

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration



Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, MD 20771

Reply to Attn of: 210.Y

Date: October 15, 2009

To: Prospective Offerors

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNG09311515R to Perform a Concept Study in Support of the Decadal Survey Mission.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) is requesting proposals to conduct a study to develop a preliminary design concept for a common spacecraft to accommodate the TIER I Decadal Missions. This requirement is further detailed in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) and Statement of Work (Attachment A). The anticipated contract type is Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

RFP Highlights:

- The Government contemplates awarding six (6) Firm Fixed Price Awards, not to exceed \$500,000 each.
- The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code and size standard for this acquisition is 541330 and \$4.5 Million, respectively.
- Offerors are to submit Representations and Certifications with their proposal.
- The period of performance for the study is 4 months.

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 November 30, 2009, at 2:00 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.

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 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 your interest in this procurement.


Ann Kearney
Contracting Officer

Enclosures

- (1) SF 33
- (2) RFP
- (3) Statement of Work
- (4) Sample Missions Assurance Requirements Document for Class B Procurement
- (5) Decadel Survey Mission Parameters
- (6) Past Performance Questionnaire
- (7) ICESat-2 Mission Objectives Document