

SECTION B

Question 1. Please clarify the labor categories, definitions and quantities for which the Government requires labor rates to be provided in Section B.1.3.

RFP Reference: B.1.3 (page B-3), Attachment J.5, and Attachment L.3.7.1.

Response: Standard Labor Categories in Section B.1.3, Attachment J.5 and Attachment L.3.7.1 were inconsistent for the following labor categories:

General Engineer A
General Engineer B
Technical Expert A
Technical Expert B
Technical Expert C
Technical Expert D
ELV Safety Engineer A

All other categories are correct. Revised pages for B.1.3 , Attachment J.5, and Attachment L.3.7.1 are attached.

Question 2. Please clarify where in Section B the offerer is to provide the one-month Phase-in Costs.

RFP Reference: F.2 (page F-1).

Response: Phase-in costs shall be provided via the Excel spreadsheet "Phase-in Template." See attached Cost Model .

Question 3. We understand that, according to FAR, contractors cannot charge "fee on fee." With that said how would the government treat the following:

- a) Subcontractor is given a T&M type contract. Obviously, this type of contract will include profit for the subcontractor. Will the portion of the T&M rate that is profit for the subcontractor be counted as part of the prime contractors award fee?**
- b) Subcontractor is given a Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee type contract. This type of contract will include fee for the subcontractor. Will the portion of the subcontract cost that is fee be counted as part of the prime contractors award fee?**

RFP Reference : B.1.1 (page B-1), B.1.3 (page B-3), L.3.3.1 (page L-9).

Response: The Government contemplates award of a Level of Effort Labor-Hour contract resulting from this solicitation. As a result the offeror must specify fixed hourly rates in its offer that include wages, overhead, general and administrative expenses. The offeror must specify whether the fixed hourly rate for each labor category applies to labor performed by the offeror, subcontractors; and/or divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the offeror under a common control in accordance with Section L.3.3.1 Instructions For Preparation of the Cost Proposal. Other direct costs are given values clearly stated in Section B.1.1 Contract Value and in the Cost Models and are clearly identified as non-fee bearing. Fee is applied per Table B.1.1 – Contract Value as percentage of the total cost.

SECTION C

Question 4. Please clarify the quantity and the detailed nature of tasks to be performed section C.7.7. "Range Safety".

RFP Reference: C.7.7 (page C-12) B.3 (page B-5), F.3 (page F-2), Attachment L.3.7.2 Labor Independent Government Estimate.

Response: Contemplated contract is identified as a Level-of-Effort Labor Hour. Variation in task quantities should be expected. Offerors are instructed to review the Labor Independent Government Estimate for estimated labor hours and labor skill levels.

SECTION G

Question 5. Is the reference to J.2 in Section G, Clause G.1 NFS 1852.216-76 Award Fee for Service Contracts, correct?

RFP Reference: G.1 (page G-1), Attachment J.6 Award Fee Evaluation Plan.

Response: No, the correct reference is J.6. A revised page has been attached.

SECTION H

Question 6. Can NASA provide a list of the contracts that would create an organizational conflict of interest for an offeror or subcontractor on the SMASS II contract?

RFP Reference: H.13 (page H-12).

Response: No. If an offeror believes they or their subcontractor(s), may have an organizational conflict of interest they are required to act in accordance with the contractual requirements at H.13.

SECTION I

Question 7. Does the "51% small business content" apply to only the prime small business or the summation of all small businesses participating in the team?

RFP Reference I.7 (page I-9).

Response: Section I.7 FAR 52.219-6, Notice of Small Business Set Aside, defines a small business concern. FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting, which is incorporated by reference in this solicitation and the resultant contract, states, "By submission of an offer and execution of a contract, the Offeror/Contractor agrees that in performance of the contract in the case of a contract for at least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern."

