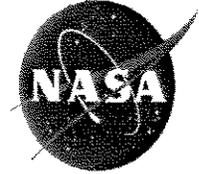


National Aeronautics and
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Greenbelt, MD 20771



Reply to Attn of: 210.Y

November 19, 2010

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNG10338284R ICESat-2 Flight Laser Systems Procurement

You are invited to submit a proposal for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Flight Laser Systems in support of the ICESat-2 Project. The scope of work provides for the design, development, fabrication, test and delivery of ICESat-2 space flight laser systems for the ICESat-2 Mission Launching in 2016.

This procurement will be a full and open competition under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 15.3, "Source Selection," and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Subpart 1815.3, "Source Selection."

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 336419 Size Standard 1,000 employees. The competitive procurement will result in a Cost-Plus-Award-Fee (CPAF) contract.

NASA is aware that there may be an appearance of a conflict of interest if Fibertek is permitted to compete for this contract. Fibertek is the prime contractor for the Laser System Engineering Support contract at GSFC. Given this relationship, it could appear to some that Fibertek may have an unfair competitive advantage in this competition because of its role as the prime contractor for the Laser System Engineering Support contract. However, NASA has reviewed this issue and has found that a reasonably prudent person knowing the facts of the prime contract for the Laser System Engineering Support contract would not believe that Fibertek would have an unfair competitive advantage over any other offeror on this ICESat-2 contract by virtue of its engineering support activities. The Laser System Engineering Support contract was not utilized in the development of the specifications or statement of work for the ICESat-2 acquisition. The ICESat-2 specifications and statement of work were developed solely by NASA civil servants without input from any contractor until these specifications and statement of work were finalized and posted on NAIS on August 23, 2010. No comments were received from any potential offerors on these specifications and/or the statement of work that indicated that the specification was unduly restrictive or skewed the field of competition. Further, the Laser System Engineering Support contract requirement and work are very different from the current ICESat-2 Flight Lasers RFP. Upon reviewing these specifications and statement of work, NASA has determined that Fibertek does not have an unfair competitive advantage in the ICESat-2 acquisition and that an actual conflict of interest does not exist. Offerors are hereby placed on notice that if they disagree with this determination they must

notify the NASA Contracting Officer before submission of proposals and state the basis for their belief.

NASA appreciates the comments received in response to release of the Draft solicitation. These comments resulted in improvements to both the quality and the content of the RFP. Offerors should review the RFP in its entirety.

All documents related to this procurement, including this letter, the solicitation, attachments, exhibits, and any amendments will be attainable electronically from the World Wide Web through the GSFC Procurement Home Page at: <http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/synopsis.cgi?acqid=133522>. Offerors are requested to periodically monitor the website for any potential updates.

Please note that while we recognize that there are several technical documents that contain minor clerical errors, these do not affect the overall technical content of the documents. Our plan is to correct the minor clerical errors and release them the week of November 29, 2010.

This RFP does not commit NASA/GSFC to pay any proposal preparation costs, nor does it obligate NASA/GSFC to procure or contract for these items. This request should not be construed as authorization to proceed with, or be paid for charges incurred by performing any of the work called for in this solicitation.

Proposals in response to this solicitation are due no later than January 17, 2011, 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Below is a list of Source Selection Authority (SSA) and voting members along with their associated GSFC organizational codes, for the ICESat-2 Laser Systems Evaluation panel. The names provided are for informational purposes only and, other than the Contracting Officer, Ann Kearney, these individuals should not be contacted regarding the ICESat-2 Laser acquisition. The Government reserves the right to change personnel associated with this acquisition at its discretion.

SSA

George Morrow (400)

Voting Members

Glenn Jackson, Evaluation Panel Chair (556)

John Cavanaugh (554)

Ann Kearney, Contracting Officer (210)

Steve Li (554)

Mark Stephen (554)

Offerors are hereby notified that a "Blackout" letter for this procurement was distributed to all GSFC personnel concurrently with the release of the Final RFP to industry. Therefore, all communications pertaining to this procurement shall be directed to the Contracting Officer listed

below. All questions pertaining to the RFP shall be submitted in writing, by mail, or electronically to the Contracting Officer as soon as possible for consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this RFP, please contact the undersigned via email at Ann.L.Kearney@nasa.gov on or before January 17, 2011.



Ann Kearney
Contracting Officer