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Questions and Answers Set #4

912.A Amendment 4, replacement #15 on page 12 of 16-- Amendment 4 supersedes previous amendments and the original RFP. Amendment 4 reissues the table that identifies what is included and excluded from the page count in Volume II. Tab 3 is not identified in this table as being excluded from page count, although numerous narrative responses indicate that it is excluded.

Will the Government confirm that Tab 3 is excluded from page count as indicated in the original RFP and reaffirmed in subsequent Q&A releases?

Answer: Yes – Tab 3 is excluded from the page count.

913. Government Shutdown -- How will the Government shutdown impact the SEWP V Solicitation, Amendments and Q&A responses?

Answer: The Government Shutdown delayed the release date of Q&A responses and Amendment with RFP revisions.

914.4.1.c.3. STK T1000C

4.1.c.3.d. STK T1000D: drive level encryption (desirable) Is the drive a D or C for this requirement?

Answer: This has been updated in the most recent amendment to remove the reference to T1000D.

915. The RFP states:

Proposed storage devices shall support:

- b. IBM GPFS file system (desirable)
- c. at least one of the following UNIX/Linux/Apple OS X computer system platforms: SGI, IBM, HP, Apple, Linux Kernel 2.4.
 - 1. attachable to other OS's such as Windows 7/8 (desirable)
 - 2. compatible with VMware ESX (desirable)
- d. Support for:
 - 1. hardware performance enhancements such as controller caching and in-line compression, (advanced technology)

What is meant by “shall support IBM GPFS file system”? Does this include using third party software such as IBM TSM or LTFS?

What is meant by “shall support: compatible with VMWare ESX”? In regards to Tape Libraries and in regards to the Blade and Scalable RAIDs? Does this include using third party software such as VMPro?

Answer: The meaning of “shall support” is that it is a desirable feature that all storage devices work along with the IBM GPFS file system and VMWare ESX.

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916. Based on our need to review and revise our proposals based on the new set of answers forthcoming on Tuesday and having this due a little more than a week following, what is the chance of extending the due date for a few more weeks??

Answer: The Proposal Due date has been revised to November 15, 2013, under Amendment 6.

917.4.1.c.2, requirement to provide support for STK T10000C/B/A (Oracle), and 4.2.2.c requirement for large robotic device (Oracle SL8500), are both requirements for the mandatory minimums for SEWP V. Our company paid for the \$3,000 fee to become an Oracle reseller, took the certification tests (additional cost), passed all of the certifications and was still refused to be an authorized reseller. According to Oracle, they are no longer approving new companies to be resellers for SEWP V.

Please advise as to how we can move forward with our SEWP V response?

Is NASA aware that there are other manufacturers that can meet the above criteria's?

Answer: This requirement was updated in the previous amendment.

918. The requirement for MFD's states that it has to have "POP and SMTP before SMTP Authentication". After conducting much research many MFD's only provide "POP before SMTP Authentication" or "SMTP Authentication" can this be a desirable option?

Answer: POP requirement has been removed.

919.3.2.2. Class 2: High-End Cluster: PEA - Group Database - Row 25 - Management Network GbE switch. Please confirm if you are expecting a price for a single 48 Port Switch (similar to what is being proposed in Row 12, or if you are looking for a complete Management Network GbE switch(s) to support all 484 nodes in the High-End Cluster, priced as a complete single CLIN.

Answer: The price for the Management Network GbE switch on row 12 must be a complete solution to support all nodes of the mid-range cluster. And the price for the Management Network GbE switch on row 25 must be a complete solution to support all nodes of the high-end cluster

920. Can you please tell me if the shut down will effect the deadline for the submission of proposals for the above stated contract?

Answer: Yes. See answer to question 5 above.

921. Question No. 88 asked the SEWP PMO to consider allowing Section 508/VPATs to be submitted electronically. SEWP PMO's response was that upon release of Amendment No. 4, the offeror will be allowed to submit 508 documentation electronically. Amendment No. 4 does not state it is acceptable to submit 508 documentation electronically. Please clarify.

Answer: Offerors will be allowed to submit 508 documentation electronically; revision made at Section A.3.7 under Amendment 6.

922. Amendment No. 4, Item No. 15 deleted and replaced Section A.3.6.(b) Proposal Content and Page Limitations in its entirety. Volume II, TAB 3, Available Components does not have a page limitation. It is not listed on this table as being excluded from the page limitation. Please clarify.

Answer: Tab 3 was added the table at Section A.3.6(b) Proposal Content and Page Limitation, under Amendment 6.

923. For section 5.6.3 Motion Detection Solution, the spec calls for Fire resistance. All the motion detectors we found do not offer this. There is 1 manufacturer that offers fire resistance, however, the product is not TAA compliant since it is made in China (manuf is Posonic). Can you confirm if this spec is required?

