
**Intelligent Systems Research and Development Support – 2 (ISRDS-2)
Request for Proposal
Amendment #01**

CLAUSE REVISIONS

The following changes shall be made to Section G of the RFP.

1. The following clause has been removed:

G.10 NFS 1852.245-76 LIST OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FURNISHED PURSUANT TO FAR 52.245-1 (JAN 2011).

The following changes shall be made to Section H of the RFP.

1. The following clause has been removed:

H.1 (II) NFS 1852.228-70, AIRCRAFT GROUND AND FLIGHT RISK (OCT 1996).

The following changes shall be made to Section I of the RFP.

1. The following clause has been revised (change in italics):

I.1(I) FAR 52.227-11, PATENT RIGHTS—OWNERSHIP BY THE CONTRACTOR (SHORT FORM) (*ALT V*)(*DEC 2007*).

2. The following clause has been revised:

I.6 FAR 52.219-23, NOTICE FOR PRICE EVALUATION ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERNS (OCT 2008) shall state 10% in (b)(1).

The following changes shall be made to Section K of the RFP.

1. The following clause has been revised (change in italics):

K.1(I) FAR 52.225-25, PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATION (*DEC 2012*).

2. The following clause has been revised and updated to a new version:

K.2 FAR 52.204-8, ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (*MAY 2012*).

3. The following clause has been revised with the correct clause number:

K.14 NFS 1852.209-74, CERTIFICATION BY OFFERORS REGARDING FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX VIOLATIONS (FEB 2012) (DEVIATION).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Miscellaneous

1. Reference: The answer provided in the previous Industry Questions & Answers (#13) reported that an extension to the current contract was not anticipated.

Question: Is this still the plan? If no, what date should we assume for Phase-In Start and Contract Start?

Answer: An extension to the current contract is anticipated at this time. The estimated Contract Start/Phase-in Start date would be on or about February 1, 2014.

2. Reference: The definitions of Major Subcontractor for Cost purposes and Past Performance

Question: Are the cost thresholds for the definitions of Major Subcontractor for the priced effort or for the total expected contract value (core, contract management, and maximum IDIQ)?

Answer: The cost thresholds for the definition of Major Subcontractor apply only to the priced effort (Contract Management and Core) and not to the IDIQ portion.

3. Reference: None Specified

Question: What risk management tool is currently used by NASA Ames and specifically Code TI?

Answer: Neither NASA Ames nor Code TI currently use a risk management tool.

Section B

1. Reference: Section B.1, Page 6, Period of Performance; RFP Section J.1(a) Attachment 1, Statement of Work (SOW)

Background: Table B.1-1 – Base Period defines four Item Numbers (CLINs). These cover the Phase-In, Contract Management Requirement (SOW 2.1.1), Core Technical Elements (SOW 2.1.2), and ID/IQ (SOW 2.3). We do not see a corresponding entry for Core Operational Support (SOW 2.1.3).

Question: Should a CLIN be added for Core Operational Support (SOW 2.1.3)?

Answer: Core Operational Support should be priced under Contract Management. The SOW will also be revised to reflect this.

Section F

1. Reference: Section F.2 – Period of Performance, Page 14; RFP Section J.1(a) Attachment 1, Statement of Work (SOW) Section 5.0 Phase-In/Phase-Out, Page 15 of 17

Background: Paragraph F.2 (a) Base Period (Phase-In and Base Requirement) states “The 60 day Phase-in shall be included in the Base Period performance period. The performance of the Base Period shall be for three (3) years from the effective date of the contract.” However, Section 5.0 in the SOW, in Item (2) states “The Phase-In period shall not exceed 60 calendar days prior to the start date of the base contract period. The Contractor shall accomplish Phase-In in accordance with the Contract Phase-In Plan, Attachment J-10.” And in Item (3) states “Once the 60 calendar day phase-in period is complete, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility for the effort covered by the SOW and as issued through Task Orders.” Section F.2 language and the SOW language regarding Phase-In appear to be inconsistent with one another.

