

| AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT   |  |                                       |  | 1. CONTRACT ID CODE | PAGE  | OF | PAGES |
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| 2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.<br>003   |  | 3. EFFECTIVE DATE<br>February 2, 2007 | 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.<br>Not applicable |                     | 1   |    | 9     |
| 6. ISSUED BY<br>NASA DRYDEN FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER<br>PO BOX 273/D-1422/A/<br>EDWARDS, CA 93523-0273 |  |                                       | 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)          |                     | 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)                    |    |       |
| 8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No. Street, county, State and ZIP: Code)<br>POTENTIAL OFFERORS    |  |                                       |  | (X)                 | 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.<br>NND07154670R |    |       |
|  |  |                                       |  | X                   | 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)<br>December 19, 2006      |    |       |
|  |  |                                       |  |                     | 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.           |    |       |
|  |  |                                       |  |                     | 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)                          |    |       |
| CODE   |  | FACILITY CODE                         |  |                     |   |    |       |

**11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS**

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended,  is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning one (1) copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATA SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and data specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

Not applicable

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,  
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

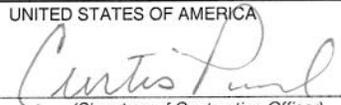
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| (X) | A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.  |
|     | B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b). |
|     | C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:  |
|     | D. OTHER Specify type of modification and authority)  |

E. **IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of Amendment 003 is to publish questions and answers resulting from release of the RFP. (see Attachment) No other changes to this solicitation are made by issuance of this amendment.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

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| 15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) |                  | 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)  |                  |
|   |                  | Curtis Paul, Contracting Officer  |                  |
| 15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR                       | 15C. DATE SIGNED | 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   | 16C. DATE SIGNED |
| (Signature of person authorized to sign)      |                  | BY <br>(Signature of Contracting Officer) | 2/2/07           |

## Post-RFP Issuance Questions and Answers

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| <p>Q1. Is there going to be multiple awards for this solicitation or is one small business/team expected to meet all the criteria in Section II of the SOW?</p>  | <p><b>A1. This is not a multiple award solicitation. Award will be made to only one offeror who will be expected to perform any requirement ordered from the Statement of Work.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q2. Is there an incumbent currently performing this work? Was the previous contract length 3 years with options, similar to this solicitation?</p>  | <p><b>A2. Yes. There is an incumbent currently performing this work. The previous contract length was two years with a three year option period.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q3. We saw the large range of min/max value of the contract driven by what's in the FAR. Is there any estimates based upon the work for this solicitation?</p>  | <p><b>A3. During the life of this contract, annual costs incurred have ranged from approximately \$8 million to \$11 million. This contract is largely driven by the amount of research projects at Dryden so we expect a fluctuation in costs to continue over the life of the contract.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q4. And finally, we saw the requirement to be or going to be ISO 9000 and AS 9100 certified. If we are not certified, but team with someone who is, will that meet this requirement or does every company need to be certified accordingly?</p>                   | <p><b>A4. NASA has required all its Centers to become AS 9100 certified. This requirement is being flowed down to contractors working at the Centers. The NASA Dryden Flight Research Center (DFRC) is undergoing an intensive effort to become AS 9100 certified. All prime contractors must become AS 9100 certified to work at this center. Any subcontractor/teaming partner procuring supplies or materials on behalf of DFRC must also become AS 9100 certified.</b></p> |
| <p>Q5. Reference: F.6 Contract Documentation Requirements, Solicitation Page 9<br/>Question: Will the Government please correct the typographical error that results in a section number with duplicate numbering as the previous section, F.6, Reports of Work?</p> | <p><b>A5. Error was corrected in Amendment 1.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q6. Reference: L.16(a) Pre-proposal/Pre-Bid Conference, Solicitation Page 50<br/>Question: Is the Government intending to hold such a conference?</p>   | <p><b>A6. Yes. Amendment 1 updated Provision L.16 to show date and time of the Pre-proposal Conference.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q7. Reference: L.20(b), Solicitation Page 52<br/>Question: Will the Government please correct the typographical error of December 11, 2006, as the due date for questions/comments regarding this solicitation</p>  | <p><b>A7. Error was corrected in Amendment 1.</b></p>  |

