

**Responses to Questions/Comments # 2 Submitted from Solicitation
NNA08225910R**

The solicitation for the Subsonic Rotary Wing Technology Development was posted on September 19, 2008. Some questions and comments have been received from the solicitation. NASA is grouping these questions and addressing them so that NASA can receive quality proposals

Question/Comment 1:

In L.15 Proposal Page Limitations, it does not address resumes or page dividers. In the last RFP these were exempt as they are not adding content to the proposal, only back up information. It is not addressed in the RFP. Are resumes and page dividers exempt from the page count?

Answer: Yes. Resumes and page dividers are exempt from the page count.

Question/Comment 2:

This RFP states that the font must be in 12 point. It is anticipated that there will be a significant amount of information for Volume I. In the last RFP 10 point font was acceptable. Can 10 point font be used instead of 12 point font?

Answer: The Contracting Officer has authorized the minimum font size be 10 point as oppose to 12 point font.

Question/Comment 3:

Because of the dollar amount over \$650K, will a Basis of Estimates be required?

Answer: Yes

Question/Comment 4:

Sample Task 1 requires that wind tunnel test preparation be conducted consistent with U.S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center test documentation and requirements. Can NASA provide the documentation and requirements or an internet link to the documentation and requirements?

Answer: The U.S. Air force Arnold Engineering Development Center does not have an approved set of test documentation and requirements available at this time. For estimating purposes under this RFP, vendors should use an earlier version of these requirements, prepared by NASA, but no longer used. These should be more than adequate for the purposes of the RFP preparation. A pdf file is being attached.

Question/Comment 5:

Is cost and pricing data required from subcontractors in Exhibits 1-7?

Answer: No.

Question/Comment 6:

From the RFP...

(A) Each offeror and Major Subcontractor shall complete Sections I and II of the Past Performance Questionnaire in Section J, Attachment D for each active (underway at least one year) or recently completed (completed within the last three years) NASA contract valued at or above \$500,000 that is relevant, and for each reference identified in paragraphs (B) and (C) below. These are to be sent directly to the Government...

The RFP excerpt above requires the offer to complete Sections I and II of the Past Performance Questionnaire provided in Section J, Attachment D. Section I of the Past Performance Questionnaire (which is actually is J1.b Attachment 4 versus Attachment D) is general contract information. Section II is a ratings section that normally would be filled out by the CO/COTRs of the referenced contract. **Does NASA intend for the contractor to complete Section II as a self-rating exercise or are the RFP instructions incorrect?**

Answer: No. The RFP instructions need to be changed to reflect it is J1.b Attachment 4 versus Attachment D. Paragraph (A) should read as below:

(A) Each offeror and Major Subcontractor shall have the Past Performance Questionnaire in Section J1.b, Attachment 4 completed for each active (underway at least one year) or recently completed (completed within the last three years) NASA contract valued at or above \$650,000 that is relevant, and for each reference identified in paragraphs (B) and (C) below. These are to be sent directly to the Government...

NASA does **not** intend for the contractor to complete Section II as a self-rating exercise.

Question/Comment 8:

The RFP excerpt above also indicated that the completed questionnaires are to be sent directly to the "Government." The offeror assumes that the "Government" is NASA. Please confirm.

Answer: That is correct.

Question/Comment 9:

From the RFP...

(B) Each offeror and Major Subcontractor shall send a blank Past Performance Questionnaire to the Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer's Technical Representative of six completed (completed within the last three years) or active (underway at least one year) relevant NASA contracts.

The RFP excerpt above requires the offeror to send BLANK questionnaires to the CO/COTRs of our referenced contracts. Unless the offeror completes at least a portion of the questionnaire, the CO/COTR will have no way of knowing what contract we are asking them to provide feedback for. **Will NASA allow the offeror to at least indicate contract number on the questionnaires that we send to the CO/COTRs?**

Answer: What is meant when the term "blank" Past Performance Questionnaire is that the contractor will not evaluate themselves and shall leave the evaluation area blank. The offeror should complete the areas up to the question "Value of Contractor's Share" if they know it.

Question/Comment 9:

With respect to Sample Task 2 Flight Maneuver Acoustics:

The Overview states that "predictions for maneuvering flight loads and acoustics will be performed prior to the flight testing and correlated with test results." Does the Government expect the aircraft to have rotor blade and pitch link instrumentation to determine actual rotor loads for correlation with predictions, or is correlation with only the acoustic predictions sufficient?

Answer: "For the purposes of responding to the Sample Task 2, Flight Maneuver Acoustics, the offeror should assume a realistic set of rotor flight instrumentation for research purposes including blade strain gages, pitch link load, and control positions. For the sake of cost estimating, the instrumentation should be assumed to be pre-existing on the rotor blades and on the aircraft. Correlation efforts should include comparisons between all flight measurements and advanced analysis codes."