

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

What is an RFP?

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is a solicitation used in negotiated acquisition to communicate government requirements to a prospective contractor to solicit proposals.

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Special points of interest:

The Acquisition Time Line for the SIS is an evolving schedule. Recent changes have affected many key dates. The following is an estimate of the new time line:

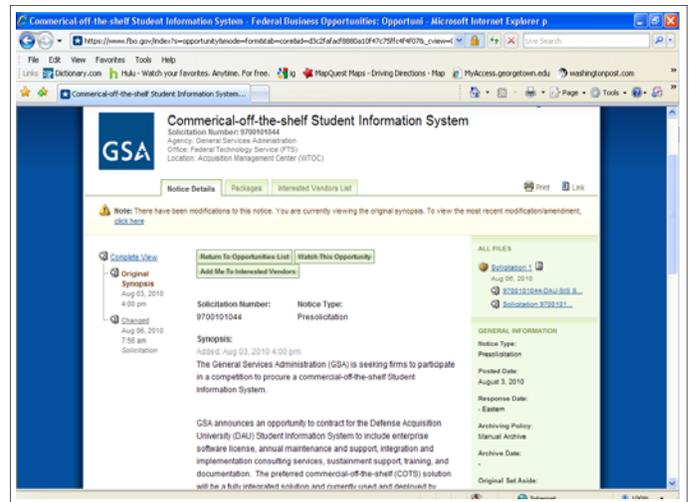
- **Solicitation Release**
August 6
- **Industry Day Conference**
August 13
- **Vendor Questions Due**
August 17
- **Answers to Questions Due**
August 25
- **Proposals Due**
September 7

SOLICITATION HITS THE STREETS

Several vendors have visited DAU for Student Information System (SIS) demonstrations, but the time is now for the real contenders to emerge.

The release of the SIS RFP on August 6 officially notifies the vendor community of DAU's need for such a product.

Requirements were submitted to the U.S. General Services Association (GSA) in April for review. Between April and the release of the RFP, the requirement went through acquisition planning, was incorporated into a solicitation with applicable terms and conditions, worked its way through GSA's Contract Management Review Board (CMRB) approval



Notice of DAU's request for SIS Procurement was posted August 6 on fedbizopps.gov, the website for federal business opportunities.

and Legal review. DAU worked with GSA throughout the process, which took longer than expected due to the complexity of the procurement and be-

cause it is being solicited on a full and open basis.

The SIS team also remained busy preparing for implementation during the long review process.

STUDENTS DELIVER THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY NEWS

The Student Information System's (SIS) target population shares more than just its two cents. When given the chance to evaluate current registration, catalog, certification and DAWIA career management processes, DAU students had no shortage of opinions.

The SIS Student Benchmark Survey, released on June 23, asked more than 50,000 recent course graduates from all DoD

components their opinion of the current processes and feedback on where the system needs improvement. Results received were generally supportive of the current environment, but accompanied by more than 5,000 comments.

Students were most frustrated by trying to obtain personal certification requirements. One respondent offered, "There should be a series of simple large boxes to choose from:

DAWIA Requirements, Course List, Courses Completed, Current Enrollment Status, etc."

Favorability with the current system increased with age and certification level.

More than 13% of the sample responded to the numeric and open-ended questions. Metrics That Matter, the tool used for end-of-course surveys, generated the SIS baseline survey.