Answer: The fire resistant specification was changed to a desirable feature in the previous amendment.

924. On the Pricing Exhibit file under Group Database tab, if there is a Product that consists of multiple part numbers due to components needed bundled to meet the mandatory specs, how should this info be reflected? Should we list a single model number of the main component and factor all component prices in the List Price?

Answer: Yes – the part number should reflect the part number of the main component and the pricing should reflect the pricing needed to meet the associated minimum mandatories.

925. Identify a product compliant with all requirements for 4.5.2 Small Server Room Environment UPS. Specifically, our market research indicates that there is no product that is TAA compliant, Energy Star compliant AND can meet the requirement for "Recharge time of 3 hours (to 90% after full discharge)".

Note also that the Energy Star Website has been disabled by the government shut down.

Per the Energy Star website "*The EPA ENERGY STAR website and social media channels will not be updated until the federal government reopens. Online tools and applications and the ENERGY STAR hotline will be unavailable until the government reopens.*"

In order to open competition for this product and accommodate both ENERGY STAR and TAA requirements, will the government consider changing the requirement from "Recharge time of 3 hours (to 90% after full discharge)" to "Recharge time 8 hours"?

Answer: This requirement was previously amended to read "Recharge time of <6 hours."

926. Statement of Work, Section No. 5, Category B: Group C: Server Support and Multi-Functional Devices, (Item f) Authorized reseller for the following mandatory products (RFP p.77):

- Hi Volume Mono MFP
- Medium Volume Color MFP

Remark: The OEMs of the large machines that meet the required specifications only sell through long standing dealers that are already established and are currently not taking on new dealers. They also require storefronts or will instruct you to work through their already established dealers, and not through them directly, as the OEM.

How is a small business to meet the requirement of being an authorized reseller of the product, if the OEMs are not willing to accept new resellers or work directly with us?

Answer: It is the Contract Holders business decision to establish partnerships with OEMs or established dealers.

927. There seems to be an RFP for NASA SEWP for two-way radios but I am having trouble locating it.

Is this something you can email me?

Answer: There is a minimum mandatory for a 2-way radio solution as part of Group D. But it must be proposed as part of the entire set of minimum mandatory products in that Group.

928. RFP, Attachment IV – Instructions, Section A.3.8, Q&A-9, #62 posted 5/28/13 and Q&A #171 posted 9/25/13
In the RFP and Q&A responses, for Volume I, NASA states that:

- Offeror is required to “provide information addressing all elements under FAR 9.104”
- NASA does not want a point-by-point response to the FAR 9.104 elements.
- NASA prohibits cross-referencing between volumes

To enable the Offeror to comply with the Volume I requirement, will the Government permit cross-referencing only between Volume I and the other volumes? If not, what is the Government’s expectation on how the Offeror is to comply with the Volume I requirement?

Answer: No, the Government will not permit cross-references between Volumes. Please comply with the instructions in Section A.3.8 under the Solicitation.

929. Per Amendment 4: Section A.3.6.(b) Proposal Content and Page Limitations is deleted in its entirety and replaced with: (chart).

Question: Does this chart replace the chart only, or all the text in points 2-5?

Answer: The chart replaces the chart only, the content and text remain unchanged.

930. Reference: PEA.xls Group Database Worksheet, Cells F7 & H7, Cells F20 & H20, Cells F29 & H29, and Cells F30 & H30.

Question: The Mandatory cluster configurations consist of many components with different Product Classification Codes and different Classification Description Subgroups – each with potentially different Classification Subgroup Discounts. The current PEA.xls file does not allow vendors to enter different Product Classification Codes (these are fixed within the NASA spreadsheet), or multiple Classification Subgroup Discounts (entering more than one list price or discount causes the spreadsheet to error). For example, clusters are generally comprised of servers (Product Classification Code: Computer System), network switches (Product Classification Code: Networking Equipment), high-speed interconnects (Product Classification Code: Networking Equipment), Operating Systems and Applications (Product Classification Code: Software), etc. Please clarify the requirements for these cells: Cells F7 & H7, Cells F20 & H20, Cells F29 & H29, and Cells F30 & H30.

Answer: As described in the RFP and Price Exhibit REASME file, offerors can add various Classification Subgroups and associated discounts in the Product Classification Tab. In the Group Database Worksheet, column F should refer to one of the proposed subgroups in the Product Classification Tab and Column H should be the associated discount. For example, an offeror may decide that all mid-range clusters will have a 55% discount and so add a row in the Product Classification Tab within the Computer System Classification with a Subgroup name of “mid-range” and a discount of 55%. The offeror would then put “mid-range” in column F7 and 55 in column H7.