Question: Please clarify.

Answer: The Phase-in Period shall be included in the Base Period. All inconsistencies have been revised to reflect this.

2. Reference: Section F.2(a) Page 14

The 60 day Phase-In shall be included in the Base Period performance period. The performance of the Base Period shall be for three (3) years from the effective date of the contract.

Question: The Industry Day slides showed the start of Phase-In of August 2013 and contract start on October 1, 2013. Will the Government please confirm if these dates are still current or provide revised dates to assist offerors with estimating costs for the contract period of performance?

Answer: The estimated Contract/Phase-in Start date would be on or about February 1, 2014.

3. Reference: Section F.2 Period of Performance

Question: For pricing purposes what is the estimated start date of the 60 day Phase-In and Base Period of the contract?

Answer: The estimated Contract/Phase-in Start date would be on or about February 1, 2014.

Section G

1. Reference: Clause G.7, Pages 21-23; G.10, Page 24

Background: Clause G.7(a) indicates that the Government retains accountability for Government Property. However, Clause G.10 states that the contractor is accountable for Government Property furnished by the Government.

Question: Please clarify what appears to be a conflict between these two clauses.

Answer: G.10 NFS 1852.245-76, List of Government Property Furnished Pursuant to FAR 52.245-1 (JAN 2011) has been removed due to the conflict. G.7 NFS 1852.245-71, Installation-Accountable Government Property (JAN 2011) (ALT I) (JAN 2011) will remain in the RFP.

Section H

1. Reference: Section H.1, II. NFS Page 27

Background: 1852.228-70 (Oct 1996) Aircraft Ground and Flight Risk

Question: As prescribed in 1828.370(a), The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 1852.228-70, Aircraft Ground and Flight Risk, in all negotiated fixed-price contracts for the development, production, modification, maintenance, or overhaul of aircraft, or otherwise involving the furnishing of aircraft to the contractor, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, unless the aircraft are covered by a separate bailment. Since this contract does not include any fixed-price CLINS, please verify if it is the Government's intent to incorporate 1852.228-70.

Answer: NFS 1852.228-70, Aircraft Ground and Flight Risk will be removed from Section H.1 as this contract only applies to *negotiated fixed-price contracts* for the development, production, modification, maintenance, or overhaul of aircraft, or otherwise involving the furnishing of aircraft to the contractor.

2. Reference: Section H.1, II. NFS Page 27

Background: 1852.228-71 (Dec 1988) Aircraft Flight Risk

Question: As prescribed in 1828.311-270, the contracting officer must insert the clause at 1852.228-71, Aircraft Flight Risks, in all cost-reimbursement contracts for the development, production, modification, maintenance, or overhaul of aircraft, or otherwise involving the furnishing

of aircraft to the contractor, except when the aircraft are covered by a separate bailment. Please clarify what aircraft support may be required whereby this clause is applicable, if possible please provide SOW reference and provide examples of the type of projects supported.

Answer: Although there is not a current need for the work described in NFS 1852.228-71, this clause has been included in the solicitation if such work arises during the life of the contract. Right now there is no particular SOW reference. However, the SOW does indicate that the Intelligent Systems Division (Code TI) supports programs such as Aviation Safety, Fundamental Aeronautics, and Airspace Operations for the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD). Further, the SOW also makes references to aircraft and airspace systems.

3. Reference: RFP Section H.18, Page 41, INCORORATION OF THE CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL, and L.7, PROPOSAL PREPARATION-GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Background: Instructions under Section L.7, PROPOSAL PREPARATION-GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (b) Format (2), 7th bullet on page 80 states "A completed response to Section H, H-18 with the Mission Suitability proposal number interested in the appropriate blank space." The draft RFP Section H.19 contained the following: "The Contractor's Mission Suitability proposal number [TO BE PROPOSED BY THE OFFEROR]..." The final RFP was amended to change H.19 to H.18 along with edited language for the new H.18. A space for this Offeror fill-in is no longer found under Section H.18 in the final RFP. However, the Section L instruction remains the same.

