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Space Administration
Langley Research Center
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TO: All Offerors

FROM: Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal – Conceptual Design of an Air Bag Landing Attenuation System for the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)

REFERENCE: Solicitation # NNL06146203R

Thank you for your interest in this acquisition. Offerors are advised that the resulting contract will be a Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF) Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contract. Reference Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Parts 16.306 and 16.504 respectively for more information regarding CPFF and IDIQ contracts. As explained in the solicitation, the government reserves the right to award more than one contract. However, if more than one contract is awarded, it **will not** be a “Multiple IDIQ Contract” as described in FAR 16.504(c). Accordingly, the government **will not** compete task orders if more than one contract is awarded.

Section L, paragraph L.3 of the solicitation stipulates the resulting contract will be an IDIQ CPFF “completion form.” As explained in FAR 16.306: “*Completion Form* describes the scope of work by stating a definite goal or target and specifying an end product. This form of contract normally requires the contractor to complete and deliver the specified end product (e.g., a final report of research accomplishing the goal or target) within the estimated cost, if possible, as a condition for payment of the entire fixed fee. However, in the event the work cannot be completed within the estimated cost, the Government may require more effort without increase in fee, provided the Government increases the estimated amount to cover the increase in estimated cost.”

FAR 16.301-3 states: “A cost-reimbursement contract may be used only when --

- (1) The contractor’s accounting system is adequate for determining costs applicable to the contract;”

Accordingly, an offeror must demonstrate that it has an adequate accounting system as determined by a responsible Government Audit Agency (e.g. Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA)). The contracting officer will consider any offeror that does not demonstrate that it has an adequate accounting system nonresponsible and ineligible for award in accordance with FAR 9.104-1.

Additionally, offerors proposing subcontractors must comply with the terms contained in FAR clause 52.244-2 Subcontracts included in the attached solicitation by providing the appropriate

notices to the contracting officer and request to subcontract by submitting the information contained in paragraph (f)(1) of the clause as applicable.

This solicitation involves an "Advanced Development" requirement for the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) as described in clause H.24 of CEV Phase I contracts NNJ05HF17C and NNJ05HF18C. Accordingly, the terms and conditions contained in H.24 apply to the Phase I CEV contractors that may compete for this requirement.

Instructions for completing your proposal are included in Section L and evaluation criteria are included in Section M. Please read the entire solicitation carefully to ensure a complete understanding of all requirements – including data rights and patent rights for new technology.

Offerors are responsible for monitoring the Fedbizops web site for any Amendments to the solicitation and acknowledge any such Amendments as per instructions contained on Standard Form (SF) 33, block 14. **NOTE:** pursuant to FAR 15.208, the government may reject an Offeror's proposal if the Offeror fails to timely acknowledge Amendments.

The solicitation includes a new FAR clause by reference in Section I; however, for the convenience of offerors, it is included in full text below:

52.204-9 – Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel. (Jan 2006)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures identified in the contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24, and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201.

(b) The Contractor shall insert this clause in all subcontracts when the subcontractor is required to have physical access to a federally-controlled facility or access to a Federal information system.

(End of Clause)

Web links to the documents referenced in FAR 52.204-9 are provided below:

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12)

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-12.html>

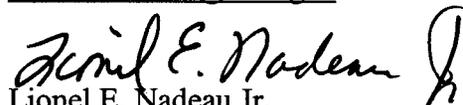
Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24 <http://csrc.nist.gov/piv-program/memo/m05-24.pdf>

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201

<http://www.csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips201/FIPS-201-022505.pdf>

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Attachment:

Request for Proposal (RFP)