

DRAFT RFP QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

“NNSA Pantex/Y-12 National Security Complex and DOE Oak Ridge Office Consolidated Protective Force Services”

Solicitation No. DE-SOL-0003552

1. **Question:** Is an Offeror required to have an active DOE clearance to submit a proposal for the Oak Ridge Services? Would the Oak Ridge facility serve as “sponsor” if selected for this contract?

Answer: An Offeror is not required to have an active DOE Facility Clearance to be able to submit a proposal under solicitation DE-SOL-0003552. However, should the Offeror currently not have a DOE Facility Clearance, an Offeror must be able to obtain a DOE facility clearance in accordance with the rules and regulations defined within the solicitation. The Cognizant Security Office could either be the National Nuclear Security Administration or the DOE Oak Ridge Office.

2. **Question:** Of the 6 union contracts currently in force, 5 will most likely expire before this contract is awarded. How does the Government intend to deal with these expiring contracts?

Answer: Offerors shall propose to the CBA’s included in the RFP (Attachment J-6 to J-11). New CBA’s will be incorporated into the contract at time of award.

3. **Question:** Does the Government assume liability for future funding of the Defined Benefit Pension Plans?

Answer: See RFP clause NNS-H-1027.

4. **Question:** Under the Award Fee Plan, Performance Objective #1 it states “Provide a paramilitary protective force (PF) operations and other security services at Pantex/Y-12 facilities for the protection of special nuclear material (SNM), classified material, personnel and property.” What are the “other security services” required?

Answer: As outlined in the Performance Work Statement, some protective force work scope at the NNSA Production Office sites cannot be characterized as “paramilitary operations.” Examples include routine duties associated with the protection of classified matter, personnel and non-nuclear government property. See PWS sections 4.1.3.6 (escorts), 4.2.1.1 (Security Officers), and 4.2.2 (Central and Secondary Alarm Station monitors).

5. **Question:** Will the Government provide access to the SSSP and minimum post requirements to enable bidders to organize efficient operations and support staffs?

Answer: The Site Safeguards and Security Plans will not be provided. Minimum post requirements have been provided to prospective Offerors via attachment L-11, "Site Post and Hour Requirements."

6. **Question:** "Tab 6" is not defined in the DRFP. Can we assume Tab 6 is "Exceptions and Deviations"?

Answer: The reference to Tab 6 under Provision NNS-L-1002, first sentence, shall be corrected in the final version of the RFP. Subparagraphs (g) Exceptions and Deviations and (h) Additional Information shall be relocated under Tab 4 as subparagraphs (6) and (7).

7. **Question:** Do all incumbent non-CBA staff work in government provided facilities and use Government owned equipment?

Answer: No, see clause NNS-H-1008.

8. **Question:** Will the government provide a list and description of all government provided training facilities available at each location?

Answer: Attachment J-12 provides a list of all PF related facilities and equipment to include training facilities.

9. **Question:** Will security clearance processing be the responsibility of the security contractor, or will this function be consolidated under the M&O contractor?

Answer: Security clearance processing is not within the scope of this acquisition.

10. **Question:** With the cost of producing proposals, many government agencies no longer require written copies of proposals. Would the government consider an electronic version of the proposal?

Answer: Review Provision NNS-L-1001 for proposal submittal requirements.

11. **Question:** Has NNSA determined the location of the New Production Office responsible for the Y-12 and Pantex sites?

Answer: The NNSA Production Office will be a single federal office with geographically dispersed functional leads that enable mission, manage the contract, and provide oversight at multiple NNSA production sites. The Production Office Manager is Steve Erhart and he will be located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Pantex and Y-12 will have Deputy Managers, who will

play a key role in operations at their respective sites. This is scheduled to be in place prior to contract award.

12. **Question:** Can NNSA provide any details of the organizational structure of the new office?

Answer: See answer to question #11.

13. **Question:** What are the current services subcontracted at each site? Which services require security clearances? What firms currently provide the services?

Answer: The approach for meeting the Government's requirement is at the discretion of the Offeror.

14. **Question:** If there is not an Organizational Conflict of Interest for BWXT bidding on this contract in a teaming/JV type arrangement with Wackenhut/G4S it would result in an alignment of two incumbents with access to information not available to other bidders. Has the Government determined if there is an OCI issue which would preclude from joining together to bid on this contract?

