

	Question/Comment	Government Response
1	<p>Q12. L.13 VOLUME II – COST PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS states, “For pricing purposes, the Offeror shall use the period of performance from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016.” However, the Table – Contract Period of Performance has the end date for Option 4 as December 31, 2017 which aligns with our understanding of the RFP. Please verify which end date is correct.</p>	<p>The date 2016 shall be changed to 2017</p>
2	<p>Also, under the Table – Contract Period of Performance, the period listed for the Extension is January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 which occurs during Option 3. Can you please confirm these dates?</p>	<p>The date 2017 shall be changed to 2018</p>
3	<p>Section L.13(c) Cost Proposal (Volume II) Table - Contract Period of Performance. Q: Extension – Year 6 – Period reads January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017. Should the period read January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018?</p>	<p>The date 2017 shall be changed to 2018</p>
4	<p>Section L.13(c) Cost Proposal (Volume II) Page 88; m.2.b. Only the five calendar years base effort shall be priced. Q: Some cost templates are requesting data for more than five calendar years. Do you want cost data for more than five years in the cost templates?</p>	<p>Although the templates allow for up to ten years of effort (columns are "hidden" in the Excel spreadsheets) this contract is limited to a not to exceed length of five years plus a unilateral extension of six months (a total of 66 months). The cost templates may be modified by the offeror to accommodate their propose period of performance.</p>
5	<p>Attachment C - Personnel Requirements. 4. SOW sec. 4 -Table 4a and 4b. The minimum qualifications for staffing these functional positions are described in table 4b. Q: Table 4a lists the functional positions and table 4b lists the minimum qualifications. How do we map the positions in table 4b to the positions in table 4a? How are the Certified Welding Inspector (CWI), Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE), ISO/AS9100 Quality Systems Auditor and Risk Management Trainer mapped to table 4a?</p>	<p>It was never intended for the Personnel Requirements Table 4a (Functional Positions) and Table 4b (Minimum Qualifications) to have a direct one-to-one mapping. As part of the competitive proposal process, the Government wants to see what the bidders propose regarding this, including any unique or innovative ideas the offerors may propose for staffing the contract.</p>
6	<p>Cost Volume - Part 4 Contractor Basis of Estimate (BOE). Pg. 90-91 (j)(k) Other Direct Costs Table and Section 4. Q: The government has provided “plug “amount for Other Direct Costs in the table. However, Part 4 requests the offeror and proposed major subcontractors shall submit a separate BOE part in the cost volume.</p>	<p>The plug numbers should be incorporated into the BOE as "government provided"</p>
7	<p>Cost Volume - Part 4 Contractor Basis of Estimate (BOE). Pg. 90-91 (j)(k) Other Direct Costs Table and Section 4. Q: Are the BOEs required for any ODCs proposed outside of the government “plug” number?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

8	<p>“Major Subcontractor” is defined differently for the Cost Proposal (Section L.13(c)1.j) than for Past Performance (L.14.A).</p> <p>L.13(c)1.j. For cost proposal instruction purposes only, “subcontractors” shall include the definition of an Offeror’s interdivisional and/or intercompany effort and if they are considered to be a “subcontractor” related effort. Major subcontractors are defined as those subcontractors having a total contract value equal to or greater than \$2 million (at any tier) for the inclusive effort or a total contract value equal to or greater than 20% of the prime’s proposed total contract value. Minor subcontractors are defined as those subcontractors having a total contract value less than \$2 million or 20%for the inclusive effort.</p> <p>L.14. A. The Offeror shall submit the information set forth below for the Prime Offeror and any Major Subcontractor. A Major Subcontractor is defined as performing \$250,000 per year. Is that intentional? Please clarify the definition of a “major subcontractor”.</p>	<p>Different subcontractor definitions for Past Performance and Cost Estimates are provided. Offerors shall comply with the provided definition for each requirement.</p>
9	<p>Cost Volume Part 2, page 95 - Project Summary Template (PST) - PST is called out in the Table L-4 Template Acronyms on page 95, but doesn’t appear as a tab in Price Template 1 or 2, or elsewhere in RFP. Can the Government clarify the intent of the PST?</p>	<p>PST shall be deleted from Table L-4</p>
10	<p>Cost Volume Part 1 and 2, pages 89 and 94 - CATO Acronym - The acronym CATO appears on pages 89 (Table L-1) and 94 (Table L-3). Is this referring to the Cognizant Audit Office Template (CAOT)?</p>	<p>Yes, due to the minor transposition no change shall be made to the RFP documents.</p>
11	<p>Cost Volume Part 1, Section 3 and Cost Volume Part 4 (pages 91 and 97) - Basis of Estimates - Cost Volume Part 1, Section 3 - Pricing Narrative Basis of Estimate and Supporting Data (PN-BOE) and Cost Volume Part 4 - Contractor Basis of Estimate (BOE) are requesting a response for very similar requirements (i.e. both sections ask the offeror to provide information on cost-estimating relationships including learning curve analysis). Can the government clarify what is required in each section?</p>	<p>The PN-BOE request information relative to the "rates", "factors" and cost estimating relationships. A cost estimating relationship (CER) is a technique used to estimate a particular cost or price by using an established relationship with an independent variable. A BOE is a description of how a cost estimate was obtained for each element for which a cost is estimated based on the Offeror's own unique methodology and understanding of the requirements. The BOE identifies the "types" and "quantities" and how these were determined to be required to perform the work under an Offeror's unique methodologies.</p>
12	<p>L.13 - Cost Proposal Instructions, 2 - General Instructions, Page 88 - Period of Performance - Section 2.b on page 88 states: “Only the five calendar years base effort shall be priced.” The Table on page 86 identifies the base years as Years 1 and 2. In addition, the pricing templates request pricing by Contract Year, not Calendar Year. Can the Government clarify whether or not offerors should submit pricing by Calendar Year or by Contract Year and what periods should be priced?</p>	<p>The six Contract Years are alinged with five Government fiscal years (aka Period). Cost templates are alinged by the six contract years. Cost estimates shall be provided for the six contract years.</p>

