

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2561 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

January 11, 2024

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E St. SW
Washington, DC 20546

Dear Administrator Nelson:

The Committee on Small Business (the Committee) is investigating National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) procurement decisions related to the Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (SEWP VI GWAC) solicitation. The Committee is concerned that the revenue-based size standard proposed for use in SEWP VI limits small business' ability to service task orders without compromising their size status. We write today to request a staff level briefing and request additional information.

NASA's SEWP VI provides an all-encompassing one-stop acquisition vehicle for Information Technology Product and Service Solutions.¹ This contract vehicle has the potential to provide small businesses with immense growth opportunities. The previous vehicle iteration, SEWP V, showed remarkable small business inclusion with small entities winning an estimated 80 percent of contract dollars.² The apparent success of SEWP V makes the decision to use a revenue-based overall contract NAICS code even more concerning. This decision could restrict the ability for small businesses to access task orders and prevent them from fully participating in SEWP VI.

It is important for agencies to ensure that small businesses have a fair shot to compete for federal contracts without bureaucratic red tape limiting their participation. We therefore request the following documents and information as soon as possible but no later than January 25, 2024:

1. A detailed rationale on the decision to use NAICS code 541512, including any effort to reconsider its use;
2. A detailed narrative describing concerns or limitations of understanding related to the use of the nonmanufacturer rule as it relates to NAICS code 541519.

¹ Memorandum, from Andrea Ross, Contracting Officer, Nat'l Aeronautics and Space Admin., to All Potential Offerors (Sept. 8, 2023).

² *SEWP V Contracting Guide*, FED. NEWS NETWORK (Aug. 2023).

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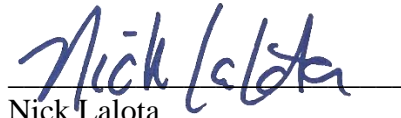
In addition to the above requests, we request a staff level briefing on this matter as soon as possible but no later than January 18, 2024.

To schedule the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Small Business Majority Staff at (202) 225-5821. The Committee on Small Business has broad authority to investigate “problems of all types of small business” under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

In God We Trust,



Roger Williams
Chairman
Committee on Small Business



Nick Lalota
Member
Committee on Small Business

cc: The Honorable Nydia M. Velasquez, Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business