Answer: The Contracting Officer has determined that no significant OCI issues currently exist. At any time during the process, the CO may reevaluate if any significant issues are disclosed and determine whether action needs to be taken to mitigate any identified OCI.

15. **Question:** The DRFP states "The cost proposal will not be rated, but will be used in determining the best value to the Government in accordance with Section M, NNS-M-1002..." This sends the signal that cost savings and innovation are less important than business as usual and that the Government is willing to pay a higher price to a contractor with a DOE protective force history. Is the Government more comfortable with what it considers "reasonable" based on historical data versus a more efficient and less expensive alternative?

Answer: See Section M, NNS-M-1002.

16. **Question:** Is there any additional scope being planned for inclusion for the procurement: Technical Security, Physical Security, Information Security, Badging, Material Control and Accountability, Vulnerability Analysis or Classified Security?

Answer: Offerors are instructed to propose to the requirements specified in the RFP.

17. **Question:** Would the Government consider significantly reducing the small business goal for this particular procurement?

Answer: Offerors are directed to review Provision NNS-L-1003, Tab 6, Criterion 6 which states “Reasons for significant deviation from this goal should be explained in the Participation Plan (as an attachment).”

18. **Question:** RFP reference - NNS-L-1004 Cost Volume Requirements (10) Award Fee. If the offeror obtains competitively bid subcontracts and selects a subcontractor based on competition and the subcontractor includes fee in their bid is the offeror permitted to apply fee to the total subcontract price?

Answer: No. The competition of subcontracts has no bearing on the allowability of pyramiding fee/profit. Pyramiding of fee/profit is expressly unallowable for this acquisition and any resulting contracts. Offerors are directed to review Section H, NNS-H-1042 – Pyramiding of Fee.

19. **Question:** RFP Reference: NNS-L-1004 Cost Volume Requirements (2) Proposal Accuracy: The DRAFT RFP indicates we are to use MS EXCEL version 2007 or lower, Our systems have been updated to MS EXCEL version 2010. Will the government accept the cost files in MS EXCEL version 2010?

Answer: The completed and submitted MS Excel spreadsheets have to be compatible with version 2007 or lower. Most versions of MS Excel allow the saving of documents “as is” in a lower version.

20. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1001(b), Overall Arrangement of Proposal Number of Copies for Volumes. For each Volume, there is (1) more hardcopy than electronic CD-ROM copy; for instance Volume I requires four (4) hardcopies (one original + three copies) and three (3) CD-ROMS. Should the one (1) original hardcopy contain a CD-ROM?

Answer: No, the Government requirement is to have Offerors provide a total number of CDs as referenced under NNS-L-1001(b).

21. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1002(f), Offer Volume I, TAB 5 Subcontracting Plan. This section refers several times to “a Plan”, however, it appears that the Offeror is required to submit two (2) separate Small Business Subcontracting Plans as per Section J Attachment 19 (Pantex/Y-12) and Attachment 20 (DOE-OR). Are (2) separate Small Business Subcontracting Plans required?

Answer: Yes. Two subcontracting plans (1 plan – NNSA Contract; 1 plan – DOE-OR contract) shall be submitted by Large Business Offerors. In addition, the final RFP will standardize references identifying “plan” to reflect “plans.”

22. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1003(b)(6), TAB 6 Small Business Participation Plan. Please confirm: Is only (1) Small Business Participation Plan required, addressing both Pantex/Y-12 and DOE-OR combined?

Answer: No. Two separate plans are required (1 plan for the NNSA contract and 1 plan for the DOE-OR contract).

23. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1003(b)(6)(b)(2), TAB 6 Small Business Participation Plan, fill-in sections c, d and e. Please confirm: Are the Total Proposed Contract value and dollar/percentage values of Prime Contractor participation for both Pantex/Y-12 and DOE-OR combined?

Answer: No. Tab 6 fill-ins apply to each separate participation plan based on each individual contract’s Small Business Participation Plan requirements.

24. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1003(b)(6)(b)(5), Technical Proposal Volume II, TAB 6 Small Business Participation Plan, DOE/NNSA target of 9%. Is the DOE/NNSA target of 9% based on combined total contract value for both Pantex/Y-12 and DOE-OR Contracts?

Answer: No. The 9% shall be based on the total contract value for each contract.

25. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1020 Cognizant Agency for Indirect Rate Negotiation. In which Volume of the Offeror’s proposal should this information be provided?

