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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #1

1. Question: I am planning on bidding on the Telecommunications portion of this project, however I do not see any specifications on the web site. Is this an open specification project, or did I just miss them?

Answer: The telecommunications work associated with this project is shown on the electrical drawings and is described in the specifications.

2. Question: Will there be audio visual requirements in the Collaborative Support facility Building Moffett Field SOL NNA09273580J?

Answer: The solicitation does not have any audio/visual requirements.

3. Question: I am reviewing the sow for this project voice / data low voltage requirements and do not see MDF / IDF build out info or feeder / fiber info. Am I missing this or is it not part of this project / SOW?

Answer: The voice/data work included in this project is the horizontal cabling as described in the specifications and shown on the drawings. The data comm. room build out and the main feeders will be installed by NASA.

4. Question: In the original specs the accepted fire alarm manufacturer is specified as Notifier. In Amendment 2 though it is changed from to 3 other accepted manufacturers. Will Notifier no longer be accepted or can it still be used?

Answer: The information in the original specification was an error. The fire alarm system manufacturer must be one of the 3 manufacturers listed in Amendment #2.

5. Question: When do the window coverings go out to bid or what is the bid date for this package?

Answer: Automated window shades are included in the solicitation.

6. Question: After speaking with a few of the proposing contractors and reviewing the notes on the structural plans it appears that the special inspection will be handled by the owner. Can you let me know who I need to contact in order to propose on these services?

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Answer: If NASA solicits for inspection services, the solicitation will be posted to NASA's Business Opportunities website at <http://procurement.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/EPS/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=21> and the Federal Business Opportunities website at [https://www.fbo.gov/index?cck=1&au=&ck=.](https://www.fbo.gov/index?cck=1&au=&ck=)

7. Question: What is the RFI cut off date for questions on the project?

Answer: NASA will accept RFIs/pre-proposal inquiries up to the date for receipt of offers. However, last minute RFIs/pre-proposal inquiries may not get answered.

8. Question: Is the Contractor responsible for Builders Risk or the Owner?

Answer: Insurance requirements will be addressed by an amendment to the solicitation.

9. Question: Please provide insurance requirements for Contractor and Subcontractors.

Answer: Insurance requirements will be addressed by an amendment to the solicitation.

10. Question: Please provide anticipated Notice To Proceed and/or Construction Start dates.

Answer: NASA anticipates a contract award in approximately August 2009. A Notice to Proceed will be issued as soon as acceptable performance and payments bonds and a contract specific safety plan have been received and the pre-construction meeting is conducted.

11. Question: Spec Section 014100, Testing Laboratory and Field Services, indicates that the Contractor shall provide the services of and independent testing agency. Please confirm if the Owner will be contracting directly.

Answer: Specification Section 014100, Paragraph 1.3B.1 states that the Contractor's Independent Testing Agency shall provide all inspections and

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tests required under this contract, unless it is specifically stated on the drawings or in the specification that the Government will provide the inspection or test. Most of the inspections and testing shall be provided by the Contractor or the Contractor's Independent Testing Agency in accordance with the technical sections of the specification. The Government inspection is primarily in the area of structural inspections and is specifically identified on the drawings or in the specification.

12. Question: Within Section L, Clause L.17 (b) (2) it states that a cover letter is to be included in Volume I of our proposal. It further states that as part of the letter, we are to provide as attachments Standard Form 1442, and a completed response to Section B, Clause B.1. Section L, Clause L.17 (c) states that no price data shall be included in Volume I, and Clause L.19 (c) indicates that these attachments are to be included in the Price Proposal (Volume III). Are the completed attachments to be included in both Volume I and Volume III?

Answer: The completed SF1442 and Section B shall be included in Volume III. Please see Amendment 4, which clarifies this submission.

13. Question: I was wondering if we can get a copy of the Designer's LEED scorecard? Without it, we will not be able to fill out the required scorecard in order to bid.

Answer: A completed LEED spreadsheet is not required with the proposal submittals. The Designers' LEED scorecard is posted on NASA's Business Opportunities website at <http://procurement.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/EPS/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=21> and the Federal Business Opportunities website at <https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=b4ea3b2d87b9fa8fcd918e917686ee15&tab=core&cview=1&cck=1&au=&cck=>.

