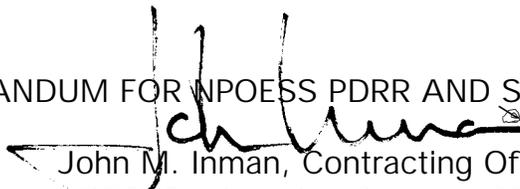




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MEMORANDUM FOR NPOESS PDRR AND SENSOR CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Market Research for the NPOESS EMD/Production Acquisition

Earlier this year, we informally briefed you on some points of the contemplated acquisition strategy for the NPOESS EMD/Production acquisition. Our market research continues, and your input on the matter included in this memo is invited.

In the earlier briefing, we informed you of a suggestion to give EMD/Production offerors maximum flexibility in shaping their best value proposals, including the possibility of proposing sensor swap-outs for the IPO-developed sensors (OMPS, GPSOS, CrIS, VIIRS, and CMIS). Since that time, we have concluded that we will not pursue such a course; instead, we fully expect the EMD/Production offerors to substantially incorporate the IPO-selected sensors into their proposals (Ball Aerospace OMPS, Saab-Ericsson GPSOS, ITT CrIS, and TBD for VIIRS and CMIS).

Please feel free to share with me any thoughts you have on this matter, or other related matters, so that the EMD/Production solicitation can most successfully satisfy the needs of the NPOESS program and all its stakeholders. You may use the mailing address above, or e-mail [john.inman@noaa.gov](mailto:john.inman@noaa.gov), or phone 301/427-2084x162.