Answer: The Government shall include this information in the final RFP under Volume I, Tab 3.

26. **Question:** Attachment L-5, Paragraph II.F, Page 3. The form allows the use of a separate sheet if necessary to complete Item 2 of the referenced section. Will the Government allow the use of a separate sheet for Items 1 and 3 also?

Answer: A page limit will be established upon release of the final RFP.

27. **Question:** Attachment L-5, II.F, Page 2. Please comment on the overall satisfaction of your organization with the contractor’s performance and provide reasons for your assessment (you

may attach a separate sheet if necessary). Will the Government allow more than one ancillary sheet? If so, are there any limits?

Answer: See answer to question #26.

28. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1003 Technical Instructions Volume II, Tab 6: Criterion 6, Small Business Participation Plan. The offer shall provide...a copy of any binding subcontracts or other written commitments to subcontract with firms identified in the table. The Small Business Participation Plan is limited to five pages. Will the Government allow the subcontract or other written commitments section to be not page counted?

Answer: The Government will exclude binding subcontracts or other written commitments to subcontract in the overall page count in the final RFP.

29. **Question:** NNS-L-1001 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSAL PREPARATION – GENERAL, Paragraph (f)(1), Page L-6 "Page size shall be 8.5 x 11 inches for text pages and a maximum of 11 x 17 inches for spreadsheet, charts, tables, diagrams or design drawings." Are 11 x 17 inch sheets to be counted as one page or as two pages?

Answer: 11 X 17 page sizes shall count as one page.

30. **Question:** Attachment L-6, Security, Environment, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance Performance Form, Data table and second paragraph. The second paragraph states, "Include a brief explanation of the circumstances, to include the work being performed and any other information pertinent to the matter." Items (1) and (3) in the table reference specific, distinct items. Item (2) is a composite rate, not referencing specific items. Does the Government want the brief explanation of the items listed in items (1) and (3) only?

Answer: The Government will address this under the final RFP.

31. **Question:** Attachment L-6, Security, Environment, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance Performance Form, first paragraph, Page 1. Information shall be consolidated as it relates to the Offeror, its predecessor companies, parent or holding companies (if relevant), all teaming participants, and/or any of its subcontractors responsible for providing security services. We define the term "security services" as those services provided by armed and/or unarmed Security Police Officers. Is this correct?

Answer: Security services include all work described in the PWS.

32. **Question:** Section L, Proposal Instructions: Volume 1, Offer and Other Documents, Paragraph 1, Pages L-7 of 30. "Volume I, Offer and Other Documents, shall contain a Proposal Cover Letter and Tabs 1 through 6 as follows." There are only (5) five Tabs shown in the instructions. Please advise, what information should be included in Tab (6) Six?

Answer: See answer to question #6.

33. **Question:** Attachment J-1, Draft PWS, 3.0 Background, Federal Building Complex, last paragraph, Page 5. Although not part of the FBC, the ORPF also currently provides security at the Office of Secure Transportation, Secure Transportation Center located at the intersection of Highway 58 and Blair Road. This facility consists of a 40,000 square foot building on about 53 acres of land with approximately 24 acres fenced as a LA. Currently security is provided to USEC in their Oak Ridge Research Office as required by their CRADA with ORNL. USEC is separately billed by the Security Contractor. Is it the intent of the Government that this security support will cease at the award of the contract?

Answer: The Protective Force Services provided to the USEC facilities at ETTP are covered under the Draft Performance Work Statement. This solicitation will not include security support to USEC at the Oak Ridge Research Office.

34. **Question:** Attachment J-1, DPWS, 4.0 Requirements, Para 3, Bullet 4, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures, Page 6. Services including, but not limited, to those listed below shall be purchased through other Government contractual agreements: Technical Surveillance Countermeasures. Technical Surveillance Countermeasure teams are provided to both NNSA-YSO and DOE-ORO in the current security contract scope of work. Is it the intent of the Government that Technical Surveillance Countermeasures will not be included in the scope of this RFP?

Answer: Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) services will not be included in the Performance Work Statement for this solicitation.

35. **Question:** Section H, NNS-H-1027, Workforce Transition, Management, Pay, and Benefits, A. Pension and Post Retirement Benefits Second Sentence, Page 40. At Oak Ridge, all non-bargaining unit employees hired prior to June 4, 2007 participate in a defined benefit pension plan. Should the sentence have added at the end "and defined contribution plan". Note: The current employees hired before June 4, 2007, have both a DBP and DCP.