14. Question: Is the LEED scorecard expected to be filled out and submitted with the RFP on June 9, 2009?

Answer: The LEED scorecard is not required with offers.

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15. Question: If we have current CCAS (Construction Contract Appraisal System) appraisals, are we still expected to get six (6) Past Performance Questionnaires filled out by references and sent to you by June 9,2009?

Answer: Yes, past performance questionnaires should be sent to NASA by the due date for offers even if your firm has current CCASS appraisals.

16. Question: Section 014100-2 Par.1.3.A States the Contractor shall provide the services of a independent testing agency. Numerous other spec sections make the same statement. Note 2 on sheet S003 states, the testing and inspection agency shall be employed by the owner. Sections 052100 and 053100 also state the owner will engage the testing lab. Can you clarify the responsibility for testing and inspection

Answer: Specification Section 014100, Paragraph 1.3B.1 states that the Contractor's Independent Testing Agency shall provide all inspections and tests required under this contract, unless it is specifically stated on the drawings or in the specification that the Government will provide the inspection or test. Note 2 on sheet S003 relates only to the structural tests, inspections, and observations identified on this sheet. The Government will provide the Special Inspectors for the work identified on sheet S003. Specification sections 052100 and 053100, under the paragraph entitled Field Quality Control, specifically state that the Government will engage a qualified testing agency.

17. Question: Currently the control system is flat spec'd around Siemens controls to be tied into the existing Siemens control system and to be provided and installed by Siemens. Would NASA be willing to consider a Trane Control System that would be not tied into the existing Siemens control system to provide some competition for Siemens? The Trane Control System meets the functional intent of the control specification not including the tie into the Siemens control system.

Answer: The contractor shall provide the control system that conforms to the specification as written in order to be compatible with the Center's control system.

18. Question: **Ref. 051200 Structural Steel Framing;** Paragraph 2.9.B requires the use of an approved independent testing and inspection agency to perform shop

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tests and inspections. Typically an AISC Certified fabricator is allowed to use their in-house inspectors to perform this work. Please confirm an independent testing and inspection agency is required.

Answer: During the proposal period, the Government cannot evaluate whether the in-house inspectors for all potential fabricators will meet the Government's qualification requirements. It is recommended that contractors provide a proposal that meets the current specification requirements.

19. Question: **Ref. 051200 Structural Steel Framing;** Paragraph 1.5.A requires an AISC Certified Erector on this project. Will the Owner enforce this requirement?

Answer: NASA will require an AISC certified structural steel erector as currently stated in the specifications.

20. Question: **Ref. Detail 10/S501;** How does the HSS brace attach to the underside of the beam (weld size)?

Answer: 1/4" fillet weld all around pipe.

21. Question: **Ref. Detail 8/S008;** The call-out states "*L4x per plan*" but no angle size is given on plans. Please provide angle size.

Answer: L4x4x5/16.

22. Question: There are discrepancies between what drawings were listed on sheet G001 and in Section C. The drawings missing from sheet G001 are: G003, G004, G005, G006, G007, G100, L001, L102, A108, A200, A213, A214, A223, A224, S233, FP224, FP231, FP232, FP233, and FP234 that are listed in Section C. The drawings missing from Section C list are: C302, C303, C304, C903, L101, L403, L500, L501, L502, L551, L552, L553, L554, L555, L603, L604, L605, L606, A110, A111, A112, A121, A122, A261, A262, A271, A272, A312, A502, A503, A643, A704, A705, A712, A713, A721, A804, S008, S009, S311, S602, FA215, FA216, FA501, M305, P402, P403, P404, P501, P502, P503, E141, E332, E909, E910,

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E111, E112, E113, E114, and E115 but are shown on drawing G001. Drawing E915 was not issued. Please issue the missing drawings not included in the bid set dated 4/30/09 and update section C.

Answer: Please see Amendment 4, which corrects Section C.