Q8. Reference: L.24(c) Past Performance Questionnaires, Solicitation Page 63-64  
 Reference: M.4(c) Past Performance Factor, Solicitation Page 77  
 Reference: Form A - Past Performance Questionnaire Section IV  
 Comment/Question: While Section I, II, and III of the Questionnaire appear to be fully synchronized with the Government's stated evaluation objectives aimed at assessing an offeror's past history of technical management, programmatic management, schedule management, and cost management (M.4(a) and M.4(b)) – Section IV appears to be holdover from an earlier version of the solicitation. The referenced paragraph M.4(c) explicitly states that:

*"The term "relevant" means... comparable size...or scope (bolding is ours), and significant technical or cost similarity (again bolding is ours), association or other relationship with the effort and/or contract type described in the RFP."*

Our comment is that Section IV of the Past Performance Questionnaire appears focus only on technical scope and technical similarity – and that this is especially problematic because, by definition and mandate, different NASA Centers focus on different specific technical SOW details; thus, the only contract that could possibly score maximum on Section IV is the incumbent contract. This appears to contradict the stated evaluation objectives.

Our question, therefore, is – will the Government delete Section IV of the Past Performance Questionnaire, or so modify it that it encompasses the evaluation objectives explicitly stated in subject Solicitation Paragraph M.4(c)?

**A8. No. Section I of the Past Performance Questionnaire asks for contract type and contract value. This information can also be gathered from databases like the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). In addition, offerors can provide information regarding contract size or type in their Past Performance proposals. Therefore, we believe that information will be available for our evaluation. The government's intention is to evaluate all relevant data as stated in the RFP.**

Q9. Reference: L.24(c), Solicitation Page 63  
 Comment/Question: The referenced paragraph states that:

*"For proposed subcontractor(s).....references shall concern only work performed by the subcontractor's **business entity** (our bolding) that will perform the work under this contract."*

Support service business entities within large businesses frequently do not focus on hardware and other flight activities. Those same large business subcontractors frequently offer significant relevant experience and past performance in non-support service business entities within the company, with that experience readily available through reassignment of personnel or corporate reach back.

Since there is significant relevant experience available to perform the contract in large business subcontractors if all business entities are considered, we are concerned that it is restrictive if significant relevant experience is precluded by the RFP instructions for subcontractor teammates.

Our question, therefore, is – will the Government delete the restriction in the subject Solicitation Paragraph L.24(c) that only subcontractor(s) references from the business entity that will perform the work will be considered in the Past Performance evaluation?

**A9. No. However, the past performance of the business entity that included actual reassignment of personnel or corporate reach back would be considered relevant information as a demonstration of how that business entity as been able to perform in the past.**

Q10. Reference: Section L.25(c)(i), Solicitation Page 66

Question: Using the definitions of direct labor hour and WYE in the referenced section and the WYE information in Exhibit 2, offerors are able to derive the total proposed direct labor hours. However, it is not clear what percentage of those hours would be "Regular" and what percentage would be "Overtime". Would the Government provide the historical percentage of OT usage during the past 5 years on the contract?

**A10. No. The Government has not collected the OT usage on this contract in the past.**

Q11. Question: If not, is it the Government's intention for offerors to:

- a) Assume a certain OT percentage, based on offeror's own experience;
- or
- b) Price all hours at the Straight Time rate.

**A11. The choice is for each offeror to make. The offeror should provide the rationale behind its decision.**

Q12. Reference: Section L.25(c)(i), Solicitation Page 66

Question: The offerors are instructed to use Exhibit 2 WYE information to compute the direct labor hours. However, RFP Section L.25.b (Third Paragraph) describes possible innovative approaches that the offeror would propose to achieve cost savings, some of which could be reduced staffing (WYE). Is it the Government intention for all the offerors to use the WYE information in Exhibit 2 for **ALL Contract Years**, or are the offerors allowed to deviate from the Exhibit 2 WYE information, citing "innovative approaches"?

**A12. The WYE information in Exhibit 2 is to be used for all contract years. The monetary impact of any innovative approaches is to be cited separately.**

Q13. Section L.16 of the Engineering and Technical Services for Flight Research and Development RFP references a Preproposal/Pre-Bid Conference. Can you please provide the date for this conference?

**A13. Date provided in Amendment 1.**

Q14. Paragraph L.16: The pre-proposal conference is listed as TBD. When is the pre-proposal conference scheduled?