13	F.2 - Period of Performance, page 8 - Period of Performance - Section F.2 states: "The initial period of performance (not including any phase-in) shall be for a period of twenty-one (21) months. The subsequent period, if any, shall be for three periods of twelve months each and one period of 3 months exercised by the unilateral issuance of a contract modification by the Contracting Officer" However, Table - Contract Period of Performance, on page 86, also lists a 6 month extension in addition to the 3 month option identified above. Can the government clarify the Period of Performance identified in Section F.2?	Our intent is to award a five year contract as stated in F.2, Period of performance. The final 6 month extension is only to price in the Option to Extend Services (See 52.217-8) in case it becomes necessary. See also L.13(b). The 6 month extension period should not be included in the total contract cost.
14	Attachment F - WYE Chart and Section B.3, page 2 - IDIQ WYE Estimate - The WYE Chart in Attachment F, identifies the number of WYEs for IDIQ Tasks associated with SOW 4.0 as 21 WYE and all other IDIQ Tasks as 18 WYE, while the table in B.3 provides an estimate of \$2,500,000 for SOW 4.0 IDIQ Tasks and \$8,460,000 for all other IDIQ tasks. Can the government provide additional clarity into the relationship of the WYE estimates in Attachment F and the estimates in Section B.3 with 21 WYE being estimated at \$2,500,000 and 18 WYE at \$8,460,000 for the 21 month base period?	There will be a disparity in total IDIQ cost per WYE because of differences in estimated ODC and Subcontractor cost associated with specific SOW sections
15	Section L.13.2.k, page 89. - Staffing Plan - Section L.13.2.k on page 89 states that "Offerors shall ensure that the proposed staffing plan of the cost volume reconciles with the proposed staffing plan of the technical volume." Since Section L requirements do not provide for a staffing plan in the technical volume, can the government clarify the requirement?	Offerors shall provide adequate evidence in the cost volume the WYEs propose support their technical approach and stated staffing (if so stated) in the technical volume.
16	H.3 – Section (c), Page 26 - Clarification of "construction work" - Section states "The Prime Contractor/Subcontractors are restricted from submitting bids/proposals for any or performing any actual design, maintenance, or construction work at the NASA GRC". Does the definition of "construction work" under this limitation apply to work performed under the anticipated NASA GRC Construction Management, Inspection, Surveying and Test (CMIST) Contract (Solicitation NNC12ZFD011R)?	The H.3 Limitation of Future Contracting clause has been removed from the RFP. However, please see updated instructions for submitting OCI Avoidance Plan.
17	Table L-2, Page 94 - Table L-2 - Table L-2 on page 94 is to be filled out by the prime offeror and each subcontractor. Rows labeled "Program:" and "Project:" both have the entry "Research Facilities and Engineering Support Services." Is that the entry each offeror should include in their submission? Or should that say Safety, Health, Environmental, and Mission Assurance?	The rows labeled "Program" and "Project" should say "Safety, Health, Environmental, and Mission Assurance".
18	B.3 - Page 3 - IDIQ Government Provided Estimates - The \$6,320,000 plug number for CLIN 4 in Option 3 does not state that it is inclusive of fee. Can the government clarify whether or not that plug value is inclusive of fee?	This should read "Government Provided Estimate -- inclusive of fee".
19	B.3 - IDIQ Government Provided Estimates - Will the IDIQ Government Provided Estimates in Section B.3 for CLINs 4 and 5 be used as part of the offeror's probable cost and reasonableness analysis?	The IDIQ Government Provided Estimate is an element of the total contract value when awarded. The IDIQ amounts shall be included in the probable cost for all offerors.