23. Question:: Will all RFI's be shared with all proposers. If not, will the pertinent RFI's be shared via Amendment.

Answer: RFIs/pre-proposal inquiries and answers will be shared with all potential offerors in the form of this document.

24. Question: Does the Ames Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan cover this project or does a separate plan have to be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Answer: NASA Ames will be submitting an NOI for a Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities and developing a site/project specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in accordance with CAS000002 Construction General Permit. The contractor shall follow all environmental and pollution control requirements included in the drawings and specification.

25. Question: Does NASA Ames have an environmental protection plan the contractor will have to abide by or do we have to submit an EPP for approval.

Answer: No EPP will be required from the contractor. The contractor is expected to comply with all applicable Federal, State and local environmental regulations as well as the requirements included on the drawings and Specifications.

26. Question: There is a requirement in specification 051200, 1.5, A, that the structural steel erector be AISC certified. Since there is a very limited number of AISC erectors that actually perform work in northern California, is there a means to submit an RFI and/or request that this requirement be waived or substituted with experience, or ???

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Answer: The requirement for an AISC certified structural steel erector will remain as currently stated in the contract specifications.

27. Question: L.17(b)(1) of RFP notes a response for section I is to be included in the cover letter portion of the proposal. Please identify the portion or portions of section I that are to be addressed and how they are to be addressed in our response.

Answer: "Section I" is an error in table outlining the contents and attachments to the cover letter. The next amendment will delete the error.

28. Question: Is the bid bond to be included in volume 1 or volume 3?

Answer: Volume III. Please see Amendment 4.

29. Question: Please advise if the LEED Manager, Commissioning Agent and the Safety Manager have to be individuals devoted to those duties or if they would be allowed to assume other project responsibilities as well. There appears to be no stipulation in the documents prohibiting this assumption.

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Answer: The LEED Manager, Commissioning Agent, and Safety Manager may perform other duties. As required by L.19(a)2.A. of the solicitation, make sure to describe the amount of time allocated to a function if personnel are part-time or have more than one area of responsibility.

30. Question: Please publish the LEED checklist to allow us to understand how LEED Platinum will be achieved.

Answer: The Designers' LEED scorecard is posted on NASA's Business Opportunities website at <http://procurement.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/EPS/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=21> and the Federal Business Opportunities website at https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=b4ea3b2d87b9fa8fcd918e917686ee15&tab=core&_cview=1&cck=1&au=&ck=.

31. Question: The FAR you referred me to yesterday, FAR 52.228-5, does not stipulate the amount of insurance required. It refers to maintaining insurance in accordance with the "Schedule" but I am not able to find any Schedule in the documents. Please note that another of our recent projects the Palo Alto 80 Bed Psychiatric Facility Project, which McCarthy has been awarded, included FAR 52.228-5 in the bid documents and that version had a paragraph titled Supplemental Insurance Requirements which listed the Workers Compensation, General Liability and Automobile Liability limits that had to be maintained. I also do not see where the Performance and Bond amount is listed.

Answer: Insurance requirements will be addressed by an amendment to the solicitation.

32. Question: I was reviewing the controls specifications and mechanical drawings for the Collaborative support facility and I would like to inquire as to whether you would accept competing bids from alternate suppliers than Siemens. Our firm recently bid on and won two (2) VA hospital projects where Siemens was specified as the incumbent controls firm; and our system was accepted as acceptable alternate. I have attached a qualification submittal for your review. Please note that SEG controls components fully comply with the Buy American act.

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Answer: No, NASA will not accept alternate suppliers other than Siemens. The contractor shall provide the control system that conforms to the specification as written in order to be compatible with the Center's control system.

33. Question: Curtain Wall Framing. Reference: Structural drawings S211 & S212. Elevation 6/S301 is shown at gridline E.1 between 5 & 6 on S211 and at gridline L.2 between 16 & 17 on S212, and is noted to be "typical at all bays UNO". Please confirm that this elevation is to be typical also for gridlines A.9 on S211 & G.8 on S212.

Answer: Detail 6/S301 is a typical curtain wall elevation. This detail applies at both the north and south elevations (gridlines A.9 & G.8), unless noted otherwise.