Question: Please clarify.

Answer: The fill-in is no longer required for H.18, Incorporation of the Contractor's Proposal. Therefore, the reference to H.18 in paragraph L.7(b)(2) has been removed.

Section I

1. Reference: Section I.1 Page 43

Question: Referencing the "To be completed by Offeror: " items in Section I. In what volume does the Government want Offerors to provide this information in our response?

Answer: Section L.7 (b)(2) indicates that the responses to FAR 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns, FAR 52.219-23, Notice for Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, and FAR 52.227-23, Rights to Proposal Data (Technical) shall be addressed in the cover letter.

2. Reference: Section I.6 (b)(1) Page 50

Background: The Contracting Officer will evaluate offers by adding a factor of ____percent to the price of all offers..

Question: Please provide the factor to be used for Clause I.6(b)(1).

Answer: The factor to be used in (b)(1) of I.6 FAR 52.219-23 Notice for Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns is 10%. The RFP will be revised to reflect this.

Section J

1. Reference: Section J.1(a), Page 54

Background: This paragraph includes a table of attachments for the Offeror/Contractor to submit. The note beneath the table of attachments indicates that those items in the table that contain an asterisk beside them are to be completed at the time of award or by subsequent modification. The

RFP contains requirements for the Safety and Health Plan, Organizational Conflicts of Interest Avoidance Plan, and Small Business Subcontracting Plan. However, the RFP does not appear to contain a specific requirement and time of submittal for the IT Security Plan. The CDRL only contains a requirement for Line Item No. 18, IT Security Training Report.

Question: When is an ISRDS2 IT Security Plan due to be submitted?

Answer: The CDRL will be revised to include the required submission for an IT Security Plan. The requirement can be found in CDRL Item #15.

Section L

1. Reference: Section L.7(b)(2) Page 80

Background: Cover Letter Includes all information found in Section L.6(b)(2)

Question: Section L.6(b)(2) addresses attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference. Please clarify if Government's intent is to reference L.7(b)(2).

Answer: The chart at paragraph L.7(b)(1) has been revised to state the following: "Includes all information found in Section L.7 (b)(2)."

2. Reference: Section L.7(b)(4) Page 81

Background: Further page limitations are set forth in this Section L, paragraph L.7, "Proposal Page Limitations".

Question: It appears reference is intended to be made to Section L.8 "Proposal Page Limitations", please clarify.

Answer: The reference in L.7(b)(4) has been changed to correctly identify paragraph L.8, Proposal Page Limitations.

3. Reference: Section L.7(b)(3) Page 81

Background: Address and forward the proposal package in accordance with the instructions specified on SF-33, Block 9.

Question: Modification 5 to Solicitation NNA12424845R dated June 3, 2013 instructs offerors to deliver proposals to the address found in Block 8 of the SF33. Please clarify correct delivery address for proposal and update RFP accordingly.

Answer: Standard Form 33 has been revised with the following information.

Block 8: NASA—Ames Research Center; Attn. Sarah Andrae

Mail Stop 241-1; Bldg. 241, Rm. 252; P.O. Box 1

Moffett Field, CA 94035-0001

Block 9: Sealed offers in both original and copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8 or, if hand carried, in the depository located in Building 241, Room 252 until Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. PST.

4. Reference: Section L.8(a) Page 82

Background: Footnote 1 - Paragraph L.7 (c) identifies materials to be submitted that do not affect this limit.

Question: Section L.7(c) provides instructions for Mission Suitability (Volume 1) with no reference to page limitations. Please confirm if reference to L.8(c) was intended.

Answer: Both footnotes in paragraph L.8 have been revised to correctly identify paragraph L.8(c).

