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SUBJECT: Industry Feedback Requested on Draft Solicitation/Request for Offer (RFO)
NND10320630J

REFERENCE: Draft RFO NND10320630J
Attachment A Statement of Work (SOW)
Attachment B Supplier Statement of Requirements (SSOR)
Attachment C Data Requirements Description (DRD)

NASA/DFRC is issuing the Draft Request for Offer (RFO) NND10320630J for the Flight Management System (FMS)/Avionics Upgrade of the 747SP aircraft in support of the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) Program in an effort to receive industry feedback regarding the clarity and quality of the solicitation and associated attachments.

Additionally, NASA/DFRC intends to issue the formal RFO for the SOFIA FMS/Avionics Upgrade as a commercial procurement. Industry feedback is sought as to the commercial classification of this procurement. Please provide feedback on whether the solicitation terms and conditions, the SOW, SSOR, and DRDs align with what would be provided if this purchase were made by a customer from the general public.

The definition of "commercial item" is found at the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/VFFARa.htm>, Part 2.101.

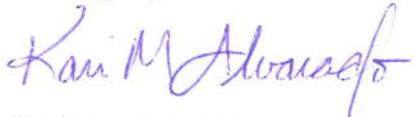
Specific industry feedback is requested in the following areas:

1. RFO NND10320630J:
How do the below sections align with what would be provided if this purchase were made by a customer from the general public? If they do not, what commercial practice most closely aligns?
 - a. Clause 2.19 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
 - b. Clause 2.17 52.246-11 HIGHER-LEVEL CONTRACT QUALITY REQUIREMENT (FEB 1999)
 - c. Clause 2.18 1852.246-72 MATERIAL INSPECTION AND RECEIVING REPORT (AUG 2003)
2. Attachment A Statement of Work (SOW):
How do the below sections align with what would be provided if this purchase were made by a customer from the general public? If they do not, what commercial practice most closely aligns?
 - a. Paragraph 3.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENT
 - b. Paragraph 14.0 DOCUMENTATION AND DATA

- c. Paragraph 15.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE
3. Attachment B Supplier Statement of Requirements (SSOR):
 - a. This document in its entirety may be mandatory. How does this align with what would be provided if this purchase were made by a customer from the general public? If it does not, what commercial practice most closely aligns?
 - b. Would your company submit a proposal if this document was mandatory under a commercial purchase?
 - c. Would your company submit a proposal if this document was mandatory under a non-commercial purchase?
4. Attachment C Data Requirements Description (DRD):
 - a. All data identified will be required. How does this align with what would be provided if this purchase were made by a customer from the general public? If the requested data does not align, what commercial data most closely aligns?

NASA looks appreciates your interest in this acquisition and looks forward to receiving your feedback.

Thank you,



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