Answer: Yes, the final RFP will reflect this addition.

36. **Question:** DPWS, Services Purchased through other Government Contractual Agreements, Para 3 Bullet 6. Building maintenance and life cycle replacement, Page 6, Services including, but not limited, to those listed below shall be purchased through other Government contractual agreements. Is it the intent of the Government that the facilities maintenance and replacement at the Central Training Facility be performed by the selected contractor vice purchasing the services through “other government contractual agreements”?

Answer: Yes, it is the Government’s intention the selected contractor will perform the facilities maintenance and life cycle replacement at the Central Training Facility. The Government will clarify in the final RFP.

37. **Question:** Attachment J-4, DOE/NNSA DIRECTIVES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, DOE - Oak Ridge Only Bullet 6, Page 6. BJC-EH-4000 – Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC Radiation Protection Program. Is it the intent of DOE-ORO that the contractor use the BJC-EH-4000 “Radiation Health Program” vice the currently applicable UCOR “Radiation Health Program” BJC/OR-301 for operations at ETTP?

Answer: BJC-EH-4000 has been re-designated as PPD-RP-4000, “Radiation Protection Program Description for URS|CH2M Oak Ridge LLC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee”. Only PPD-RP-4000 is applicable to the protective force contractor at ETTP.

38. **Question:** Section L, Instructions, L-7 Volume I Offer and Other Documents, NNS-L-1002 Proposal Preparation Instructions (4), Page L-7. A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item as reflected on the Proposal Schedule (Part I, Section B, Supplies or Services and Prices/Costs) attached to the Standard Form (SF) 33. The DRFP provided an SF1447 in front of the Section B (Schedule B) sheets. The instructions state to complete Part 1, Section B, Supplies and Services and Price/Costs attached to the SF33. Does DOE require the SF1447 or an SF33 to be submitted?

Answer: The current SF 1447 cover page will be updated in the final RFP to reflect a SF 33.

39. **Question:** DPWS, Attachment J-1, Page 6. Services including, but not limited, to those listed below shall be purchased through other Government contractual agreements: Human Reliability Program (HRP). DPWS, page 7, 4.1.1.8 Coordinate administration after HRP for the PF personnel with the responsible contractor. Do bidders price and include costs for HRP mandated physicals, psychological and drug tests or are these services to be purchased through other government contractual agreements as per the PWS?

Answer: These services will be purchased through other Government contractual agreements.

40. **Question:** NNS-H-1002 Para (d). The amount of liability coverage on other policies shall be commensurate with any legal requirements of the state and locality, plus sufficient to meet normal and customary claims. The requirement to provide insurance coverage "sufficient to meet normal and customary claims" is ambiguous. Please clarify the required insurance coverage types and amounts.

Answer: It is up to Offerors to determine what is considered sufficient insurance coverage to meet normal and customary claims within the protective force industry.

41. **Question:** NNS-L-1002 & NNS-L-1009, NNS-L-1002(e)(4) & NNS-L-1009(b), Page L-8 and L-9, Paragraph L-1002(e)(4). Requires the Offeror to provide a hard copy of the signed SF 328 as part of Volume I. However, paragraph L-1009(b) states that "Hard copies (SF328) are no longer required." The directions in the cited paragraphs appear to be in conflict. The Government is requested to clarify their direction?

Answer: NNS-B-1009(b) refers to the complete eFOCI package in which hard copies are no longer required as specified in the eFOCI system. The SF 328 is still required to be submitted in hard copy under Volume I, per the instructions under Section L. The Government will provide clarification upon release of the final RFP.

42. **Question:** Are offerors limited to small and/or minority owned businesses (or partnerships) and those firms outside of this classification are not going to be considered?

Answer: Provision NNS-M-1001 shall be updated to clarify the acquisition will be solicited under full and open competition.

43. **Question:** Section L, Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors, page L-6 of the draft RFP, states that fonts are limited to a Courier, Geneva, Arial, or Universal font type. By font type, do you mean the offeror can use any member of that font family, e.g., Arial Narrow?

Answer: The final RFP will reflect a font change from Courier, Geneva, Arial, or Universal font type to Times New Roman, 12 point (or larger) font type.