5. Reference: L.10 A. Management Approach – (Sub-factor), 1. Organizational

Structure/Partnering Approach – Oral Presentation, Bullet 8, Page 86. There is a reference to "major subcontractor".

Question: For Volume I: Mission Suitability, what definition of major subcontractor should be applied to this instruction?

Answer: For purposes of this section, "major subcontractors" is defined as subcontracting dollars of \$5,000,000 or more covering a performance period of five (5) years. "Offeror" and "major subcontractor," for purposes of this solicitation include predecessor companies.

6. Reference: Section L.10, Page 93

Background: The RFP in Section L.10.(a)C(SBU1)(1)(v) states that the requirements in the Subcontracting Plan must flow down to first tier large business subcontracts expected to exceed \$700,000. FAR Clause 52.219-9(d)(9), however, requires flow down at a threshold of \$650,000.

Question: Please clarify which threshold should we use?

Answer: The correct threshold is \$650,000.00. The RFP will be revised to reflect this.

7. Reference: L.10(b) Past Performance, Page 95

The RFP states the following: As a minimum, the Past Performance Proposal shall include the following: (1) A list of three (3) relevant contracts (including government and industry contracts), each in excess of \$20,000,000 total contract value for the prime and each in excess of \$5,000,000 total contract value for the major subcontractor, completed no more than five (5) years ago or on-going, involving related types of effort.

Question: Will the government please amend the relevant contract requirements for the prime to read: "A list of three (3) relevant contracts (including government and industry contracts), each in excess of \$20,000,000 total contract value or in excess of \$5,000,000 per year for the prime...?"

Answer: At this time, the Government will not amend the solicitation. The language will remain unchanged.

8. Reference: L.10(b) B Past Performance Page 96

The first paragraph, 3rd sentence states: "Each offeror is responsible for assuring that the customers return questionnaires directly to the Government 10 days prior to the proposal due date."

Question: Please confirm that the questionnaires are due back to the Government 10 calendar days prior to proposal due date, specifically July 8, 2013.

Answer: Yes that is correct. Questionnaires are due back to the Government 10 calendar days prior to proposal due date, which would be Monday, July 8, 2013.

9. Reference: L.10(b) B.3 Past Performance Page 97

Paragraph states: "Each offerer and major subcontractor shall provide NASA Ames Research Center Contracting Officer a list of contracts from whom Offerors have requested past performance information 20 days prior to proposal due date, via email to Sarah.M.Andrae@nasa.gov."

Question: Please confirm that the List of Contracts is due back to the Government 20 calendar days prior to proposal due date, specifically June 28, 2013.

Answer: Yes that is correct. The List of Contracts is due back to the Government 20 calendar days prior to proposal due date, which would be Friday, June 28, 2013.

10. Reference: L.10 (c) 3. Cost Proposal Organization, Page 99:

Question: Does the Government want offerors to include team labor category rates in Volume III for labor categories not reflected in the core exhibits? If so, where?

Answer: No, do not include these rates.

11. Reference: Section L.10(c) Cost Proposal Vol III Page 100

Background: Exhibit 5, Summary of Elements of Cost - Core Technical Elements - See Table of ODC by Contract Year

Question: The ODC amounts provided by Contract Year do not add up to total ODC provided of \$4,833,333. Please clarify.

Answer: There was a typographical error in the instructions. This will be revised. In Exhibit 5, the ODC amounts do add up to total ODC provided--\$4,833,333.00. The total is derived by a formula, which adds up the amounts provided by year: \$833,333 for Year 1 and \$1,000,000 each for Years 2 through 5.

12. Reference: L.10 (c) 3. Cost Proposal Organization, Exhibit 8, Direct Labor Cost Summary - Contract Management, Page 101:

Question: Is this exhibit just specific to the contract management of the core WYEs? If no, can the Government provide more information on the number of tasks and duration of tasks for the IDIQ work?

