

## **Safety and Mission Assurance Engineering Contract (SMAEC)**

### **Questions and Answers**

**Question 1:** Would you consider this effort to be Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) contract work?

No, the performance of this effort requires the contractor to provide an analysis to the appropriate Government official for further direction. The contractor will not be determining specifications, supervising design, determining a system's basic concepts or supervising their execution by other contractors.

**Question 2:** Are there any contractors you would expect to be excluded from bidding on this work due to potential Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI)?

In order to answer this question, the SEB would require fact specific information, including an offeror's proposed OCI Plan that could be evaluated against a developed Statement of Work (SOW). As a SOW for this procurement has not yet been completed and the SEB lacks fact specific information from any offeror, any answer would be speculative. The existing SOW for the current contract and FAR 9.5, Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest, should be utilized by potential offerors as tools to judge whether its own fact specific information would alert the offeror to potential OCI issues to be explored more fully when a SOW for this procurement is released.

**Question 3:** Would performance of this effort expose a contractor to Non-Public information related to future procurements?

At this stage in the acquisition process, exposure to potential non-public information has not been identified.

**Question 4:** Would performance of this work put a contractor in the position of writing or influencing requirements for future procurements?

No, it is not anticipated that the new SOW, will put the contractor in a position of writing or influencing requirements for future procurements.

**Question 5:** Could performance of this work potentially create a Impaired Objectivity OCI for the JSC S&MA contractor related to its other contract work?

Through review of the existing SOW from the current contract, the Government has identified the potential for an Impaired Objectivity OCI. An Impaired Objectivity OCI may be mitigated in certain circumstances; Organizational Conflict of Interest Plans and mitigation of this potential OCI by offerors will be evaluated as part of any solicitation issued for this effort. Offerors should explore this issue more fully when a SOW for this procurement is released.