44. **Question:** Section L, Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors, page L-28 (bottom) of the draft RFP, states that "To enable the Government to anticipate the number of proposals to be evaluated, Offerors are requested to submit the name, address, and telephone number of the firm or organization and any subcontractors...within 10 business days after the release of

the final solicitation....” Would supplying this information restrict the offeror from making changes in the composition of the team in the final proposal submission?

Answer: No. Supplying Offeror information will not restrict Offerors in changing their team composition at final proposal submission.

45. **Question:** Section L, Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors, page L-14 (bottom) of the draft RFP, instructs offerors to include a Small Business Participation Plan in Tab 6 of the Technical volume. However, on page L-12, the government also instructs that no cost information should be presented in the Technical proposal. Should the participation plan be presented in the Offer and Other Documents volume instead? Or should the dollar amounts be replaced by the percentages of the total bottom line dollar number?

Answer: Further information regarding the handling of cost information associated with the Small Business Plan will be clarified in the final RFP.

46. As this procurement is unrestricted, will there be any opportunity for small business set-aside parts of the same safeguards and security requirements that are procured directly by NNSA and DOE/ORO?

Answer: In order to obtain information regarding other procurements outside of this procurement, suggest Offerors contact our Small Business Program Manager, Mr. Greg Gonzales at (505) 845-5420 to discuss future NNSA small business opportunities.

47. **Question:** Section NNS-L-1013, UNCLASSIFIED ORAL PRESENTATION PROCEDURES (DEC 2011) Page L-25 of 30. a) General: (3) The proposed key personnel whom the Offeror considers essential shall be physically present and actively participate in the oral presentation.”

Section NNS-M-1003 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA (DEC 2011) Page M-3 of 5. b) Criterion 2 - Key Personnel “(2) Oral Presentations: The Government will evaluate the Offeror's Key Personnel's leadership, communication, problem solving and teamwork as demonstrated in the oral presentation responses to the managerial scenario(s).”

” Teamwork” is an attribute to be evaluated at Orals, then it follows that NNSA should require the whole Key Personnel Team to participate and respond to the technical/managerial problems in order to demonstrate the teamwork that will be needed during contract operations.

Section M Criteria clearly applies to all Key Personnel, yet Section L states only those Key Personnel who the Offeror considers essential need be physically present at Orals. Would DOE please require all key personnel to participate?

Answer: The Government is allowing the Offerors to determine those Key Personnel that they feel are essential for participation in the Oral Presentations. The only restriction is that participants be identified as Key Personnel. The Government will clarify this in the final RFP.

48. **Question:** Reference: DRFP, Section NNS-L-1013, UNCLASSIFIED ORAL PRESENTATION PROCEDURES (DEC 2011) Page L-26 of 30. (8) Clarification questions from the SEB during the oral presentation will be asked only if needed to provide immediate information that cannot wait until the presentation is concluded (e.g., unfamiliar words or terms, or to request that the speaker repeat something that was not heard clearly). To better facilitate the SEB's understanding of the oral presentation of the response to the technical/managerial problem, may the NNSA ask the Offeror clarification questions following the presentation of the response to the problem?

Answer: See NNS-L-1013. The Government reserves the right to solicit clarifications from Offerors during and after each Offeror oral presentation.

49. **Question:** DRFP, Section NNS-L-1013, UNCLASSIFIED ORAL PRESENTATION PROCEDURES (DEC 2011) Page L-26 of 30. "(b) Schedule: The Government will schedule oral presentations based on a random drawing and will notify each SF33 signatory within five working days after the proposal submission due date. The Government will notify each Offeror as to the date, time, and other instructions related to its oral presentation in this notification. Oral presentations will be held at -TBD-. Time slots may not be rescheduled or traded except under extenuating circumstances. A request to reschedule a time slot must be submitted in writing to and approved by the Contracting Officer. The oral presentations will commence within approximately five to ten working days of notification. The Government reserves the right to conduct oral presentations prior to the above timeline, or may reschedule an Offeror's presentation at its sole discretion." The location of orals is unspecified and offerors will need to be able to schedule Key Personnel to travel and prepare for the Orals. A relatively short response time after the Orals notification of the Orals date and location is given, favors incumbent contractors, we request that the time to respond be increased from "5 to 10 days" to "10 to 15 days."

Answer: Orals will be held in Albuquerque, NM. A tentative date and exact location will be provided to Offerors within the final RFP.

