

Pilot IRS



What is Pilot IRS?

The purpose of Pilot IRS is to set forth an incremental and modular approach to identify, test, and deploy solutions that support the mission, regardless of whether the solution, technology, or service currently resides within the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the federal government.

Why Pilot IRS?

Like all federal agencies, the IRS is under several mandates to incorporate new and emerging technologies to improve day to day operations, innovate, and increase efficiencies in the mission of administering the nation's tax code. The IRS does not have a research and development office, nor any special acquisition authorities such as other transaction authority or a Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) program. However, there are certainly opportunities to create and implement agile acquisition platforms under the existing procurement regulatory framework.

Pilot IRS was created as a phased, incremental funding procurement framework that will let customers test new technologies, on faster timelines. If a solution fails to meet expectations, it will not proceed to the next phase of funding. This agile approach to both contracting, and a proof-of-concept model, allows us to experiment without added risk.

We are constantly trying to find ways to be more efficient, to support our customers and to be more transparent about what we do

– Harrison Smith, IRS Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

CURRENT PROGRAM GOALS

- 1 Promote innovative responses to IRS challenges and investigation of emerging technologies and processes;
- 2 Broadly communicate IRS's areas of interest in the innovative solutions and technologies; and
- 3 Create a streamlined progression from concept to prototype, testing and limited deployment

Procurement

Pilot IRS focuses on innovative procurement processes to shorten the award process, use of challenge statements, and maximizing flexibility in the post-award process. These methods are in conjunction with the TechFAR Hub and the Digital Services Playbook.

Solution Challenges

There are no specific solutions or approaches that are being requested; rather, any approach which is focused on the three goals of the Pilot IRS solicitation will be considered.

Information will be posted on beta.sam.gov.

QUESTIONS? Please send your email to ProcPilotIRS@irs.gov

