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AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
NNL10276610R

9B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 11)*
12/08/2009

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED *(SEE ITEM 13)*

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended.
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning one (1) copy of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATA SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and data specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA *(If required)*

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: *(Specify authority)* THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES *(such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)* SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER Specify type of modification and authority)

E. **IMPORTANT:** Contractor ☒ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION *(Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)*

The purpose of this Amendment is to:

(1) Revise the Request for Proposal (RFP) as set forth herein.
(2) Answer additional questions received regarding the RFP.

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Except at provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER *(Type or print)*		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER *(Type or print)*	
		ROSEMARY C. FROEHLICH	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY Rosemary C Froehlich *(Signature of Contracting Officer)*	1-19-10

(1) The changes provided in this amendment are hereby incorporated into the RFP as follows:

1. RFP Clause L.16, Proposal Page Limitations, is changed as follows:

   a. Paragraph (a) is deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

      "(a) Volume I, Technical Proposal is limited to 70 pages, excluding the Phase-In Plan, Total Compensation Plan, and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The Phase-In Plan has a separate page limitation of 10 pages. The Total Compensation Plan is not page limited. The Small Business Subcontracting Plan is not page limited."

2. All other terms and conditions of the subject Request for Proposal remain unchanged.

(2) The following Questions and Answers are provided regarding the LITES RFP:

1. **QUESTION**: Reference Amendment 1, Answer to Question 1. With which Volume should the offeror submit the Safety and Health Plan – Volume I or Volume II? Is it correct to assume that this Plan will be submitted as an attachment and not count against any page limitations?

ANSWER: The Safety and Health Plan is not an evaluation factor under either Volume I- Technical Proposal: Factor 1, Mission Suitability, or Volume II – Business Proposal: Factor 2, Cost/Price. Offerors shall submit their Safety and Health Plan as a separate attachment to their proposal (not in Volume I or II). The Safety and Health Plan is not page limited.

2. **QUESTION:** Reference Amendment 1, Answer to Question 6. The government's response to Question 6 requires that all text within the bidders' proposal must be 12 point size. This requirement significantly impacts the offeror's ability to clearly present its solution. This especially impacts the required sections on presenting the overall approach, consistent architecture, and best practices. Taken literally, this would also prohibit any presentation of screen shots for the proposed ETOS. We ask that the government reconsider the request that font sizes between 8 and 12 be allowable within the graphics/figures themselves.

ANSWER: The uniform font size puts all proposers on an equal footing and precludes disparities, that we have previously encountered, between proposals that include numerous graphics/figures and those that do not. It also facilitates proposal review. Therefore, our answer to Q6 remains as stated.

3. **QUESTION:** Reference Amendment 1, Questions 11, 12, and 13. Questions 11, 12, and 13 are missing from the Amendment 0001. Are there additional questions that the government will be answering, or was this simply a misnumbering?

ANSWER: As a result of the misnumbering of questions in Amendment 1, Questions 11, 12, and 13 are hereby annotated as being RESERVED.

4. **QUESTION:** Reference Amendment 1, Questions 2a through 2c. In reviewing Questions 2a through 2c on Amendment 1 to the RFP, which pertain to whether or not prime and subcontractor Compensation Plans are included in the page limitation of 70 pages for Volume 1 – Technical Proposal, Mission Suitability, your answer indicates that both the prime and subcontractor Compensation Plans are included in the page limitation, regardless of whether it is physically in the prime proposal or submitted via a sealed package by the subcontractor.

Considering the size of the Compensation Plans for prime subcontractor, the Compensation Plans could easily take up over half of the page count thereby significantly reducing the page left to respond to the ten subfactors listed in section L. For example, if the Prime Contractor's plan is 10 pages, there would only be 20 pages allotted for the ten subfactors.

Will NASA reconsider removing the Compensation Plans from the page limitation count for Volume 1?

ANSWER: We have received several questions regarding the compensation plans indicating that large numbers of pages would be required to provide this information. It is not our expectation or requirement that the offerors present what is tantamount to their entire fringe benefit package from their corporate policies in the proposal. It has been our experience that careful presentation of the Compensation Plans is possible without excessive pages to demonstrate that the offeror can "attract, retain, and motivate competent service employees". (see MA6 of Subfactor 2 in Section M). However, in order to accommodate the requests received, we have excluded the Total Compensation Plan from the Volume 1, Technical Proposal, and the Total Compensation Plan is now not page limited.