Question 8. Based on the requirement of I.24 Executive Order 13495 (January 30, 2009) Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts, will NASA provide non-incumbent offerors a contact list of the incumbent employees that meet the requirement of SMS and make those incumbent employees available to non-incumbent offerors?

RFP Reference I.24. (page I-31), L3.1.3. (page L-8).

Response: No, a list will not be provided prior to award. A list will be provided after award.

SECTION J

Question 9. Is the reference to J.2 in Attachment J.6 Award Fee Evaluation Plan correct?

RFP Reference: Attachment J.6 Award Fee Evaluation Plan.

Response: No, the reference is incorrect. A revised page has been attached.

SECTION L

Question 10. RFP states that submitted volumes shall be separately bound – since Volume 1 and Volume 2 have a combined page limit, is it acceptable to combine these in one binder?

RFP Reference: L.2.1 (page L-3).

Response: No, each Volume shall be separately bound.

Question 11. Please clarify the appropriate submittal location Resumes, Letters of Commitment , Ostensible Subcontracting and Teaming Information.

RFP Reference: L.2.2 (page L-3 and page L-4).

Response: In accordance with the table at L.2.2, Resumes and Letters of Commitment shall be included in Volume V. Ostensible Subcontracting and Teaming Information shall be included in Volume VI.

Question 12. In Section L.2.3 of the Solicitation reference is made to 10-point font size as follows: “Tables, charts, graphs, plans, figures, diagrams and schematics shall be used whenever practicable to depict organizations, systems, layout, and implementation schedules. These displays shall contain font sizes no smaller than 10 point, be uncomplicated, legible, and appropriate for the subject matter.” We intend to respond to the past performance volume as a series of tables that provide the required citation information. We don’t wish to appear to be taking advantage of the font size rules by putting, virtually, the entire volume in tables. Is it permissible to use 10-point font under these circumstances?

RFP Reference: L.2.3 (page L-4).

Response: No. The Past Performance Volume shall not be formatted using 10-point font as it does not “depict organizations, systems, layout, and implementation schedules” per Section L.2.3.

Question 13. Is it correct that the only key personnel the offeror is required to designate as key is the Program Manager?

RFP Reference: L3.1.3. (page L-7).

Response: Yes.

Question 14. Please clarify the Government’s requirement for a description of experience for each proposed SMS individual?

RFP Reference: L3.1.3. (page L-8).

Response: For each Subject Matter Specialist (SMS), describe how their experience matches their proposed roles and responsibilities in performance of the contract.

Question 15. Please clarify what mechanism is the current contract using to provide technical experts?

RFP Reference: L.3.1.3 (page L-8).

Response: Technical Experts are acquired per contractual direction when expertise is needed.

Question 16. Please confirm the requirement for a resource and cost estimate for Sample Task 1.

RFP Reference : L.3.2.3 (page L-9), Attachment L.3.7.3 Sample Tasks.

Response: A cost estimate is not required for Sample Task 1.

Question 17. Please clarify the following regarding Sample Task 2: A. What is meant in item by “opinion”? B. Is this test mission for a new vehicle or for the same vehicle that was previously processed in the facility?

RFP Reference : L.3.2.3 (page L-9), Attachment L.3.7.3 Sample Tasks.

Response: An opinion is the formal expression of a professional judgment. L.3.2.3 states, “the offeror shall demonstrate an ability to effectively perform the SOW requirements by responding to the sample tasks in Attachment L.3.7.3. Responses shall include discussion of the technical, management, and administrative skills to perform the required work and SMA disciplines that should be applied. Responses shall also include rationale for skills, approaches, and activities proposed and provide adequate detail to demonstrate the offeror’s understanding of the requirements.”

Question 18. Please clarify the following regarding Sample Task 3: What is meant by “including and defining overhead”?

RFP Reference : L.3.2.3 (page L-9), Attachment L.3.7.3 Sample Tasks, Rates and Factors Model.xlsm.

Response: Overhead is defined in the Rates and Factors Excel spreadsheet.

