# Electronic Bid Sets

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# Historical Perspective

- Directed by Department of Army to become "paperless" in FY 98.
- First step October 97 all Army Military Construction would be done in electronic format.
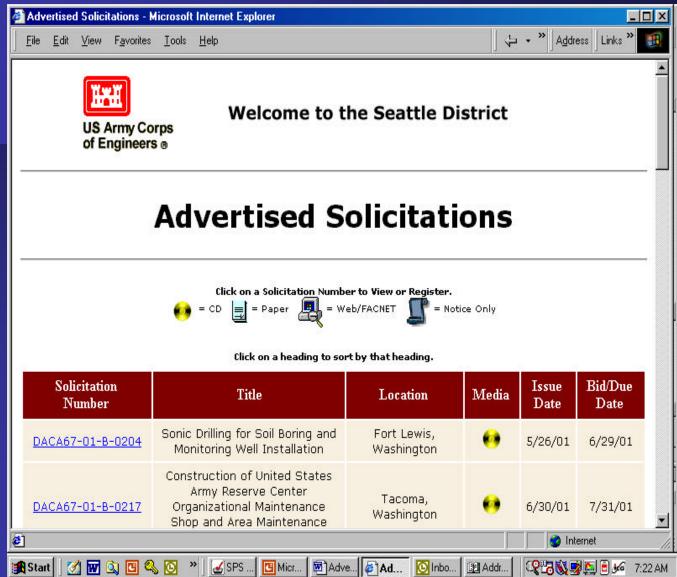- By the end of FY 98 all Military Construction would be in electronic format.

# Electronic Bid Solicitation Packaging

- **The files on the CD-ROM or Website are developed at the local office.**

- Reproduced locally or commercially.

- The CD-ROM contains the Contract Viewer Software module, which integrates the Acrobat Reader and the MaxView Reader.

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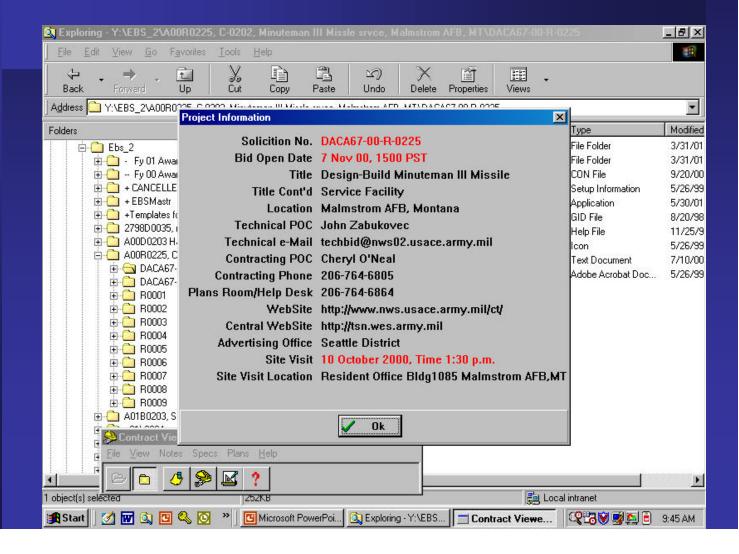of Engineers®
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# CD Rom Information



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# Efficiency Through Innovation

- Lowers reproduction and distribution costs.
- Hyper-linking eases burden of shuffling through large amounts of technical drawings and specifications.
- In the future EBS Bids may be electronically filed.

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# How EBS affects you, the Contractor:

- Solicitation requested via Internet, FAX, or mail.

- Solicitation Received via mail or Internet.

- Download the Readers, or Insert the CD-ROM and open the solicitation

- Page through as you would a paper solicitation

- Take measurements and do take-offs as you would a paper solicitation cutting and pasting the results in your spreadsheet

# Why the Change to Electronic Bid Solicitation (EBS)

# $ave Costs

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# Cost Savings

- **Military Construction Projects**

| Amt | Pages | Drwgs | Repro | Mail | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *300 | 1543 | 188 | 28053 | 6600 | $34,653 |
| | | | | 5,000 | 5,000 |

- **Civil Projects**

| Amt. | Pages | Drwgs | Repro | Mail | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *180 | 448 | 110 | 6474 | 938 | $7,412 |

- **\*Based on FY97 costs**

# Minimum Hardware & Software Requirements

- Hardware:        Pentium
  - CD-ROM:         8X or better
  - RAM :           64 Meg or more
  - Monitor:        17" SVGA
- Software:        Windows 95, 98/NT

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# EBS Distribution

- EBS CD-ROM's are sent to registered plan holders.
- Registration can be accomplished via the internet at the Corps of Engineers Web Site.
  - No telephone calls to the local office accepted.
- Some EBS packages are distributed only on-line.

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# Contractor Usability

- The CD-ROM contains all the software to navigate and read the contract and all associated drawings.

- A free, basic reader is provided, but other commercial software is available to do take-offs and make estimates.

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# Contract Viewer

- The Contract Viewer will appear on the screen once the CD-ROM is inserted in the computer.

- Available on the toolbar are the Contract, Notes, Drawings and Specifications, Help and Exit.

- A "Splash Screen" will appear indicating the Proposal due date and other information about the solicitation.

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# EBS Summary
## Contract Viewer
### Integrates the following 2 applications

## Acrobat Reader

- Read the text of the Contract and applicable notes
- Hyper-linking capabilities
- Print or copy sections to word processors

## MaxView

- View drawings of the Contract
- Various navigating capabilities
- Tools for measuring & estimating
- Interact with estimating packages

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# EBS Summary . . . (con't)

- Contract documents and specifications can be read . . .
- Take-offs can be made from EBS drawings on CD or downloaded from Web site . . .
- Estimations can be made with the same tools you now use . . .
- Paper doesn't have to be printed and pen or pencil does not have to touch it to complete an estimated bid (except for submission of final sealed bid package).

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# Electronic Commerce Resource Center (ECRC)

- **Funded by the Department of Defense (DOD)**
- **Administered by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)**
- **Chartered to assist Suppliers and Contractors in adopting Electronic Commerce to do business with the Government**
- **Has classes and on-line seminars to help you.**
- **Closes September 2001**

**http://www.becrc.org**