

tract. It will be administered by only a single KSC element, the installation support people.

One activity which is now in the LTV contract has been transferred and combined in our information systems directorate under the technical support operations of Mr. R. Clark. This function is automatic data processing (ADP) which, for efficiency, has been consolidated with scientific computation.

Facilities engineering, which is a design support function, and facilities modifications or repair, which is a quick-response-repair-on-the-pad type of function, are being combined. This requires extending the Bechtel contract out to June 1967, when the Dow contract on facilities engineering also expires. Putting this together in a single package will give a single manageable package. It will be administered by our design engineering directorate under Mr. Preston. This package has been on the market since last December. Proposals arrived in the middle of February—seven proposals—and are under evaluation right now. The other recompetitions are in preparation and proposal requests will be ready to go out in time to meet the award dates shown on the chart.

Note that two new lines have been added on the top of the chart showing the KSC support service contracting plan (fig. C-7).

Although it is NASA policy to consolidate service contracts wherever practicable, decisions have been made that two parts of the present TWA scope will be put into separate contracts. One is medical services, or occupational health, where NASA on the basis of its experience with industrial medicine programs in a variety of NASA field centers has determined they can attract the highest grade of competition in that area by confining the proposal just to the medical program. Accordingly, a specialized contract will be awarded as a separate procurement.

We have also pulled out the public tours program from this group. During the initial year of the tours, Trans-World Airlines has been handling this activity as an added part of its base operations contract. That activity will be a separate competition because we have now enough experience with public tours to believe that they can be handled on a concessionaire contract and not on a cost reimbursement contract.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does the committee have any questions?

Mr. WAGGONER. You were talking about not wanting to be caught short in some critical period in the area of launch support. Say that NASA has authorized you to extend on a noncompetitive basis the services for the present contractor up until the last part of calendar year 1969, or well into fiscal year 1970; how do you stand as a result of the possible Apollo schedule revision? Is it likely that you are going to have to go back to NASA again and ask for authority to continue in a noncompetitive way with the present contractor and his personnel?

Mr. STEPERT. I have no judgment whether that will be necessary later. You are quite right that this question must be faced, but sometime after we know what the revised launch schedule is. However, we accepted these extensions for planning purposes and definitely expect to go ahead with them unless a later launch schedule makes that obviously an unwise thing. We do not now have any judgment on that.