Answer: Contract Management is for the resources necessary for management and administration of the entire contract, including both Core and IDIQ. The Contract Management requirement (Exhibits 4 and 8) is for the resources necessary for management and administration of the overall contract (such as Program/Site Manager, Deputy Program Manager, Business Manager, Clerical Support, etc.). For the Contract Management requirement, Offerors should propose all the resources necessary to manage the overall ISRDS-2 contract.

13. Reference: Section L.10.8 and L.10.9, Exhibits 8 and 9, Page 101

Background: The instructions for completing Exhibits 8 and 9 required the offeror to "identify the number of nonproductive hours per person per year..." and goes on to explain what nonproductive hours are. The Exhibits do not provide any place to provide this information.

Question: Will the Government provide modified Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9 forms with provision to fill in the nonproductive hours information on these exhibits, or should the offeror simply provide this information as part of the cost narrative that will be in Volume III?

Answer: Information on nonproductive hours should be provided in the narrative portion of Volume III.

14. Reference: L.10 (c) 3. Cost Proposal Organization, 13. Exhibit 13 Minor Subcontractor Template, Page 102: The instruction states "Minor subcontracts are those that subcontract that have an estimated total value of less than \$200,000 per year or \$1,000,000.00 for the five year inclusive effort.

Question: Should the instruction be modified to "estimated total value of less than \$500,000 per year or \$2,000,000.00 for the five year inclusive effort". This would mean any subcontractor that isn't a significant subcontractor?

Answer: The instructions will be modified as such: "Minor subcontracts are those subcontracts that have an estimated total value of less than \$400,000.00 per year or \$2,000,000.00 for the five year inclusive effort."

Question: Is the value stated in the instruction only core support and not IDIQ effort?

Answer: Yes, the value stated in the instruction applies only to core and not IDIQ effort.

15. Reference: Section L.10.3.a.13, Exhibit 13, Minor Subcontractor Template, Page 102

Background: The values shown in this instruction (\$200,000 per year or \$1,000,000 for the five year inclusive effort) have not been updated to reflect the revised Major Subcontractor threshold (\$2M over the 5 years).

Question: Please consider updating this instruction to be "\$400,000 per year or \$2,000,000 for the five year inclusive effort" in order to be the same as the definition of Major Subcontractor as found in Section L.10.1.f.

Answer: The instructions will be modified as such: "Minor subcontracts are those subcontracts that have an estimated total value of less than \$400,000.00 per year or \$2,000,000.00 for the five year inclusive effort."

16. Reference: Section L.13 Page 102

Background: Minor subcontracts are those that subcontract that have an estimated total value of less than \$200,000 per year or \$1,000,000 for the five year inclusive effort.

Question: On page 97 a major subcontractor (for cost purposes) was defined as one "providing a total contract value of \$2,000,000 for the five year inclusive effort." Should the definition of a minor contractor be revised to be "less than \$400,000 per year or \$2,000,000 for the five year inclusive"?

Answer: The instructions will be modified as such: "Minor subcontracts are those subcontracts that have an estimated total value of less than \$400,000.00 per year or \$2,000,000.00 for the five year inclusive effort."

17. Reference: Section L.10.3.a.18, Exhibit 18, Schedule of Subcontracts, Page 104

Background: The value shown in this instruction (\$1,000,000) has not been updated to reflect the revised Major Subcontractor threshold (\$2M over the 5 years).

Question: Please consider updating this instruction to be "\$2,000,000 or more" in order to be the same as the definition of Major Subcontractor as found in Section L.10.1.f.

Answer: The instructions will be modified as such: "This schedule summarizes the activity proposed to be subcontracted and includes all subcontracts that have an aggregate cost of \$2,000,000 or more."

18. Reference: L.10 B. Technical Understanding - Written Proposal (Sub-factor), Page 113:
Section L was modified, but the corresponding Section M evaluation criterion was not?

Question: Was this intentional?

L Was:

Approach and management demonstrating an understanding of all of the requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW) and their interrelationships, specifically addressing each of the technical areas of the SOW.

