

## Questions and Answers - Dated May 10, 2012

Note: Some questions have been edited for clarity.

**Question 1:** Considering the latest amendments issued, will NASA consider extending the proposal due date?

**Answer 1:** The prior amendments resulted in no substantial changes to the NRA. As such there will be no extension of the proposal due date.

**Question 2:** In section 4.2.8.6.2.7 it states that “The Government will use Microsoft Office Excel 2007 for evaluation and analysis of the Price Section. Offerors shall not remove the functionality of the Excel spreadsheets that are submitted in the electronic copy of the Price Section. Spreadsheets shall be true self-calculating files. Any “hard values” shall be explained and supported. The formats for pictures, drawings, figures, etc., shall be Bit-Mapped Picture (.bmp) or JPEG Picture (.jpg).”

Understanding that there is a 10 page limit for the cost section of the proposal, is it fair to assume that providing the associated Excel supporting documents in the electronic version, which would then take us over the 10 page limit, is acceptable? There are different interpretations of what the 10 pages should consist of and I believe the worksheets associated with the functionality of the calculations would only be provided in the Excel pricing file.

**Answer 2:** The 10 page limit for the Price Section applies to the hard copy as well as the electronic copy of the proposal.

**Question 3:** Please elaborate on the Letters of Intent regarding required content and the definition of “partnering arrangements”.

**Answer 3:** Partnering arrangements are business arrangements that are not covered by traditional subcontracts. NASA does not dictate the contents of these letters but the letters should show the commitment of the business arrangements made. For additional information on partnering Reference 8.2 NASA Partnership Offices.

**Question 4:** Do we have any flexibility in defining the period of performance for the base and option years? The pricing details said to assume the Government fiscal year for purposes of cost phasing. Do we have the flexibility to propose a 6 month base period followed by a 12 month option period?

**Answer 4:** As stated in the NRA, the Offeror, at its discretion, may propose a period of performance that shall be justified in the proposal. However, it is anticipated that the period of performance for any award resulting from this NRA will be 12 months with the potential for two 1-year options. The option period of performance may not be longer than the base period of performance.

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**Question 5:** In Section F.2, part (a) of the model contract, are these the dates for the entire period of performance of the proposed effort, base year plus option years?

**Answer 5:** Yes.

**Question 6:** Can we use our commercial catalog rates to supply and satisfy the pricing information requested by the NRA?

**Answer 6:** The rates proposed for the work effort is at the discretion of the Offeror.

**Question 7:** Is it ok to identify in the proposal specific MSFC personnel that we would like to/plan to work with?

**Answer 7:** It is at the discretion of the Offeror; however there is no requirement to identify MSFC personnel by name.