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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: All Potential Offerors

FROM: PS21

SUBJECT: Final Request for Proposal (RFP) NNM12407668R for the Mission Operations & Integration (MO&I) Services Acquisition at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), is pleased to release the Final Request for Proposal (RFP) for the MO&I Services acquisition. All Offerors should review the Final RFP, Clarifications to All Potential Offerors (Attachment A), and the change log (Attachment B), listing the changes to the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) posted on March 28, 2012. All Offerors should review the Final RFP and submit questions by **4:30** p.m. (Central Daylight Time), June 1, 2012. Any questions submitted by this deadline will be answered in an RFP amendment anticipated for release on or about June 8, 2012.

Offeror's are reminded that the procurement sensitivity "blackout notice" letter for this procurement was distributed to all applicable MSFC employees with the release of the Final RFP to industry. All questions regarding the Final RFP must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer.

Thank you for your valuable input into the Draft RFP and for your continued interest in NASA/MSFC's MO&I Services acquisition.

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MSFC Procurement Officer

Attachment A

Clarifications to Offerors

Government's Intent to Award Competitively (With or Without Negotiations):

To clarify the Government's intent, the following clarification is provided:

In accordance with FAR Part 15, Source Selection: At the Government's option, a competitive range will be determined. After the establishment of the competitive range, discussions may be conducted at the Government's discretion (FAR 15.306 (d)).

Historical Compensation Levels for Salary/Wages:

Upon further consideration, it was determined that the following clarification is necessary:

Due to the certification levels required for the performance of this work, historical compensation levels for salary/wages for certified employees under the previous contract have been higher than industry average. (This clarification is also included in the solicitation in Attachment L-5, Background and Historical Information).

Analysis of Potential Conflict of Interest:

A concern was expressed to the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Mission Operations and Integration (MO&I) Source Evaluation Board (SEB) about a potential Organizational Conflict of Interest between the upcoming MO&I contract and the JSC Facilities Development & Operations Contract. This concern was based upon the fact that the Huntsville Operations Support Center (HOSC) contract contains within it a limitation of future contracting clause precluding the HOSC contractor from also serving as the SDOS Task Order 24 prime contractor. The work currently performed under SDOS Task Order 24 is being competed as part of the MO&I procurement. Therefore, the specific concern is whether the same limitation of future contracting between the HOSC contract and the MO&I contract should also be in place between the Facilities Development & Operations Contract and the MO&I contract.

An analysis of this issue resulted in the determination that the addition of the Facilities Development & Operations Contract to the limitation of future contracting provision (i.e. H.2, NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1852.209-71 Limitation of Future Contracting (DEC 1988)) in the MO&I contract is not warranted.

More specifically, the analysis considered the following concerns:

> The likelihood and impact of risk associated with an organizational conflict of interest that might occur between the MO&I contract and the Facilities Development & Operations Contract (FDOC) is much smaller than the risk of an organizational conflict

of interest (OCI) between the MO&I contract and the HOSC contract. The factors considered included, but were not limited to, the following:

1) The small amount of work (less than 10%) associated with the limited interface between the MSFC MO&I contract and the JSC Facilities Development & Operations Contract has a greatly reduced likelihood of risk, as opposed to the MO&I and HOSC interfaces where virtually 100% of the total MO&I scope of work originates and validates requirements provided to the HOSC contract,

2) The impact of Facilities Development & Operations Contract system availability is also small due to the non-Mission Critical nature of the products/services associated with the interface between the MO&I and Facilities Development & Operations Contract as opposed to the potential severe impact due to the availability of HOSC Mission Critical systems that exist at the interface of between the MO&I contract and the HOSC contract.

Furthermore, any risk of a potential OCI that may remain between the MO&I contract and the Facilities Development & Operations Contract will be sufficiently mitigated by the proper insight and oversight by Government civil service monitoring and interfaces. Additionally, all proposers shall address OCIs in their proposals in an OCI plan to be provided in response to the solicitation as prescribed in Provision L.15, Notice of Potential Organizational Conflict of Interest. Finally, as a part of their OCI Plan, proposers shall address all contracts with whom they intend enter into Associate Contractor Agreements. The proposed OCI plans will be evaluated by the Mission Operations and Integration Source Evaluation Board as part of the Mission Suitability evaluation.

Based on the above, it is determined that the addition of the Facilities Development & Operations Contract to the limitation of future contracting provision in the MO&I contract is not warranted.