L Now:

Approach and management demonstrating an understanding of the technical areas of the SOW.

M Was and Now:

Approach and management demonstrating an understanding of all of the requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW) and their interrelationships, specifically addressing each of the technical areas of the SOW.

Answer: Section M will be corrected accordingly. Section M shall read "Approach and management demonstrating an understanding of the technical areas of the SOW."

Statement of Work—J.1(a) Attachment 1

1. Reference: SOW attachment (J.1(a), Attachment 1 - 17 pages) dated June 3, 2013, is still labeled DRAFT.

Question: Is this still a draft, and are additional changes anticipated for a future final release?

Answer: The SOW will be updated accordingly to reflect final status.

2. Reference: Attachment J.1(a), Page 15 of 17

Background: Paragraphs 5.0(a)2 and 5.0(a)3 indicated that the Phase-In period “shall not exceed 60 calendar days prior to the start date of the base contract period.” This appears to be in conflict with RFP Clause F.2(a) as well as Question and Answer #12.

Question: Please clarify this requirement.

Answer: The SOW has been revised to state the following: “The Phase-In period shall not exceed **60 calendar days** after the start date of the base contract period.”

3. Reference: Attachment J.1(a), Page 15 of 17

Background: Paragraph 5.0(a)2 refers to “the Contract Phase-in Plan, Attachment J-10.” However, there is no Attachment J-10.

Question: Please clarify.

Answer: The contractor submitted Phase-In plan will be accepted and incorporated as J.1(a) Attachment 9. The SOW has been revised to reflect this.

4. Reference: Attachment J.1(a), Page 16 of 17

Background: Paragraph 5.0(a)5 refers to “clause B.3 – Contract Phase-In (Firm Fixed Price).” However, clause B.3 is labeled as “Minimum/Maximum Amount of Supplies or Services (Cost Reimbursement.”

Question: Instead, should this refer to clause B.2 NFS 1852.216-74 Estimated Cost and Fixed Fee (DEC 1991)?

Answer: The SOW has been revised to refer to clause B.2.

5. Reference: Attachment J.1(a), Page 16 of 17

Background: Paragraph 5.0(b)3 instructs that the Contractor “shall accomplish Close-Out in accordance with, Contract Closeout Plan .” However, there is no CDRL for a Contract Closeout Plan, nor other mention of this plan elsewhere in the RFP.

Question: Should this refer to CDRL Line Item No. 16, Phase-Out Plan?

Answer: SOW revised to reference CDRL Item #16. CDRL revised to include submission date.

CDRL—J.1(a) Attachment 2

1. Reference: J.1(a) Attachment 2, CDRL 10 - Property Management Report and CDRL 21 – Quarterly Report of Purchases

Background: CDRL 10 requires "report itemizing all purchases for the quarter," CDRL 21 also requires a quarterly report for all purchases.

Question: Please confirm if CDRLs 10 and 21 can be combined for efficiency as it appears these reports are requesting the same data. If not, please clarify the distinction in the data required for each of these reports.

Answer: CDRL Item #21 has been removed due to redundancy.

Cost Template Workbook—J.1(b) Attachment 2

1. Reference: Exhibit 3

Question: In the Total Cost sections of this exhibit, for significant subcontractors, is the Government requesting the significant subcontractors cost proposed TO the Prime? Or is the Government requesting the cost before fee proposed by the significant subcontractors?

Answer: The subcontractor's cost before fee should be shown in the Total Cost section. The subcontractor's fee should be shown in the Fee section.

2. Reference: Exhibit 3

Question: In the Fee sections of this exhibit, for significant subcontractors, is the Government requesting the Prime fee on the significant subcontractors? Or is the Government requesting the fee proposed by the significant subcontractors?

Answer: Subcontractor's fees should be shown in the Fee section. Any Prime fee on subcontracts should be included as part of the Prime's fee total.

