

Engineering Services Contract RFP Questions/Comments

Question Number	Section	Clause #	Para #	Questions/Comments	Response
44				<p>The all year summary total, average and rate calculations (GFY 11-18) included in columns "CD" through "CF" of the PWS/WBS tabs ("X.X.X") do not always display accurate results. This seems to be the case when input cells remain blank or zero in the "Staffing WBS X.X.X" tabs. Please provide guidance.</p>	<p>The all year summary total, average and rate calculations (GFY 11-18) included in columns "CD" through "CF" of the PWS/WBS tabs ("X.X.X") should not be relied upon as accurate. Please independently validate all cost summary totals and summary rate calculations.</p> <p>Some summary formulas in the cost models do not react well to zero (0) or null values. Summary formulas include tests for blank cells in order to avoid displayed excel errors in the master unpopulated spreadsheet. Some of these tests specify a formula result of "" (double quote), meaning a blank cell, when no data is populated for the formula. It appears that excel interprets "" (double quote) as text, which results in an excel error "#value!", meaning different data types.</p> <p>While it is regrettable that these minor summary formula errors exist, this will not have an effect on the offeror's ability to accurately populate cost data in the model. A revised cost model will not be issued. All offerors should validate cost model summary calculations for accuracy and integrity of submitted cost data.</p>