

**Q1:** I understand SAIC's current contract with NASA does not end until April 2013. Does this RFI mean that NASA is not exercising (or considering not exercising) its option year with SAIC?

**A1:** All options available on the contract have been fully exercised extending the contract period of performance through April 30, 2013.

**Q2:** We look forward to providing NASA a Capabilities Statement to demonstrate how we can support many of the quality requirements laid out in the RFI. However, our company is not a proven provider of all seven disciplines listed (e.g. Safety Engineering, Risk Management, Software Assurance). Would NASA accept a Capabilities Statement for only those disciplines where our company has proven capabilities?

**A2:** Yes. NASA will accept a Capabilities Statement for any of the disciplines where a company has proven capabilities.

**Q3:** Which specific Department / Organization at NASA Johnson Space Center is the primary user of Safety & Mission Assurance Engineering services?

**A3:** The contract will provide services to the NASA JSC Safety and Mission Assurance (S&MA) Directorate in support of safety, reliability and quality assurance, engineering products and technical services for the International Space Station Program, Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, the Extravehicular Activity Project Office, and new programs and projects performed by JSC.

**Q4:** Will JSC consider changing the NAICS code from 541330 (Engineering Services) to 541712 [Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Biotechnology)]?

**A4:** At this time, JSC is reviewing the NAICS Code. The final decision on the NAICS code will be reflected in the Request for Proposal.

**Q5:** Under the section that begins with "Additional functions required for this potential contract include", the following function is listed:

5. The S&MA Directorate also provides the JSC Receiving Inspection and Test Facility (RITF). It is certified and A2LA accredited by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation and compliant with ISO 9002-2000. The current capabilities include mechanical, chemical and electrical testing. The facility specializes in fastener testing, wire/cable certification and electronic component evaluation. The facility also provides "hands on" training to NASA/contractor engineers, technicians, and inspectors in the areas of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD), Solder, SMT, Crimping, Conformal Coating, and Fiber Optic Terminations.

Is this a requirement for the contractor to have Inspection & Test Facility / Labs for use by NASA? Or this simply stating that the contractor will be supporting the NASA Inspection & Test Facility?

**A5:** The contractor will not be required to provide Inspection & Test Facility/Labs for use by NASA. The contractor will provide support for the JSC Receiving Inspection & Test Facility.

**Q6:** Even though the specific acquisition schedule has not been finalized to date, to help us for resource planning purposes, could you share with us tentative or general targeted dates for release of the Draft RFP and RFP.

**A6:** Further information, including a milestone schedule, will be posted on the acquisition website (<http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/smaec/>) at a future date.

**Q7:** I would like to request a short meeting with you (Contracting Officer) in the next couple of weeks to discuss the JSC SMAEC requirement. Would you (Contracting Officer) be open to me getting on your calendar soon?

**A7:** All potential offerors will receive an opportunity to discuss procurement strategies with the procurement and technical points of contact during Industry Day one-on-one meetings. Please monitor the acquisition website (<http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/smaec/>) for further information and updates.