3. Reference: Exhibits 5 and 9

Question: Will the Government please clarify why the total hours for Core work in years 2-5 are significantly lower than for Year 1? It appears from Exhibit 9 that the hours for all Software Engineering and Computer Science Labor Categories go to zero after Year 1. Was this the Government's intent?

Answer: The Exhibits contained an inadvertent error. Corrected Exhibits will be issued with the RFP Amendment.

4. Reference: J.1 Attachment (b) 7

Question: The labor categories in Exhibit 6 and Exhibit 9 of the cost model don't agree with the Attachment 7 Labor Category descriptions. Recommend that the cost model be revised to reflect the specific levels of labor categories for the Core Technical Elements.

Answer: The labor categories in Exhibits 6 and 9 are a subset of the standard labor category descriptions found in J.1 Attachment (b) 7. Please price the standard labor categories already listed in Exhibits 6 and 9.

5. Reference: Attachment J.1(b) 2, Exhibit 9, Direct Labor Cost Summary, Core Technical Elements

Background: Under the first year (10 months), WYEs and hours are provided for all labor categories. Beginning in the Second Year, the bottom 7 labor categories have WYEs shown but no hours.

Question: Should the hours be filled in in the same manner as used for the labor categories that do have both WYEs and hours shown (i.e., 2 WYE equals 3,720 hours)?

Answer: Yes.

6. Reference: Exhibit 9 – Cost Model

Question: There is conflicting information in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 concerning the number of positions and hours to be proposed. Many categories (the last 7 for each year) show WYE requirements but the hours are blank. Please clarify how many hours should be proposed for the categories which currently have blank hours.

Answer: Exhibit 9 will be revised to address conflicting information.

7. Reference: Attachment J.1(b)(2) Cost Template Workbook

Background: *Exhibit 18* - *For all subcontracts with an average value of \$200,000 per year or in excess of \$1,000,000 for the five-year period of performance.

Question: The referenced language needs to be changed to reflect the revised definition of major subcontractor.

Answer: Exhibit 18 will be revised with correct information of \$400,000.00 per year or in excess of \$2,000,000.00 of the five-year period of contract performance.

8. Reference: Solicitation Attachments 8 & 9: The header on Attachment 9 reads that it includes budget information on WYE allocations and dollar amounts.

On both attachments, the dollar (\$) column is shaded showing no information in both PDFs (013 and 014).

Question: Is this intentional, or was information intended to be provided?

Answer: Yes this was intentional.

9. Reference: Solicitation Attachments 8 & 9: The charts include Total Labor (Annual) - on Core Technical elements is 58 and Historical FY12 is 158.

Question: Is the Total Labor on Attachment 9, the total contract or just the IDIQ portion of the work (exclusive of the Core work listed on Attachment 8)?

Answer: Historical is IDIQ based on the current contract, which does not contain a Core requirement. The current contract is entirely IDIQ.

Standard Labor Categories and Descriptions —J.1(b) Attachment 7

1. Reference: Attachment J.1(b)(7) Labor Categories

Background: e.g., Systems Analyst (Level I, II, III)

An individual with broad experience in the computer and networking field including Operating Systems, Networking, Security, and Applications Analysis. A typical requirement for this skill level is: 1) a BS degree and three years of related work experience, or 2) five or more years of equivalent work experience.

Question: Labor category listings list several levels for a category, but provide only a single level of skill requirements. Please clarify the differences in requirements between one level and another.

Answer: The information is meant to be general in nature. The Labor Category descriptions were provided as a reference to the types of skills and educational backgrounds that could potentially be utilized on the contract. The Government has not created the various levels, and this is left up to the individual offerors to create and/or utilize.

Past Performance Questionnaire —J.1(b) Attachment 6

1. Reference: Past Performance Questionnaire

Question: Will the Government provide the Past Performance Questionnaire in Microsoft Word Format so that it is more convenient for customers to complete?

Answer: A Word version of this document will be provided.