

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

John F. Kennedy Space Center
Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899



Reply to Attn of: OP-ES

February 1, 2013

TO: All Prospective Offerors

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNK13457725R for the Modification of the Ares-I Mobile Launcher (ML) for the Space Launch System (SLS) Acquisition at NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Kennedy Space Center (KSC), is pleased to release the RFP for the Modification of the Ares-I Mobile Launcher (ML) for the Space Launch System (SLS) acquisition. This acquisition will be conducted as a full and open competition. The acquisition evaluation is being conducted in two parts due to the aggressive SLS schedule and the need for the modified ML. Part 1 is the submission and evaluation of the Past Performance Volume. Part 2 is the submission and evaluation of the Price Volume.

This RFP is being released with the 90% Design Package. Upon release of the 100% Design Specifications and Drawings, the Government will amend the Solicitation and call for the Part 2 (Price Volume).

The requested submission date for Part 1 (Past Performance) is March 1, 2013. The closing submission date for Part 2 (Price Volume) will be specified in an amendment to this RFP. The anticipated closing date for Part 2 (Price Volume) is on or about April 30, 2013.

The drawings package and specification are classified as "Sensitive But Unclassified" (SBU) information and contain Export Controlled data. Therefore, all offerors must explicitly request access to those documents through <https://www.fbo.gov>. Instructions for properly registering and requesting access can be found under Section 4.5 through 4.8 of the FBO Vendor Guide at https://www.fbo.gov/downloads/FBO_Vendor_Guide_v1.7.pdf. These drawings and specifications are required for your proposal preparation and must be requested by you.

Once properly registered, the documents are located at <https://www.fbo.gov/fedteds/NNK13457725R1>

The required content of an acceptable proposal is discussed in RFP Section L, Table A for Part 1 and Table B for Part 2.

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM local time on February 18, 2013 in accordance with section L.17 provision, Communications

Regarding this Solicitation. Received questions and answers will be communicated through an amendment to the RFP that will be posted on the NAIS website.

In accordance with the RFP Section L.18 provision, Delivery Instructions for Bids/Proposals, offerors are required to deliver proposals to the Central Industry Assistance Office (CIAO), 7110 N. Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL, 32953 on or before the date and time set for receipt of proposals. The CIAO is located on State Road 3, approximately 2 miles south of Gate 2 to KSC. Access to KSC is not required. Proposals that arrive after the prescribed time for receipt of proposals will be considered late and treated in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, Instructions to Offerors – Competitive Acquisitions. Offerors are instructed to coordinate all proposal deliveries with the Contracting Officer.

It is the offeror's responsibility to monitor the NAIS website for any changes to the schedule or posting of amendments to the RFP.

The information provided in this cover letter is not intended to be construed differently from the information in the RFP. Should an apparent conflict in interpretation exist, the information in the RFP should be considered to take precedence.

Please note that this Solicitation includes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.232-18 Availability of Funds. (APR 1984) which states:

“Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this contract and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.”

This solicitation neither commits the Government to pay any cost incurred in the submission of the offer or in making necessary studies or designs for preparing the offer, nor to contract for services or supplies. Any cost incurred in anticipation of a contract shall be at the offeror's own risk.



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