

BAA for Constellation Ground Ops Commodities Questions and Answers

1) Would NASA consider to pull this BAA until after a decision is made in regards to the future budget for the Constellation Program? If no, please explain the sense of urgency.

- 30 days is a very short window to provide this information. Would you consider extending the due date an additional 30 to 45 days?

Answer:

NASA does not see a need to delay or revise the schedule, as it supports NASA's current requirements. The Constellation Ground Operations Project is currently in the architectural trade study phase for Human Lunar Return and has a need for this information.

2) Given the scope of work requested, our company is asking for NASA to consider granting industry more time in order to adequately prepare a response assuring it provides both the proper detail and completeness.

Answer:

The task duration is comparable to the level of detail warranted at this time. Further detailed work may be pursued in the future for promising concepts. Proposals may address all or part of the overall scope described.

3) In regards to the multiple awards to total \$500M, with one award not to total more than \$100M, to clarify, this is the amount provided to the contractor to achieve the Contract Deliverables, correct?

Answer:

Correct.

7) Specific to FAR Part 35, what additional FAR clauses will be included in the award?

Answer:

A formal contract for performing work with NASA will be issued in the uniform contract format and will include the appropriate NASA and KSC clauses for performing a fixed price service contract.

4) What is the expected award and start date of the study?

Answer:

September 2009. The period of performance will start on the award date and last for 104 days. See BAA Section IX "Award Information" for further information.

5) When are responses due?

Answer:

The due date and time for proposals is 4:30 p.m. EDT on August 3, 2009.

6) Would you expand on the pricing requirements referenced in Part 4? It is my understanding multiple awards are anticipated and individual award amounts are limited to not more than \$100,000.00, firm-fixed-price. If this is so, why would you need a breakdown of labor, other direct & indirect costs and profit?

Answer:

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As stated in Section IX. "Award Information" of the BAA, NASA anticipates multiple awards, which represent the best value to the Government in accordance with the evaluation criteria. The overall number of awards will be dependent upon the quality and innovativeness of proposed studies, funding availability, and evaluation results. A factor of the selection criteria is the price proposal. The price proposal information requested will be evaluated for price realism, reasonableness and to determine the extent with which each Offeror complied with the specified dollar limitations. See BAA Section VII "Evaluation Information" for further information.