50. **Question:** DRFP Section L, NNS-L-1013 Unclassified Oral Presentation Procedures, Page L-25 of 30. (9) The Offeror will be responsible for all travel related expenses for its scheduled oral presentation. Would the NNSA please name the likely location of Orals to enable Offeror's to initiate travel and logistical planning?

Answer: See answer to question #49.

51. **Question:** DRFP, Section NNS-L-1013, Unclassified Oral Presentation Procedures Page L-25 and 26 of 30. There is no mention of the Offeror being allowed a specified time for conducting an introduction of the team. Would NNSA consider specifying Offeror's will have 15 minutes to conduct introductions?

Answer: Specific details will be provided under the NNSA webpage prior to the proposal submission date. The Government will take into consideration any additional timeframes.

52. **Question:** DRFP Section L, NNS-L-1013 Unclassified Oral Presentation Procedures, Page L-25 of 30. There is no mention of the Offeror being allowed a specified time for making a closing statement. Would NNSA consider allowing the Offeror to make a closing statement to the SEB after the conclusion of technical/managerial problem presentations that is limited to 15 minutes solely limited to summarizing the oral information presented and not to allow any summary or elaboration of the written proposal?

Answer: Specific details will be provided under the NNSA webpage prior to the proposal submission date. The Government will take into consideration any additional timeframes.

53. **Question:** DRFP Section L, NNS-L-1013 Unclassified Oral Presentation Procedures, Page L-25 of 30. Would the NNSA please distribute the floor plan set up and size dimensions of the oral presentation room?

Answer: Specific details may be provided under the NNSA webpage prior to the proposal submission date.

54. **Question:** Draft PWS, 1.0 Overview and Objectives. Would NNSA please advise the physical location of the NPO?

Answer: See answer to question #11.

55. **Question:** Section L, Page L-14 (6) Tab 6: Criterion 6, Small business Participation Plan (Page limit: 5 pages to include attachments) and Section L, Page L-16 Section 4: A copy of any binding subcontracts or other written commitments. NNSA has limited Tab 6 to 5 pages

including attachments. It also has requested copies of agreements and commitments in Section 4). Due to the anticipated large number of agreements, please exclude Section 4 from the page count or increase the number of pages substantially than allowed in Tab 6.

Answer: See answer to question #45.

56. **Question:** SF1447 and Section B Schedules. The 1447 Form shows the solicitation number as DE-SOL-0003552. On the bottom of the Schedule Bs the number DE-RP52-NA-30691 appears. Would NNSA please clarify the proper solicitation number?

Answer: Solicitation number will be corrected upon release of the final RFP.

57. **Question:** NNS-L-1010 (Worker Safety and Health program Instructions) Part IV, Section L, NNS-L-1010(f) Page L-11 "The WSHP will include primary documents with any attachments that address the following" [six categories]. Since the primary documentation is anticipated to be over 450 pages, will the Government allow it to be included in an ancillary 3-ring binder?

Answer: Yes. Can be included in an ancillary 3-ring binder and shall be tabbed in accordance with Section L RFP instructions.

58. **Question:** May 17, 2012 Y-12 ORO Site Tour. Will DOE please list on the internet website the written script (History of OR) used during the tour?

Answer: A copy of the slides for the site tours has been put on the contracting webpage. The scripts will not be provided.

59. **Question:** Attachment L-11 Site Post and Hour Requirements and Attachment J-9 CBA DOE-OR and Y-12 IGUA for CASB9. On the L-11 "SOW" worksheet tab for Y-12, there are posts/hours for CAS Operators, but not for the labor category "Beta 9 Operators". The CBA has "Beta 9 Operators" as a separate labor category. Is the SOW/Post for the Beta 9 Operators excluded from this solicitation?

Answer: No, Beta 9 Operators will be updated to the Site Post and Hour Requirements on Attachment L-11 as a 24 hour/7 day a week post.

60. **Question:** Page L-9 states that the DOE Small Business Goal is 52%. Page L-15 states the DOE/NNSA small business participation goal is 9%. Can you explain why there is a difference and which goal should offerors attempt to achieve?

Answer: DOE Small Business Subcontracting goal of 52% have been established between DOE and SBA and are based on total subcontracting dollars. The SBA Participation Plan target goal of 9% was established by NNSA and SBA for this acquisition and is based on the total contract value for each contract. Offerors shall explain any deviations from these goals in their proposals and shall justify in an attachment any variations to these established goals.