

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS  
(BID PROTEST)**

<b>MAYVIN, INC.,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
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<b>and</b>	)	
	)	
<b>TECHNICAL AND PROJECT</b>	)	
<b>ENGINEERING, LLC, and</b>	)	
<b>STRACON SERVICES GROUP, LLC,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Consolidated Plaintiffs,</b>	)	<b>Consolidated No. 23-2128C</b>
	)	<b>(Judge Somers)</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>THE UNITED STATES,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>and</b>	)	
	)	
<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY</b>	)	
<b>LEADERS, INC.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant-Intervenor.</b>	)	

**DEFENDANT’S NOTICE**

Defendant, the United States, respectfully provides notice that by decision dated January 23, 2026, the United States Department of the Army (Army) cancelled the Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) III Solicitation, W900KK-21-R- 0035, the solicitation at issue here. *See* attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Pirowski,

In July of 2025, the Court of Federal Claims (COFC) issued a final decision on the protests of the Army's 2024 decision to reject all proposals submitted in response to the Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) III Solicitation, W900KK-21-R-0035, and cancel the solicitation. COFC found that the cancellation lacked a rational basis and also had not been approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA) Procurement Center Representative (PCR) and agency small business specialist in violation of FAR 19-502-9. However, the COFC decision did not bar the Army from cancelling again, for another reason.

After oral arguments on the cancellation issue, but before the COFC decision, Federal and Army procurement procedures transformed following the issuance of new Executive Orders (EOs), Memorandums from the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF), Army Directives (AD) and related implementation guidance. The procedural changes mandated by the transformation are substantial in that the changes require the elimination of certain labor categories from the competition. The eliminated labor categories make up a significant portion of the original SETA III requirement. The procedural changes also require movement away from non-commercial services and away from the planned "staffing contract" model among other changes.

Additionally, since issuance of the EOs, ADs and other guidance, the requiring activity itself has undergone and continues to undergo substantial transformation. SETA III was originally designed to provide support to the Program Executive Office (PEO) Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (STRI). PEO STRI has been transformed into Capabilities Program Executive (CPE) STRI with a reduced and modified program management structure.

To address the many changes affecting the SETA III procurement, substantial changes to the requirement are needed. In order to comply with the EOs and ADs, and to incorporate the other changes associated with the transformation of PEO STRI, we have made the decision to reject all proposals submitted in response to the SETA III solicitation in accordance with FAR 15.305(b) and cancel it in the best interest of the Government.

The Contracting Officer notified the agency Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) and SBA PCR on 22 December 2025 that this solicitation would be cancelled in accordance with FAR 19.502-9. The agency OSBP provided written concurrence of the cancellation on 20 January 2026.

Updated requirements documents have been developed to comply with the EOs, ADs and other relevant guidance. The new requirement has been approved as a bridge effort by the Department of Government Efficiency and will be solicited and awarded to the current SETA II contractor using a commercial contract vehicle. The information gained from the SETA II bridge effort will be used to solicit and award competitive Task Orders utilizing total small business set-asides to the maximum extent practicable under an existing commercial contract vehicle for future requirements.

Thank you for your participation in the SETA III competition.

Sincerely,

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Contracting Officer