20	L.3 Cost Proposal, Page 91 - ODC Plug Numbers - How are the ODC Plug numbers on Page 91 of the RFP allocated between the CLINs that are shown in Section B.3 of the RFP?	New cost instructions addressing this concern have been made. See updated Chart on Page 91 of the RFP.
21	Cost Volume - Since the SHEMA Contract is a combination of two existing contracts with different end dates, will the government be willing to hold 1 on 1 cost discussions prior to the proposal due date with the offerors in order to facilitate ease of cost evaluation? In our experience, 1 on 1 cost discussion have previously been held on other NASA and federal procurements when necessary.	If discussions are necessary they will be held post competitive range determination.
22	Cost Volume, Page 90 - Incumbent Direct Labor Rates - Since the government requires the use of the direct labor rates provided on Page 90 for hiring incumbent personnel, can the government provide the labor category mix that went in to determining the average direct labor rates?	The labor mix that makes up the average is shown under Labor Categories on page 90.
23	H.3 - Limitation of Future Contracting - Does limitation of design work impact bridge inspections, road design, facility improvements, energy audits or energy design work? Does limitation on construction include construction QA/QC oversight, inspections, construction monitoring, testing related to construction activities (core samples, liner samples waterline testing)?	The H.3 Limitation of Future Contracting clause has been removed from the RFP. However, please see updated instructions for submitting OCI Avoidance Plan.
24	Cost Volume Part 1 - On Page 91, Cost Volume Part 1 is labeled as "Excel Pricing Model," however, Table L-1 on Page 89 identifies Cost Volume Part 1 as "General Cost Information." Can the government clarify the title of Cost Volume, Part 1?	The page 91 title refers to the RFP instructions. The page 89 title is the title for the Vol II Cost proposal.
25	Cost Volume, Part 2, Table L-3, page 94 - Table L-3 - Table L-3 identifies the Excel workbooks that are part of the Excel Pricing Model. The Excel file names provided are "Price.xls" and "CATO.xls." However, no Excel workbooks with those names are provided in the Final RFP package. Can the government clarify what excel workbooks make up the Excel Pricing Model?	The templates are located at RFP Attachment B.
26	Cost Volume, Part 2, Table L-3, page 94 - Table L-3 - Cost Volume Part 2 (a) states: "The 3 Microsoft Excel workbooks are shown in Table L-3." However, only 2 workbooks are shown. Can the government clarify how many workbooks are part of the excel pricing model?	There are two MS Excel Workbooks, located at RFP Attachment B.
27	Cost Volume, Part 2, Table L-3, page 94 - Table L-3 refers the "hardcopy RFP location" of the two workbooks shown as "L.2" and "L.3." However, section L.2 is "Determination of Compensation Reasonableness (NFS 1852.231-71) and L.3 is "Government Property Management Information." Can the government clarify the hardcopy RFP location of the excel workbooks?	There are two MS Excel Workbooks, located at RFP Attachment B.

28	<p>Cost Volume, Labor Pricing Template, Page 96, Direct Labor Table, Page 90 and Personnel Requirements, Attachment C. - Labor Categories - Labor Pricing Template instructions 2.a on page 96, state: Offerors shall use the "position descriptions in RFP Section J, Attachment C cross walked to their labor descriptions." However, the Direct Labor Table, the WYE Equivalent Chart and the Personnel Requirements in Attachment C do not directly align. For example, The Direct Labor Table shows a Safety Engineer labor category for SOW 3.2 - Occupational Health and the Personnel Requirements do not list a Safety Engineer in SOW 3.2. The WYE table shows a Risk Management Specialists, while the Personnel Requirements show a CRM Facilitator and a Risk Management Trainer. Can the government clarify the relationship between the WYE Equivalent Chart, the Direct Labor Table, and the personnel requirements?</p>	<p>The page 90 Chart is current staffing information while Attachment C and Attachment F are estimates.</p>
29	<p>SOW Section 5.4, Last sentence, Page 47 - Prioritization of Work - Will the Government be willing to provide COLA adjustments in pricing if task orders are delayed to the next fiscal year?</p>	<p>An update to the SOW will be made to address this concern. The last sentence will be removed from this section.</p>
30	<p>RFP, Section G.8 (c), Pages 19 and 20 - Installation-Accountable Government Property - Section G.8.(c) states The following property and services are provided if checked. Since no checkmarks exist in the Final RFP, are all property and services provided as part of this section?</p>	<p>The following change is made to G.8 (c) - "The following property and services are provided: if checked:"</p>