Professional and Technical (ProTech) Services

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Acquisition and Grants Office (AGO) includes the Strategic Sourcing Acquisition Division (SSAD), the ProTech Branch, and the ProTech Program Management Office (ProTech PMO). ProTech is a suite of contracting vehicles that consists of Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) multiple award contracts, multiple and single award Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) and other contract types organized into five Domains: Satellite, Fisheries, Weather, Oceans, and Enterprise Operations. ProTech is a mandatory vehicle for NOAA line and staff offices, and may also be used by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) or other bureaus within the agency.

ProTech Program Management Office (PMO)

The ProTech PMO consists of government contracting officers and account managers who are assigned to a specific domain. They oversee the domain contracts and provide program, acquisition, and administrative management support and guidance.

The ProTech PMO oversight includes task order-level scope recommendations, requirements documents (SOO/PWS/SOW), independent government estimate (IGCE) support, records management, and internal government-client relationships. The PMO aims to improve the business operations and cost savings for NOAA. AGO (and DOC bureau) contracting officers will be responsible for awarding and managing ProTech task orders.

The benefits of the ProTech suite of contracts include:
- Development of an industrial base of partners
- Development and maintenance of performance-based task orders
- Streamlined and simplified acquisition processes
- Reduced time to award ProTech task orders

ProTech Acquisition Strategy

Each ProTech Domain IDIQ contract has a two-year base period of performance, and three one-year option periods of performance, for a total term of five years if all options are exercised. Contracting vehicles supporting the Enterprise Operations Domain will have their own specific periods of performance/ordering periods.

Each Domain IDIQ contract will have a Small Business Reserve feature, will be awarded on a staggered timeline, and allows for task orders to be issued on a Firm Fixed Price (FFP), Cost Reimbursement, Time and Materials (T&M), Labor Hour (LH), or hybrid basis. The ceiling for all task orders is capped at $3,000,000,000 across all five Domains.
ProTech-Satellite Domain - IDIQ contracts awarded June 2017

The ProTech-Satellite contract primarily supports the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS). NESDIS is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Line Office (LO) operating branch and is responsible for NOAA’s environmental satellite, data, and information management programs providing the data, information, and services needed to support environmental studies and predictions, resource assessments, data archiving and dissemination, and satellite sensor and technology development. NESDIS develops and operates civilian satellite systems to observe land, ocean, atmospheric, and solar conditions required by governments, commerce, and the general public, and to support commercial space services. Services under this domain include conducting studies, analysis, and reporting; applied research and consulting; data collection and surveys; and program and project management in support of NESDIS. The NAICS code for the ProTech-Satellite contract is 541712 - Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Biotechnology).

ProTech-Fisheries Domain - IDIQ contracts awarded September 2018

The ProTech-Fisheries contract primarily supports the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS is a NOAA LO operating branch and promotes the conservation, management, and sustainable use of living marine resources for commercial and recreational uses. NMFS provides services and products to support NOAA’s fisheries management, international fisheries management, constituent services, protected resources and habitat conservation, enforcement, and scientific and technical aspects of the agency’s living marine resources programs. Services under this domain include conducting studies, analysis, and reporting; applied research, engineering, and operations; field sampling, data collection and surveys; and consulting, program, and project management in support of NMFS. The NAICS code for the ProTech-Fisheries contract is 541990 - All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services.

ProTech-Oceans Domain - IDIQ contracts awarded February 2019

The ProTech-Oceans contract primarily supports the National Ocean Service (NOS). NOS is a NOAA LO operating branch and integrates ocean services, coastal ocean, and coastal zone management programs. NOS provides services and products to garner increased use and opportunities within oceans and estuaries to meet the Nation’s needs; support the development, appropriate use, and management of the oceans and their resources; promote improvements in marine and coastal commerce; and improve the safety of marine operations and coastal activities. Services under this domain include conducting studies, analysis, and reporting; applied research, engineering, and operations; field sampling, data collection and surveys; consulting, program and project management; and capacity building in support of NOS. The NAICS code for the ProTech-Oceans contract is 541620 - Environmental Consulting Services.

ProTech-Weather Domain - IDIQ contract awards expected 2019

The ProTech-Weather contract primarily supports the National Weather Service (NWS). NWS is a NOAA LO operating branch and is responsible for managing the delivery of products and services to meet the needs of the agency’s customers and stakeholders. NWS and all of NOAA’s LOs are accountable for aligning their efforts with respect to particular strategic goals and objectives. NWS is responsible for an integrated weather services program to monitor and predict the state of the atmospheric and hydrologic environment. NWS delivers climatic, hydrologic, and meteorological services to government, industry, and the general public, including weather warnings and predictions, as well as the exchange of products and forecasts with international organizations. Services under this domain include systems and facilities engineering and technical support services; scientific weather support services; and program and project management, consulting and training in support of NWS. The NAICS code for the ProTech-Weather contract is 541330 - Engineering Services.

ProTech-Enterprise Operations Domain

The ProTech-Enterprise Operations contract primarily supports leadership and staff of NOAA, from its headquarters Corporate Functions and subordinate Staff Offices (SOs) that support the entire organization through service and management functions, to LOs that provide the delivery of products and services to the public. Services under this domain include strategic planning; communication, training, education, outreach, conference and workshop management; business and administrative management; budget and financial management; program and project management; and legislative management in support of NOAA line and staff offices.