

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR SUBMISSION OF
UNSOLICITED OFFERORS
CATALOG OF AIRCRAFT BPA

In the event of a discrepancy between the answers to these questions concerning unsolicited offerors and the information contained in Solicitation NNG07101102Q-1 the Solicitation will prevail.

Q. Who are the points of contact for the Catalog of Aircraft BPAs?

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Q.What are the deadlines for the unsolicited offerors?

A. Hand-carried unsolicited offeror proposals will be accepted on our business days, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in October. Electronic or mailed proposals will be accepted during the month of October. Unsolicited offeror proposals submitted outside the month of October will not be considered.

Q. For the unsolicited proposal what are the acceptable methods of delivery?

A. Electronic, mail or handcarry are acceptable methods of delivery. Please refer to the revised request for quote letter of **December 1, 2008** for further information.

Q. I would like to add an additional platform to the BPA or obtain a BPA. What forms do I fill out to achieve this?

A. Please refer back to the revised request for quote letter of **December 1, 2008**. Pages 2 and 3 address the information required.

Q. In Exhibit 2, Section 1.2, what is meant by, "Provide a description of personnel by position"?

A. List your key personnel for the operational aspects of the aircraft by position and describe their duties.

Q. When is the RFQ expected to come out? And what is the deadline for that?

A. Per Article IX of the BPA, annually or periodically as needed, the Contracting Officer may solicit offerors. A presolicitation notice will be posted to NASA/GSFC Business Opportunities page is <http://nais.msfc.nasa.gov/cgi-in/eps/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=51> when the Government intends to issue a solicitation.

Q. When are past performance surveys due?

A. Surveys submitted after the end of October for unsolicited offerors will be at risk of not arriving in time to be considered.

Q. Where will flights take place?

A. Both inside (CONUS) and outside (OCONUS) the continental United States of America.

Q. For items such as travel, subcontracts, and other mission-specific direct charging, will overhead (burden) be covered on such costs?

A. The Labor Rates proposed for the BPA shall be fully burdened. These rates will apply to both prime and subcontract labor. Once established, no other burdens may be added to labor (prime or subcontract).

Burden rate(s) may be applied to Other Direct Costs (ODCs); i.e. travel, materials, etc. These burden rate(s) shall be provided as a part of the BPA proposal in the format shown in Solicitation/Amendment 3. The specific ODC category to which these burden rate(s) are applied shall be clearly identified. Once the BPA is established, no other burden rates may be applied.

Q. Can you provide a modification scenario (e.g. time, period)?

A. Depending on the complexity of the installation, an installation could take between two days and two weeks.

Q. Will each delivery order be firm fixed price?

A. The delivery orders are fixed price with fixed labor charges and hours, fixed daily charges and reimbursable ODCs such as travel for the installation and de-installation. For flights, ODCs such as fuel and travel will be reimbursable; the fixed daily rate will be at a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) number of days and the fixed hourly flight rate will be at a NTE number of hours.

Q. What is a typical mission duration (e.g. are they 3 hours per day, 8 hours per day, etc.)?

A. NASA's past experience with commercial manned aircraft has been primarily in the medium lift category where the aircraft endurance may be limited to 6 hours or less; however, it is not unusual for NASA owned manned aircraft to fly mission flights lasting up to 8-10 hours, depending on mission requirements and crew rest considerations.

Furthermore, the NASA Airborne Science Program Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) experience has resulted in flights lasting as long as 23 hours, although flight durations for UASs have been significantly shorter (10-18 hours) as well. For more details on historical aircraft usage by aircraft type and fiscal year, please see question #7 from the original solicitation.

Q. How many BPA holders are there currently?

A. There are 15 BPA holders currently.

Q. Annually, how many flights are awarded?

A. Question/Answer #7 posted at <http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/sol.cgi?acqid=123666> is the aircraft platform history that was provided to all offerors. In addition, due to the nature of this work, requirements can fluctuate tremendously from year to year due to budget, scientific requirements and mission objectives.