

## NOTICE TO OFFERORS

At this time, a pre-proposal conference is not planned for this solicitation. If a pre-proposal conference is later deemed to be necessary, details will be provided via an amendment to the solicitation

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Program has established Centers of Excellence (COEs) in various technology areas in order to assist in the selection, development, and execution of ManTech Projects. These COEs serve as focal points for the development and technology transfer of new and or improved manufacturing processes or products. Navy ManTech has had an ongoing effort to develop and deploy shipbuilding and ship repair technology for key naval platforms. The shipbuilding center of excellence for the past five years has operated as the Center for Naval Shipbuilding Technology (CNST), managed by the Advanced Technology International (ATI) operating as SCRA Applied R&D. CNST is located at 5300 International Boulevard, Charleston, SC, 29418. The CNST website is found at [www.cnst.us](http://www.cnst.us). The website provides additional information on the center, information on active projects, and technical reports on completed projects.

For this Naval Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence (NSAM COE) effort, ONR is expanding the scope of work to include not only shipbuilding and ship repair but also advanced manufacturing technologies in general to reduce the cost and time to build and repair key naval platforms supported by the Navy ManTech Investment Strategy.

The Government encourages innovative approaches to meeting the Navy's technology needs, and the lack of in-house large industrial facilities or equipment should not deter prospective Offerors. Some examples of how the needs could possibly be met without actually possessing a facility and equipment include, but are certainly not limited to, teaming arrangements and consortiums. The focus is on the development and deployment of shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing technologies in U.S. shipyards and other industrial facilities. As a result, it is envisioned that most, if not all, of the technical effort on ManTech projects will be performed by the shipyards or related companies and not by NSAM COE personnel using NSAM COE facilities. The intent is to increase implementation of the technologies as well as minimize the operations and management costs of the NSAM COE. Special projects as assigned by the ManTech Director or ONR Program Officer, such as shipyard or other industrial facility benchmarking studies and program office technical assistance, could be performed in-house by the NSAM COE or via subcontract. Some ManTech or Special Projects could potentially be classified as "Secret." As a result, Offeror must have a Secret facility clearance with Secret safeguarding or have the capability to obtain one. Offeror should also be able to provide access to both classified and unclassified meeting spaces.

Websites that may provide additional information on the Navy and DoD ManTech Programs are: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Science-Technology/Directorates/Transition/Manufacturing-ManTech.aspx> and <http://www.dodmantech.com>.