

Second Set of  
**Questions & Answers to the Final RFP**

**Question:** What is the SEB doing to increase the fee, reduce contractor risk exposure and provide contract ability to control the variables that all impact upon the surety of the stockpile and compliance with the Presidential Stockpile Memo?

**Answer:** The language in the RFP pertains to the “integration of production” versus “stockpile surety.” The process of assuring the surety of the nuclear weapons stockpile is not changed by the new language. The pertinent sections of the RFP dealing with fee and cost sharing changed between the draft and final RFP.

**Question:** We believe there are two possible interpretations of the requirement in RFP Section L-14(a)(2) (v) that states “How these savings will become incorporated into ongoing operations.”

- It could mean “Explain the proposed process that the contractor will use to utilize the actual savings achieved and reinvest them into ongoing operations”, or
- It could mean “Explain how the contractor proposes to assure that the savings achieved by the various cost-savings initiatives will be institutionalized and maintained over time during ongoing operations.”

Which of these interpretations accurately reflects the SEB’s intent for this Section L requirement?

**Answer:** Section L, L-14(a)(2) states that the Offeror shall describe its “[a]pproach to continuous cost savings opportunities throughout the Contract’s period of performance while maintaining mission deliverables.” The SEB's intent is to understand how the Offeror will deliver and sustain savings.

**Question:** In RFP Section B, page 1, the footnote to the table states that the “Cost Savings Incentive Fee is the Offeror’s proposed dollar share in savings.” Please confirm that even though these cost savings are called a “fee”, they are subject only to the 40% cap discussed in Section I-19 (unless authorized by the Contracting Officer).

**Answer:** The cost savings called a "cost savings incentive fee" represents share in savings and are thus subject to the language in the RFP.

**Question:** RFP Section L-14(a)(5) states that bidders should provide their “Approach to risk management for items (1) through (4) to include a description of potential risks and mitigation of those risks.” Would NNSA please provide a copy of the existing Pantex and Y-12 risk registers to all bidders to assist in preparation of this section?

**Answer:** Section L, L-14(a)(5) states that the Offeror shall describe its “[a]pproach to risk management for items (1) through (4) to include a description of potential risks and mitigation of those risks.” A risk register from Y-12 and Pantex is not needed to address the Offeror’s execution of its approach.