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TO: All Potential Offerors

FROM: OP/Director, Procurement Office

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNK07201535R for the Construction of the Constellation Crew Launch Vehicle (CLV) Mobile Launcher (ML) Acquisition at NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC)

The RFP for the ML has been released. This RFP is for the construction of the Constellation CLV ML. This acquisition will be conducted as a negotiated full and open competition. The ML acquisition evaluation is being conducted in two parts due to the aggressive Constellation Program schedule and need for the ML. Part 1 is the submission and evaluation of the Past Performance Volume. Part 2 is the submission and evaluation of the Price Volume.

Industry has not submitted any comments to the ML Draft Request for Proposals (DRFP). However, the RFP has had some minor changes as delineated on the enclosed spreadsheet.

This RFP is being released with the 60 per cent design package. Upon the release of the 100 per cent design specifications and drawings, the Government will call for Part 2 – the Price Volume to ONLY those offerors that timely submit the Past Performance Volume in accordance with Section L.17 (e) which states:

“The closing submission dates for Part 1 – Past Performance Volume is specified in Blk. 13 of the SF Form 1442. Offerors are required to submit the Part 1 - Past Performance Volume no later than the Part 1’s closing submission date. Potential offeror(s) that fail to submit a timely Part 1 proposal will not be considered. Part 1 - Past Performance Volume must be received no later than the Part 1 closing date in order for Part 2 - Price Volume to be considered. Late receipt of the Part 1 – Past Performance Volume or the Part 2 – Price Volume past its respective closing date and time will be handled in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, Instructions to Offerors - Competitive Acquisition, included in this solicitation.”

The closing submission date for Part 2 – Price Volume will be specified in an amendment to this RFP. The anticipated closing date for Part 2 – Price Volume is on or about January 7, 2008.

The ML drawing package and specification are classified as “Sensitive But Unclassified” (SBU) information and contain Export Controlled data. Therefore, all offerors must register with Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) and with Federal Technical Data Solutions (FEDTEDS) (www.fedteds.gov). Instructions for registering with DLIS are found on the FEDTEDS Frequently Asked Questions Tab, Question Number 10. In order to download these drawings, your firm must be registered in FEDTED and DLIS. (In order to expedite viewing of the drawings and specification on the FEDTEDS website, it is suggested that in your internet browser, go to Tools, select Internet Options, in the Internet Option’s Security Tab, click on Sites and add www.fedteds.gov as a safe site. This should be done prior to entering the FEDTEDS site.) The specification and drawings are required for your proposal preparation and must be requested by you. The required content of an acceptable proposal is discussed in RFP Section L.17, Table A for Part 1 and Table B for Part 2.

There is a requirement for all offerors to register in the Department of Defense (DoD) Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 52.204-7. All prospective contractors must be registered in CCR, FEDTED and DLIS. The vendor is solely responsible for self-registering in the CCR database, creating a trading partner profile (TPP) and updating their company information annually. The preferred and most expedient method for vendor registration is by registering electronically through the following Web site address: www.ccr.gov. Complete and accurate electronic registrations are processed within 48 hours. Vendors can call 888-227-2423 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST Monday through Friday for registration questions or assistance, or to obtain a registration form and instructions. Registration of an applicant submitting an application through a method other than the internet may take up to 30 days.

As of January 1, 2005, the Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-26 to the FAR requires that contractors use the On-line Representation Certification Application (ORCA). ORCA is a Federal-wide web based system that centralizes and standardizes the collection, storage, and viewing of many of the contractor representations and certifications required by the FAR prior to the execution of contracts. This change represents a conversion of a paper-based process to a more efficient electronic process to obtain representations and certifications. To register in ORCA, you will need to have two items: an active CCR record and a Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN) identified in that CCR record. Your Dun and Bradstreet Unique Number System (DUNS) number and MPIN act as your company’s ID and password into ORCA. (Visit www.ccr.gov for more information on creating and entering your MPIN). The basic information provided in your CCR record is used to pre-populate a number of fields in ORCA. Vendors are

reminded to protect their MPIN from unauthorized use. The ORCA website is www.orea.bpn.gov. Further assistance can be found at www.bpn.gov.

After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror must verify that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of the offer, and are incorporated in the offer by reference – this requirement is discussed in RFP Section K, “Annual Representations and Certifications,” paragraph K.2.

Offerors are reminded that the procurement sensitivity “blackout notice” letter for this procurement was distributed to all applicable KSC employees with the release of the RFP to industry.

Any questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to the attention of Mrs. Patricia E. Hyland, Contracting Officer, Mail Code OP-ES, Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899; via e-mail address patricia.hyland-1@nasa.gov; or submitted by fax (call 321-867-0911 for fax number). Please call Mrs. Hyland at 321-867-0911 prior to faxing any documents to her. We appreciate your interest in the acquisition for the construction of the CLV ML.


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Enclosure:

1. RFP Change Matrix
2. RFP