**A14. Date provided in Amendment 1.**

Q15. Paragraph L. 20: The due date for questions is stated as 11 December. What is the revised date for submission of questions?

**A15. Date provided in Amendment 1.**

Q16. Section L.21 (b) (1), reference number of copies of PP Questionnaire, is it the intent that the offeror request the responders to submit 7 copies of the completed questionnaire as they are submitted directly from responder to DFRC.

**A16. No. Only the original completed questionnaire is to be submitted. This was corrected in Amendment 1.**

Q17. L.23 Representative Task Order and Exhibit 1 Sub Task 101 F. The Sub Task identifies the applicable SOW references as WBS 5.2 and 5.3. The SOW does not include WBS 5.2 and 5.3. Please provide guidance as to response to this Sub Task.

**A17. This subtask was removed by Amendment 2.**

Q18. Section L.24 (a) requires a matrix relating the paragraph numbers of the Mission Suitability Volume (MSV) and Cost Proposal to the Past Performance Volume (PPV). Given that the PPV is due 4 or 6 weeks before the other volumes and these volumes may well undergo paragraph numbering changes after the PPV is submitted, it may be difficult to provide the final paragraph numbers until all volumes are completed. Is it acceptable to provide the information with the submission of the MSV as a separate attachment for the PPV?

**A18. The requirement for a matrix was deleted in Amendment 1.**

Q19. Section L.24 states that all relevant contracts over \$1M which have performed over the past 5 years are to be identified in the past performance volume. We assume that if we performed similar tasks under a Deliver Order or GSA type of contract (which had to be funded on an annual basis), we are permitted to bundle those contracts into a single past performance reference. Is this correct?

**A19. Yes. If the orders were placed consecutively under the same GSA contract, then you can bundle them into a single reference.**

Q20. Section L.24 states that the prime is to submit at least one contract that was performed in excess of \$4M annually, awarded during the past 10 years. First, if the prime is unable to satisfy this requirement, is that company ineligible for an award? Second, we assume that this \$4M annual revenue contract did not have to be awarded in the past 10 years, but must rather have at least 3 years of performance over the past 10 years. Is this correct?

**A20. No. Failure to meet this requirement will not make a company ineligible for award but it will affect the risk assessed as part of the proposal evaluation. The Government wants to see evidence of the offeror being able to handle to volume of business encompassed in the current ETS contract. Thus, the requirement for a contract over \$4M annually. The more current the contract is, the more relevant it will be as part of the Government's evaluation.**

Q21. Reference: RFP Section L.24(a) OVERVIEW; the last sentence in this paragraph states, "Provide a chart or matrix that relates paragraph numbers of your Mission Suitability Proposal and Cost Proposal to the experience that you consider relevant to this RFP."

The Past Performance Volume is to be submitted on January 29, 2007 but the Mission Suitability Volume will not be submitted until approximately four weeks later (February 23, 2007) and the Cost Proposal is not due until two weeks after that on March 9, 2007. A chart or matrix developed for inclusion in the Past Performance Volume could easily be overcome by events during that six week time period and/or changes to either of the remaining volumes prior to their submittal. Such a chart or matrix might result in confusing the evaluators and lead to the issuance of clarification requests. Consequently, we recommend the above requirement be removed from the RFP or that such a chart or matrix be considered for inclusion in the Mission Suitability Proposal. We further ask you to consider excluding any such chart or matrix from the page limitation. Reference: RFP, Section M.3, page 73:

**A21. The requirement for a matrix was deleted in Amendment 1.**

Q22. Is the current contract award for 5 years vice 10 years, as articulated by the NASA Contracting

