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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Announces Results of National A-76 Competition For Information Management/Information Technology Functions

VICKSBURG, Miss., June 21, 2006 — Following an 18-month competition of its Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) functions, the initial performance decision of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is to retain the work in-house for performance by the Most Efficient Organization.

The Government's Most Efficient Organization was selected based on lowest cost technically acceptable. As part of the competition process and before implementing the results of the competition, the unsuccessful offerors are afforded an opportunity to protest the decision in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

The competition began in June 2004, and involved work performed by more than 1300 employees and more than 500 contractors at Corps locations throughout the United States. The IM/IT competition was conducted in response to the President's Management Agenda, which requires all federal agencies to streamline and become more effective.

The competition included 102 positions at the three Corps organizations in Vicksburg, Miss. The numbers by organization are: four at the Mississippi Valley Division, 21 at the Vicksburg District, and 77 at the Engineer Research and Development Center.

The IM/IT services included in the competition are: (1) automation services and systems support, (2) communications services and systems support, (3) information assurance service and support, (4) record management services and support, (5) printing and publication services, (6) visual information services, and (7) IM/IT Administration and Management.

Public-private competitions are conducted under the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. The process included a public comment period on the Performance Work Statement that describes the Government's requirements. The process also included three industry forums where potential service providers were provided additional information and given an opportunity to offer comments on the competition.

Under the OMB circular, the federal employees performing the work compete against the private sector and other public reimbursable service providers for the requirements described in the Performance Work Statement.

In addition to the IM/IT competition, the Corps is currently conducting two other competitions for its Finance Center data entry activity in Millington, Tennessee and the Directorate of Public Works functions at two research facilities.

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(Editors Note: For more information on the overall A-76 Competition, contact George Halford, Corps Headquarters Public Affairs Office, at 202-761-1801.)