

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Pittsburgh District, is conducting Market Research to determine contractor interest and capability of performing the Crooked Creek Lake Jib Crane Work Platform and Safety Update project. This direct sources sought notice is for market research purposes only as it will help USACE, Pittsburgh District determine an acquisition approach for this project.

If you are interested and capable of performing this project, please respond to Mario.Taormina@usace.army.mil by 12:00 PM ET, 29 June 2026. Please reference responses criteria below.

Summary of Work:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, has a project that involves erecting a platform on the exterior of the Control Tower at Crooked Creek Lake located in Armstrong County, PA. The purpose of the platform is to facilitate maintenance on the previously installed jib crane which is otherwise inaccessible to workers. The timing of this contract coincides with new OSHA requirements involving ladders and fall protection. So, while not necessarily part of erecting a platform, updates to the exterior ladder in the vicinity of the platform are made as well while the Contractor is mobilized.

The jib crane on the exterior of the Control Tower is the only means of raising and lowering the stoplogs in the raking platform of the tower. This crane has not been regularly maintained since the 1990's when it was installed. Currently, the only way to reach the crane is to lean off from a permanent ladder on the exterior of the tower, or rappel from above. Neither of these options is feasible, and the crane has started to fall into disrepair.

To install the work platform, the existing ladder cage needs to be demolished on the exterior of the tower. The existing fall protection system is retained. This is also consistent with new regulations that disallow ladder cages.

The platform itself is made of structural steel framing, aluminum bar grating, and aluminum hand railing. It is installed at an elevation such that maintenance workers can walk the length of the jib while it is in the parked position to do maintenance. The platform

will have a mezzanine slide gate to allow the jib hoist to swing out over the raking platform without impacting the hand railing.

The distance from the Operations Platform to the work platform is less than 24 feet, therefore no fall protection is required. From the new work platform to the Raking Platform is greater than 24 feet. Rather than install new fall protection here, a step off platform is installed between the two, ensuring no free fall distance greater than 24 feet. No new fall protection is required on the exterior of the control tower.

The Period of Performance is 365 Calendar Days after Notice to Proceed (NTP).

The location of the work is 114 Park Main Road, Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Response criteria:

If you are interested and capable in this project, please respond, via email, to Mario Taormina at Mario.Taormina@usace.army.mil by **12:00 PM ET, 29 June 2026** with the following information:

- 1) Business Name and Address
- 2) Small Business Status and applicable Socio-Economic Tier
- 3) Point of Contact
- 4) Statement of interest or capability
- 5) Capability Statements, or documentation of capabilities
- 6) Any other information you wish to provide related to this project

We appreciate you taking the time in reviewing this upcoming project. Again, if you are interested and capable of performing this project, please respond. Your responses will assist in determining an acquisition approach. Please note: This sources sought notice is

for market research purposes only and does not include specifications, drawings, plans, or other pertinent documentation, nor does this email or any responses constitute a Request for Quote, compensation, or award.