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| <p>Officer and the Contract Officer Technical Representative?</p> <p><b>A22. The current contract is a 5 year award. The RFP is for a 5 year award. We have requested a deviation from NASA HQ to have a potential 10 year contract using an Award Term provision. If the deviation is granted by NASA HQ, then the RFP will be amended to include the Award Term provisions.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q23. Is it anticipated that a contract award will be decided prior to 1 May 2007? If not, what is the anticipated award date?</p> <p><b>A23. The Government will be extending the current contract. The length of the extension has not been decided but it will not be longer than 6 months.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q24. Section C.1 (a) (Description/Specification/Work Statement) states "In accordance with the contract's terms, the Contractor shall furnish all personnel, services, equipment, materials, and facilities and do all other things necessary for, or incidental to performance of the requirements set forth herein." It also says "Work shall be accomplished in accordance with the Specification/Work Statement incorporated in Section J, Attachment 1." Referring to Section J, the Attachment Description Table shows Attachment No. 1 is to be the Statement of Work entitled "Engineering and Technical Services for Flight Research and Development". It is not clear from this what is expected to be furnished by the government or the contractor. Does this include desk-top computers, telephones, desks, furniture, supplies, etc.? Or does the government provide the necessary equipment for the contractor employees to do their jobs?</p> <p><b>A24. The Government will provide the necessary equipment as detailed in Clauses G.13 "1852.245-71 INSTALLATION-ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY" and G.14 "1852.245-77 LIST OF INSTALLATION-ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY AND SERVICES". A list of current equipment is provided in Attachment 3 to the model contract.</b></p> |
| <p>Q25. Will there be any requirement for International travel associated with supporting NASA Dryden's mission? If yes, what is the requirement?</p> <p><b>A25. There has been international travel under the current contract in support of programmatic needs, conferences and international committee meetings. Travel requirements are driven by individual project needs so travel requirements will vary by task order.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q26. Section H.13 1852.204-76 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, page 31 -and- Exhibit 1, Representative Task Order, page 12. What is the anticipated SECRET security clearance requirement for the contract period?</p> <p><b>A26. The maximum security clearance is SECRET. Handling of classified material will be managed on a programmatic basis. Not all programs will require access to classified data.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q27. Section I.39, 52.223-3 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA. (JAN 1997) - ALTERNATE I (JUL 1995), page 36 -and- Section I.98 52.223-7 NOTICE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS. (JAN 1997), page 39?<br/>How much and type of hazardous materials, specifically radioactive materials will need to be handled during the contract period?</p> <p><b>A27. Quantities and types unknown. The above clauses govern the identifying of deliverables purchased by the contractor on behalf of the government. Types of hazardous material are those associated with the fabrication, processing and conduct of flight research. Hazardous material will require identification and Material Safety Data. Deliverables are determined by the Task Order requirements which reflect the different needs of flight research projects. All purchases with potential sensitive or hazardous material must be coordinated with DFRC's</b></p>  |

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| <p><b>Safety and Mission Assurance office. No radioactive materials are currently projected to be purchased through this contract.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q28. Section L.13, 52.222-46 EVALUATION OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, page 48?<br/>The Government has required that current incumbent salaries must not be cut. In order to properly respond to this Government requirement, will the Government furnish the unload current AS&amp;M salaries?</p> <p><b>A28. No. The clause does not state that incumbent salaries not be cut but that the Government's best interest is for professional employees to be properly and fairly compensated. Proposals envisioning compensation levels lower than those of predecessor contractors for the same work will be evaluated on the basis of maintaining program continuity, uninterrupted high-quality work, and availability of required competent professional service employees.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q29. Section L.16 1852.215-77 PREPROPOSAL/PRE-BID CONFERENCE, page 50<br/>When is the Pre-Proposal Bid Conference scheduled?</p> <p><b>A29. Amendment 1 updated Provision L.16 to show date and time of the Pre-proposal Conference.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q30. Section L.20, COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION, (b) Schedule for submittal of RFP questions, page 52<br/>Section L.20 (b) states that "Questions or comments should be submitted by December 11, 2006 to allow for analysis and dissemination of responses in advance of the proposal due date." Since the RFP was published December 19, 2006, is there a new deadline for submitting questions? (The RFP states 11 Dec 06.)</p> <p><b>A30. New date provided in Amendment 1.</b></p>   |
| <p>Q31. Section L.24, Past Performance Volume, page 62<br/>The RFP says "Provide a chart or matrix that relates paragraph numbers of your Mission Suitability Proposal and Cost Proposal to the experience that you consider relevant to this RFP." Is the reference to cost proposal correct? Does the government want a matrix that ties past performance to paragraph numbers in the cost proposal? Or should the reference instead be to para numbers in the past performance volume?</p> <p><b>A31. The requirement for a matrix was deleted in Amendment 1.</b></p>  |
| <p>Q32. Section L.25, WBS/Labor Category Work-Year Equivalent Matrix, page 66<br/>The Cost Volume (L.25) states that the offeror <b>shall</b> use the WBS/Labor Category Work-Year Equivalent Matrix provided in Exhibit 2 in computing the direct labor hours and skill mix. It has also been stated very clearly (L.13) that the proposing organization make every effort to retain the incumbent work force with emphasis on not cutting the offerors overall cost by reducing the salary levels of the incumbents. While the use of Exhibit 2 helps to specify what the various labor categories are, there is no direct source of information regarding the salary levels of those work categories. The only perceived method for the offeror to be responsive with competitive salaries is to contact all or most of the incumbent work force prior to submitting the proposal and determine with some precision what the overall direct labor costs will be. Is it possible to obtain from the government a table of salary levels consistent with the work force categories or do we have to derive this information from the employees of the incumbent?</p> <p><b>A32. The Government will not be providing a table of salary levels for the labor categories. Proposed compensation including rates and benefits are to be determined by the offeror in</b></p> |

