

Note: Some questions have been edited for clarity.

Question 1: Table 1 on page 18 of Amendment Two limited the Price Section to 10 pages. This section previously did not have a page limit. According to 4.2.8.6.2.4, it appears that Offerors may include the subcontractor proposals if the subcontractors do not submit directly to NASA MSFC. Given the pricing instructions and the potential inclusion of subcontractor price volumes, would NASA MSFC consider removing a page limit requirement? Could the subcontractor proposals be placed in an appendix?

Answer 1: No change will be made to the NRA Price Section. Subcontractor price proposals shall adhere to the NRA sections 4.2.8.11.2 and 4.3. It should be noted that subcontractor price proposals, whether submitted as part of the prime Offeror's proposal or submitted to the Government directly by the subcontractor, count against the price section page limit.

Question 2: Amendment Three to the NRA appears to provide contradictory guidance regarding the submission of Letters of Intent. Page 9 (as amended) appears to require submission as an integral part of Section 2 (Intrinsic Merit). Page 18 (as amended) requires the Letters of Intent to be submitted in a separate section following Sections 1 and 2. Page 18 appears to be consistent with your intent to submit Letters of Intent as a separate attachment as needed. Please clarify the guidance.

Answer 2: Letters of Intent, as well as Appendix E (Subcontractor Information), are supplemental sections of information that are essential and integral to Section 2 (Intrinsic Merit), specifically Teaming, Partnering, and Subcontracting Arrangements; if required. Although the proposal assembly outline provided in 4.2.8 of the NRA shows them as contained within Section 2 (Intrinsic Merit), all Offerors may view these two supplemental sections as attachments to Section 2 (Intrinsic Merit) and independent of the 15 page limit called out in Table 1. Letters of Intent and Appendix E attachments should be placed immediately following the Bibliography called out in Section 2, but they should not be viewed as additional sections. See the revised proposal assembly outline (pages 9 and 10) provided as insert pages in Amendment 5.

Question 3: Does NASA considered an "Offeror" to be an individual PI or the institution?

Answer 3: The Offeror is identified by the DUNS number for the entity under which the proposal is submitted. If the proposal is submitted under the institution's DUNS number then the institution would be considered the Offeror.

Question 4: Is there any reason why we should not use Word 2010 for our CD proposal submittal? I understand that Word 2007 reads Word 2010.

Answer 4: As stated in the NRA 4.3.2 digital copies shall be provided on a virus free compact disk read only memory (CD ROM) in personal computer (PC) format and shall be readable by Microsoft Office Word 2007 edition and Microsoft Office Excel 2007 edition.

Question 5: May we submit the ORCA and SF33 .pdf files as separate files in the digital copies? Or, do you prefer these .pdf files to be embedded into the MS Word Model Contract file?

Answer 5: The ORCA and SF33 .pdf files may be submitted as separate files in digital format.

Question 6: NASA's latest amendment (3) to SLS NRA NNM12ZPS002N has limited the Price section page count to 10 pages in paragraph 4.2.8.11.2 – Table 1. However, it does not relieve Bidders of the requirement to provide detailed BOEs (paragraph 4.2.8.6.5, last bullet). This page restriction greatly reduces the ability to provide quality detailed BOEs that would have any value to NASA, as they would have to be summarized/reduced to meet the new page limitations. Would NASA consider relieving the detailed BOE requirement or reconsidering the page limitations?

Answer 6: The information required by NRA 4.2.8.6.5 shall be submitted only if selected for award. No change will be made to the Price section page count as listed in the NRA, 4.2.8.11.2 – Table 1, Amendment 3.