

Questions and Answers January 14, 2009 thru January 15, 2009 Part I

1. On page L-4 of 20, Item 3, overall arrangement of the proposal, it states that "All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered, and identified with the name of the Offeror, the date and the solicitation number. Then, on page L-5 of 20, Item 5 (i), it states, "The solicitation number, page number and the legend at FAR 52.215-1 (e), "Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data" shall be provided on each page and is the only information that can be displayed within the 1" margins of each side of the page. Where are we to insert the name of the Offeror and the date? Which set of information would they like for us to submit?

Answer: L001 (a) (3) states, that "All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered, and identified with the name of the Offeror, the date, and the solicitation number." And L001 (a) (5) gives instruction on what information may be placed within the margins and states that a smaller font size may be used for this information. You may insert the "Offeror" and "Date" where you feel it would be appropriate. The information you submit is provided in the solicitation.

2. Page 12 of 20, L004 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume III, (b) (3) – Cost states that a time-phased cost summary (Attachment L-7, Table 1) by major cost element should be proposed by contractor fiscal year. Page 7 of 39, B010 states that the DPLH shall be provided over a two year POP commencing with the effective date of the contract, and implies that they periods of performance begin in November of each year as outlined in (b). Please clarify whether to use the contract periods of performance in B010 (b) or the contractors fiscal year for pricing purposes.

Answer: For pricing purposes, the proposed contract performance year(s) rates may reflect multiple/composite contractor fiscal years rates. The Attachment L-7, Table 1 headings are not meant to limit the use of composite year rates. Page 12 of 20, L004 Proposal Preparation Instructions (Volume III, (b) (4) – Direct Labor Hours and Rates require an explanation of how the final proposed rates were developed.

3. Page 13 of 39, F002 Period of Performance – Completion states that the POP for this effort is from date of award through November 2011, and that the end date of the contract is December 2011, but page 7 of 39 indicates that there are 3 option years which can extend the contract through November 2014. Please clarify the expected POP for this contract.

Answer: The base period for this contract is 2 years. If has 3 one year options which the government may choose to exercise or not. It is expected that the contract POP will be for 5 years; however the Government is not obligated to that POP.

4. On page L-3 of 20, Section L000B Proposal Submission Address, Due Dates, and Hand Carried Offerors, states that the proposals are due in IIPPS at 4pm Eastern Standard time on January 30th, but the hard copies are due at 5pm Mountain Standard time on February 4th. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes, this is correct. The electronic copies are due in IIPS as stated in L00B(a) and the hard copies are due as stated in L00B(c).

5. Page 3, 4.2 Training of the PBWS states that all personnel security specialists shall meet training requirements for adjudication and complete a refresher training as provided and established by DOE, NNSA, or PSD. Additionally, the same section states that all personnel security specialists supporting Site Surveys will complete Initial Survey training provided by DOE. What training requirements will be the responsibility of the contractor?

Answer: As stated in 4.0 "Specific Requirements" last paragraph it stated, "At contract award, the contractor shall ensure that all personnel are fully trained and qualified to perform technical tasks and functions described herein". The training provided by DOE, NNSA, or PSD will be for any refresher training or change in technical requirements in DOE, NNSA, or PSD procedures or directives.

6. Page 2 of the RFP identifies a lump amount of \$25,000 for estimated transition costs. However, page 7 of the RFP and Attachment L-7, Table 1 do not make any reference to the transition period. Therefore, it is assumed that the transition period is a part of the Base Year 1 overall costs, and that the transition period is not to be priced separately in Attachment L-7, Table. 1. Please confirm.

Answer: Attachment L-7, Table 1 does reference both Baseline and Transition costs. It is expected that the cost proposal spreadsheets will separately indentify/incorporate the stated amounts from section B of the solicitation. Refer to page 13 of 20, L004 Proposal Preparation Instructions (Volume III, (b) (9) – Contract Baseline Amounts for further guidance.

7. Will any work be performed at the NNSA HQ office in Washington, DC? If so, what personnel will the contractor be required to provide for supporting this office?

Answer: No

8. Section H029 of the RFP provides for the applicable Wage Determination to be used on this contract. Will the government list the positions on the wage determination that are applicable to this contract?

Answer: No, the offeror is required to propose the applicable labor categories they feel are appropriate for this requirement.

9. Since this contract is subject to the Service Contract Act per Section H029 and stated FAR clause 52.222-41 will labor escalations be subject to the Service Contract Act Price Adjustment (Multiyear and Option Contracts) Clause 52-222-43?

Answer: Clause 52.222-43 is not applicable to this requirement since it is not a fixed price contract (FAR 22.1006(c)(1)).

10. Part II.A.52.222-42 of the RFP normally provides for the Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires clause in full text. Will the government provide the equivalent rates for Federal Hire associated with this contract?

Answer: Clause 52.222-42 is provided in full text on pg. 35 section I of the solicitation. This is to be filled out by the contractor since the government wishes the offeror to provide their applicable labor categories. FAR 22.1016 provides procedures for computation of these rates.

11. Section B010 of the RFP details the Direct Productive Labor Hours (DPLH) as TBD. What does the government expect as an annual DPLH for this contract?"

Answer: The Government does not expect a certain DPLH. We would like the Offeror to propose their "Best Approach" at performing this requirement. See Q&A Dec.25 thru Jan 5, Q&A #3.

12. Section L010 states that the size standard is \$6.5M but GSA states \$7M. Please clarify."

Answer: The correct size standard for NAICS code 541690 is \$7M

13. Will the government share with us any historical/seasonal surge data on the volumes and types of cases?

Answer: the available historical data was provided in the PBWS.

14. Section PBWS 8.0 – Core Work Hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. What are the normal working hours and at what starting and ending times is the contractor expected to perform outside the Core Work Hours?"

Answer: The normal working hours will vary depending on the needs of the Government and the flexibility the contractor has with its employees. Contractor employees will have to be at work during the core hours stated in the PBWS.

15. Section H017 of the RFP states that "the Government will furnish the Contractor office space for approximately 80 individual(s) on an as-required basis". What are the quantities and locations of these offices? What GFE equipment is provided at these locations?"

Answer: The Government will provide the necessary office space needed to perform the requirements outlined in the PBWS. A list of GFE was provided with the solicitation.