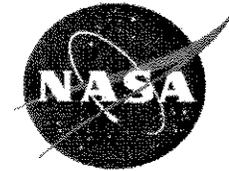


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Reply to Attn of: 210.3

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) for **NNG09270323R**, Thermal Infrared Sensors (TIRS) Cryocoolers

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center is pleased to provide you with its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Thermal Infrared Sensors (TIRS) Cryocoolers. This requirement is further detailed in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP), the Statement of Work (Attachment A), Performance Specification (Attachment B), and Deliverable Items List and Schedule (Attachment C). The anticipated contract type is Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

This procurement will be a full and open competition under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 15.3, "Source Selection," and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Subpart 1815.3, "Source Selection."

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 332420 and the small business size standard is 500 employees.

Schedule is critical to the government. Offerors should note Section M.2 (1), Subfactor A, paragraph (4).

NASA is aware of a possible Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) with a vendor, Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies (SGT) Inc. The nature of this conflict involves SGT's involvement with the preparation and approval of the technical documentation for the TIRS Cryocooler procurement. This potential conflict could provide a potential offeror with an unfair competitive advantage in the procurement unless mitigated or neutralized. The Government considers this possible conflict mitigated by virtue of the fact that the SGT, Inc. contract by which the preparation work was completed under contains the clause at NASA Far Supplement 1852.209-71, Limitation of Future Contracting.

Offerors should be aware of a possible amendment to this RFP that could affect the evaluation criteria with regard to FAR 52.219-23 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERNS (OCT 2008).

An electronic copy of the RFP is available on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/synopsis.cgi?accid=118867>.

Prospective offerors who intend to submit a foreign offer should review Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 25, Foreign Acquisition at: <http://www.arnet.gov/far> and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Part 1825, Foreign Acquisition at: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/1825.htm>.

Offers submitted in response to this proposal request are due no later than April 13, 2009, at 12:00 PM EST. Proposals received after this time will be treated as late in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, Instructions to Offers-Competitive Acquisitions. The proposal due date will not be extended based on routine issues or requests. The proposal submitted in response to this request must be signed by an official having the proper authority to bind the corporation legally. Please affirm in writing that the pricing therein will remain valid for a minimum of one-hundred twenty (120) days. An expedited response will be much appreciated, in view of the criticality of this procurement.

Please note that this request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the submission of your proposal, nor to contract for the described services. Note also, that full, accurate, and complete information is required by this request in accordance with U.S.C. 1001, which also prescribes the penalties for making false statements.

The request for a proposal is not an authorization to perform any of the described work. The Government will not be liable for any costs for work prior to any issuance of the duly executed contract. The Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with the proposed contract. Any other commitment either explicit or implied is invalid.

Comments and questions regarding the RFP and all related technical documents are welcome and shall be submitted in writing by mail or electronically to the individual listed below. NASA will respond to applicable comments and questions in writing by posting an electronic response at the same location as this solicitation.

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As of this date, the procurement is in an official "Black-out." The individual listed above is the sole point of contact concerning this solicitation. For identification purposes, all communications regarding this solicitation should include the above-referenced solicitation number.

Thank you for interest in the procurement.



Jonathon D. Wingerberg
Contracting Officer

Enclosures

- (1) Solicitation NNG09270323R
- (2) Statement of Work
- (3) Performance Specification
- (4) Deliverable Items List and Schedule