

**Engineering Services Contract RFP Questions/Comments**

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30	B	B.6		<p>Reference Section B, Clause B.6, SPECIAL COST REQUIREMENTS, pages 24 - 27, discusses G&amp;A and Overhead Provisional Rates with directions to include a separate table for subcontractor provisional rates.</p> <p>These tables require the establishment of provisional rates by Government Fiscal Year (GFY). As a major subcontractor (that also holds two NASA prime contracts) with a fiscal year coinciding with the calendar year, we have provisional billing rates established, audited, and approved by our Administrative Contracting Officer by calendar year. This approval is generally received no later than May of each year. However, with provisional rates established that late in any calendar year, it will be impossible to establish GFY provisional rates until more than half way through any GFY. This would also force us to voucher using GFY provisional rates which are not consistent with our established accounting procedures.</p> <p>We recommend that the subcontractor portion of this clause be deleted. If not, at a minimum, will the Government allow a subcontractor to include calendar (contractor fiscal year) year provisional rates instead of GFY provisional rates?</p>	No.
31	B	B.6		<p>Reference Section B, Clause B.6, SPECIAL COST REQUIREMENTS, pages 24 - 27, and Section L, RATES AND FACTORS MODEL (FINAL) WORKBOOK (R&amp;F), page 156 – 158. This section includes a G&amp;A Ceiling Tab, and Overhead Ceiling Tab, and Other Rate Ceiling Tab.</p> <p>As a major small business subcontractor and holder of two NASA prime contracts, given that we are projecting less than 5% of the company business base coming from the KSC ESC effort, establishing indirect ceilings does not appear reasonable. In addition, subcontractors do not typically share indirect rates with their prime contractor. Must a subcontractor propose ceiling indirect rates or is this optional?</p>	Yes, on cost reimbursement subcontracts. It is not optional, see Provision L.34, Volume V Cost.
32	B	B.6		<p>Section B.6 of the RFP requires ceilings be placed on indirect burden rates. Section M.5 (Cost Factor evaluation criteria) describes the cost evaluation to be based on cost realism and reasonableness. Will the Government describe how the establishment of ceiling rates on indirect burdens will be considered in the cost realism and reasonableness evaluation?</p>	No.
33	J	J.01		<p>Attachment J-08, Installation Accountable Government Property, lists Non-KSC Maintenance, \$K for individual line items for all Laboratories and Development Shops except the Shuttle NDE Laboratory (PS12), where a total is provided for the entire Laboratory. Can the Government provide the Non-KSC Maintenance by line item for this Laboratory as it has for the other Laboratories and Development Shops?</p>	No, the information is not available.

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34				<p>Reference – Additional Base Content: Physical Sciences – The Physical Sciences Shuttle NDE Lab (PS12) Maintenance is listed under Section B as Option 014/CLIN 016—CY 4 (GFY 2014) and other Option/CLIN assignments through GFY 2018. The Performance Work Statement—Appendix C—ESC Laboratory and Shop Summary indicates the ESC tenure for Physical Sciences Shuttle NDE Lab (PS12) as “Transfer TBD from SPOC/MSFC.”</p> <p>A) Should TBD be replaced by 2014?</p> <p>B) Please confirm whether or not the performance period for the Shuttle NDE Lab (PS 12) should be priced in accordance with Section B i.e. GFY 2014 through GFY 2018.</p>	<p>A) No</p> <p>B) Yes</p>
35	L	L.34	(b)	<p>Reference—L.34(b)Section 4(a)—Subcontractors—The instructions states, “Offerors shall provide a summary listing of all proposed subcontractor(s) that includes a description of effort, the type of contract, and total estimated cost using the provided cost forms.”</p> <p>Please clarify whether or not this requirement is applicable to only major subcontractors.</p>	No. As stated in L.34(b) Section 4(a) and quoted in your question, it applies to “all proposed subcontractor(s)…”
36	L	L.34	(b), Section 4	<p>Reference—L.34(b)Section 4(a)—Subcontractors—The instructions states, “Offerors shall provide in the Cost Volume an analysis of all proposed subcontract costs in accordance with FAR 15.404-3(b). Offerors shall identify all adjustments made to subcontractor proposed costs.”</p> <p>Please clarify whether or not these requirements are applicable to only major subcontractors.</p>	No. As stated in L.34(b) Section 4(a) and quoted in your question, it applies to “all proposed subcontractor(s)…”
37	L	L.33.2	Section 1	<p>Reference—L.33.2-1—Skill Mix &amp; Staffing Approach (Position Descriptions)—The instructions states, “Provide position descriptions for each proposed Labor Classification that includes the specific duties/responsibilities, required specializations/technical disciplines/skills/abilities as appropriate and required experience and/or educational levels with supporting rationale and assumptions for each functional area.”</p> <p>In order to meet all of the requirements outlined herein for the position descriptions, by labor classification (as proposed by the offeror), to be submitted as part of the Staffing Plan, the page limitation for the staffing plan seems to be insufficient.</p> <p>Would the gov’t consider eliminating the position descriptions from the 25-page limitations of the staffing plan?</p>	No, 25 is the page limitation for the narrative.
38	L	L.34	Section 4	<p>Reference L.34.Section 4.(a).(1), Page 146. This text defines a major subcontractor providing support during the contract performance period with an annual subcontract value greater than or equal to \$5 million.</p> <p>Does this mean major subcontractors are those with \$5 million or more in any one of the 5 years in the Base Period or must it be across all 5 years?</p>	In any one of the 5 years as per the provision.