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| <b>accordance with its own policies and procedures.</b>   |  |
| Q33. Section L.25(c)(iv), Direct Costs, page 67<br>Since the Government identifies major subcontractors as those subcontractors having a potential value in excess of \$500,000 and a cumulative value in excess of 10% of the prime contract's total potential value, can offerors assume that the estimated costs provided for Subcontracts in the table referenced above on page 67 of section L of the RFP are for subcontractors that do not meet the definition of "major" as defined by the Government and that separate pricing is not required for these "non-major" subs?   |  |
| <b>A33. Yes. Separate pricing is not required.</b>  |  |
| Q34. List of Forms and Exhibits, Exhibit 1, Representative Task Order, pages 3-12<br>The individual tasks within the Representative Task (WAHHOO Scenario) all refer to applicable SOW references (WBS numbers). Some of the WBS numbers specified as references in the tasks do not have any WYEs in the WBS/Labor Category WYE Matrix (Exhibit 2). The assumption is that the WYE table is completely independent of the WAHHOO scenario and, since it is hypothetical, there is no need to link the workforce in the scenario to the table in Exhibit 2. Is this a correct assumption? If it is not correct, then are we expected to change Exhibit 2 to accommodate the areas that presently do not have any WYEs assigned? |  |
| <b>A34. Yes. The WYE information in Exhibit 2 is independent of the Representative Task Order in Exhibit 1.</b>   |  |
| Q35. Attachment 1, SOW para 1.2.10 UAV Operations Support, page 17 of 25<br>Under the UAV/UAS support area is there a need to support from wrench turners to flight planners? Does the government intend to keep this function under a sub-contract?  |  |
| <b>A35. UAV support under the current contract consisted of a ground station pilot/mission planner until the contractor employee was hired as a civil servant. Contractor support is not required currently in this area. Over the next contract period, future UAV support requirements will vary according to DFRC needs.</b>   |  |
| Q36. Attachment 3, LIST OF GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY, pages 1-3<br>Is the GFE identified in the RFP complete?   |  |
| <b>A36. The Installation provided property listed in Attachment 3 was complete as of the date of the RFP release.</b>   |  |
| Q37. Does ODIN cover the scientific computers under the current support contract?   |  |
| <b>A37. ODIN covers some but not all of the scientific computers. These other scientific computers are covered under a different arrangement. Regardless, the government provides the computers for any direct work on the contract as part of the installation provided equipment.</b>   |  |
| Q38. Does the government pay for each of the "seats" under the ODIN IT contract or must we include the cost in the proposal?  |  |
| <b>A38. The Outsourcing Desktop Initiative for NASA (ODIN) is a long-term outsourcing arrangement with the commercial sector that transfers to it the responsibility and risk for providing and managing the vast majority of NASA's desktop, server, and intra-center communications assets and services. In ODIN terms, a "Seat" is your computer system. It is the main computer box, keyboard and mouse, and the monitor, all bundled together. When referring to a seat, there is also a set of services included in your seat. These may include Help Desk</b>  |  |

**support, hardware and software maintenance, system and software refresh, system administration, and training. Back office functions are also included such as network connectivity, email, and server storage space. In addition, peripherals (local printers, scanners, external drives, etc.) may be “added” to your seat as maintenance devices. Under ODIN, there are many different levels of service associated with those services that are available to you. Additional information is located at: <https://www.odin.lmit.com/dfrc/>.**

**The cost of an ODIN seat will be paid by the government as part of the installation provided equipment for work on the contract. Offerors are not to include the cost of an ODIN seat in the cost of the proposal.**