

The EPA's Cincinnati Procurement Operation's Division (CPOD) will begin using Compusearch's FedConnect® as the communications web portal for solicitation SOL-CI-13-00016 as part of a pilot process. Therefore all potential offerors must be registered with FedConnect® in order to submit a proposal in response to the solicitation that is forthcoming for this requirement.

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The pre-solicitation notice for this requirement will continue to be sent to FedBizOpps (FBO) and will also be made available on FedConnect®. However, the solicitation will be made available on the FedConnect® portal only and will not be posted on CPOD's internet site. CPOD will communicate with potential offerors via FedConnect® on matters related to the solicitation actions for this requirement.

Potential offerors can register with FedConnect® at [www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/](http://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/). Please note that FedConnect® is used by multiple federal agencies and therefore assistance with FedConnect® will be provided by Compusearch Software Systems, not the EPA. More information about registration requirements can be found by going to [www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect\\_Ready\\_Set\\_Go.pdf](http://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf) and downloading the FedConnect® *Ready, Set, Go! Guide*. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other FedConnect® function, call the FedConnect® Help Desk at (800) 899-6665 or email at [support@fedconnect.net](mailto:support@fedconnect.net).

Additionally all potential offerors must register in the **System for Award Management (SAM)** to submit a proposal for this requirement, as this facilitates registration on FedConnect® and is required in order to be eligible for award. Registration may be completed and information regarding the registration process may be obtained at <http://www.sam.gov>. **There is no charge for registration in SAM.**