

## **Operationally Responsive Space Office Seeks Qualified Businesses to Support the proposed Rapid Small Satellite Assembly Facility (aka “Chileworks”)**

**January 27, 2009--KIRTLAND AFB, New Mexico**--The Department of Defense Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) office recently released a Request for Information (RFI) to help accomplish the Office’s mission of developing a rapid response space center, called Chileworks.

“We look forward to receiving innovative ideas and approaches to assist us in demonstrating Tier 2 and 3 capabilities,” said Dr. Peter Wegner, Director, ORS office.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 capabilities are components of the ORS 2015 Blueprint. Tier 2 will deploy new or additional capabilities that are field ready within days to weeks of the request for the need from the Joint Force Commander. Tier 3 involves the rapid development, delivery, and deployment of a new capability or space asset within months to less than one year from receipt of the original request from the Joint Force Commander.

There are four major phases associated with Chileworks--first, standing up specific manufacturing and test capabilities (processes and equipment, procedures, initial inventory); second, establishing routine operations (maintenance, training, process improvement); third, supporting user training/planning functions (war games, exercises); and fourth, responding to emerging, persistent, and/or unanticipated needs.

To implement the phases, three major functions including Systems Engineering and Integration (SE&I), Integrated Logistics Support, and Assembly, Integration and Test (AI&T) must occur within Chileworks.

The ORS Office is planning an Industry Day, February 11-12 at the South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. ORS Industry Day will provide an opportunity to hear from Dr. Peter Wegner, ORS Director, on a variety of issues as well as participate in one-on-one sessions with ORS personnel.

The Operationally Responsive Space Office is working with the broader space enterprise to provide assured space power focused on the timely satisfaction of Joint Force Commanders’ needs. The overarching objective of the Office is to address emerging, persistent, and/or unanticipated needs through timely augmentation, reconstitution, and exploitation of space force enhancement, space control, and space support capabilities.

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