm during the evaluation of relevant A-E personnel qualifications, necessary for the performance of the required services; A-E selection boards are encouraged to consider accredited certifications like CDT+G that demonstrate fundamental knowledge of government specification writing, construction contract requirements and the federal acquisition process; including applicable FAR and funding limitations.

- c. Related policy; In order to enhance organizational learning as well as for individual career progression purposes, Corps employees are encouraged to obtain and maintain certification/credentials like the CSI Technical Specifications CDT+G certification. Note; Employees may be authorized reimbursement for obtaining and maintaining this type professional certification; subject to organizational approval and the availability of funds.

6. Point of Contacts: Point of contact for this bulletin is Stephen Goodin, CESAD-RBT, (404) 562-5115, Stephen.F.Goodin@usace.army.mil or Zenovia Wilcox at HQUSACE (CECW-CE), (202) 761-4829, Zenovia.D.Wilcox@usace.army.mil.

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