Question 19. Please clarify that a cost estimate is required for Sample Tasks 2 and 3. Please clarify what cost information is required (e.g., cost by labor category, hours by labor category, total cost) and where should the cost information be provided (i.e., in Volume III - Cost or Volume II - Technical)?

RFP Reference :L.3.2 (page L-9), L.3.2.3 (page L-9), Attachment L.3.7.3 Sample Tasks.

Response: Sample Tasks 2 and 3 require a resource and cost estimate. Each offeror’s response to Sample Tasks 2 and 3, in Volume II – Technical Approach, shall provide the detail necessary to substantiate the proposed approach.

Question 20. Please clarify the definition of “major subcontractor.”

RFP Reference: L.3.3.1 (page L-10). L.3.4 (page L-16).

Response: For the purpose of a submitting cost proposals, a major subcontractor is defined at L.3.3.1 (a) (3). For the purpose of a evaluating past performance, a major subcontractor is defined at L.3.4 (a).

Question 21. Please clarify the reference to provision L.15 or a provision entitled “Proposal Submission”.

RFP Reference: L.3.3.2 (page L-12).

Response: Reference is incorrect. The correct reference is provision L.2 Proposal Instructions. A revised page has been attached.

Question 22. If a major subcontractor provides a contract past performance citation that was performed by a principal employee in a predecessor company, should Attachment L-2, Present/Past Performance Questionnaire, be requested from the customer associated with that past performance citation?

RFP Reference : L.3.4 (page L-15).

Response: Section L.3.4(a) states, “The information requested below is required of the offeror and major subcontractors (over \$1 million in total value per year) for the past performance evaluation, however, offerors may submit additional information at their discretion if they consider such information necessary to establish a record of relevant performance. Refer to FAR 15.305(a)(2)(iii).”

Question 23. Please clarify the maximum number of Present/Past Performance Questionnaire requested.

RFP Reference” L.3.4 (page L-16).

Response: Section L.3.4(b) states, “identify up to five contracts (completed and ongoing) over \$1 million in total value that the offeror or major subcontractor has had within the past three years that best shows your ability to perform the requirements of the contemplated contract.”

Question 24. In section L.3.5 (a) the solicitation refers the offeror to H.2 and H.14. Should this be H.1 and H.13?

RFP Reference: L.3.5 (page L-17).

Response: Yes. Amendment 002 corrected the reference.

Question 25. Please clarify what is meant by “Basis of Application” at cell A6 on Tab “Labor-Fringe Rate Form.”

RFP Reference : Cost spreadsheet: 147556-AMEND-002-003

Response: The Basis of Application in the Labor-Fringe Form are the elements of cost the Labor-Fringe Rate is applied to.

Question 26. (A) Please clarify the following cells of the Rates and Factors Model. On Tab “Offeror Fiscal Year” cell B9 is formatted as a drop-down field and cell B10 is formatted as a formula. (B) When opening the Cost Model file, the following message appears, “this workbook contains links to other data sources.” Please provide a spreadsheet that does not require external information or indicate whether these links are required. On tabs 7.1 – 7.11, there is an #REF! error in cells L26, T26, AB26, AJ26, and AR26. This #REF! error is a missing input reference to the formulas in these cells and it is not clear where the input is located. Please provide clarification on what/where these formulas should be referring to.

RFP Reference : Amendment 003 – Cost Models Portfolio

Response: Due to Excel compatibility issues, the cost models have been combined into a single portable document format (pdf) portfolio which will allow Offerors to open the macro enabled spreadsheets and resolve all formatting and reference errors.

Question 28. May we have a Technical Bidders Library?

RFP Reference : None

Response: No. Most technical data needed to respond to the RFP is readily available on NASA public sites on the internet. The two documents not readily available KNPR 8750.1 Software Assurance Procedural Requirements and KDP-P-1453 SMA Independent Assessment Process are attached.