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931. Reference: PEA.xls Group Database Worksheet, Cell E14 (Storage system / media for 10PB – mid-range cluster, Product Classification Code: Software)

Question: This vendor believes that NASA is interested in details for the 10PB storage solution, and that the correct Product Classification Code is Storage Device. The current Product Classification Code on cell E14 is Software. Please confirm that Storage Device is the correct Product Classification Code.

Answer: The PEA Price exhibit has been updated to indicate that the Product Classification Code is Storage Device.

932. **RFP Reference/Text:** *RFP Para 5.6.3 – Data Input Devices:*

This section provides a mandatory product falling within the general category of sensors and detectors that provide data input into a computer system, tablet, and/or handheld ITC (information technology/communication) device. A complete motion detector solution including sensor and IP communication module must be provided that includes:

- a. IP communication module
 1. Send alarm messages and system data to the monitoring center through LAN/WAN network.
 2. Use encryption technology for communication
- b. Indoor Infrared Motion detector
 1. Low noise, high sensitivity, dual element, rectangular beam
 2. Fire resistant case

Question/Clarification: After an exhaustive search of Data Input Devices available in the commercial marketplace, this offeror has been unable to locate ANY that meet the Government's requirements and are TAA compliant. We request this item be removed from the RFP, or that the government include a "such as MFG/Model" that is TAA and technically compliant as an alternative.

Answer: The requirement was updated in the previous amendment.

933. **RFP Reference/Text:** *RFP Para 6.3.2.c – 42-inch Digital Signage Monitor:*

1. 1080p 9ms panel
3. 7 day on/off scheduling
4. Built-in 5Wx2 speaker with 7Wx2 output
5. Remote and panel control lockout (desirable)
6. RS-232 daisy-chain capable
7. Screen saver/image sticking protection
8. VGA and DVI inputs/outputs for connectivity and control
9. Stand-alone license for a signage software package that delivers program creation, registration, scheduling and distribution of pre-scheduled information

Question/Clarification: After an exhaustive search of 42 inch digital signage monitors available in the commercial marketplace, this offeror has been unable to locate ANY that meet all the Government's requirements and are TAA compliant. The specifications appear to have been based on a monitor that has been discontinued, and the replacement does not meet the older specifications. Other manufacturers researched do not meet all the requirements, either. Specifically, we request the government revise requirement number 1 to "1080p 12ms panel" to permit sourcing of this product.

Answer: The reference to “9ms” was removed in a previous amendment.

934.**RFP Reference/Text:** *RFP Para 6.2.5 – Vulnerability Assessment Software:*

Vulnerability assessment software, such as ISS Internet Scanner, that scans networked devices for vulnerabilities shall be provided which at a minimum:

- a. scan an entire domain, subnetwork or system to detect security vulnerabilities including:
 - § brute force password guessing
 - § backdoors
 - § cgi-bin
 - § daemons
 - § firewalls
 - § network sniffers
 - § protocol spoofing
 - § web scan
 - § Windows patches and policy issues
- b. capable of scanning a local host or multiple hosts on a given network
- c. capable of identifying and scanning networked devices including:
 1. MAC OS, Windows, LINUX and UNIX desktop and server
 2. network routers and switches
 3. security appliances
 4. application routers
- d. capable of identifying and scanning networked devices including:
 1. desktops
 2. servers
- e. default and custom scanning policies
 1. searchable policy system
- f. Administration access and control
 1. domain account registration
 2. database administration
 3. local logging
 4. support for administrative access to end points
 - g. Real-time display options to quickly identify vulnerabilities and vulnerable hosts
 - h. Comprehensive information on root cause and remediation steps
 - i. 2500 seats

Question/Clarification: After an exhaustive search of Vulnerability Assessment Software available in the commercial marketplace, this offeror has been unable to locate ANY that meet all the Government’s requirements. The Specifications reference technology and terminology that appears to be from 2007 and is no longer available or applicable. Please update the specification or remove the requirement.

Answer: The requirement has been updated in the previous amendment.

935.**RFP Reference:** Pricing Exhibit – PEC

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The Description column cells of the following tabs within the PEC (Pricing Exhibit) do not word wrap. Computer classification, Digital Image Tools, Video Conferencing tools, Maintenance and Warranty, Documentation, Training, Analysts, and Installation.

Will the Description cells be set to word wrap?

Answer: These worksheets are now unprotected and set to Word Wrap.

936.RFP Reference:

a) Excellence of Proposed Systems (Subfactor A) A.3.12.1

Available Component / Instructions (Tab 3)

(Page 137) This section will not count in the total and shall be identical to the price proposal, only without pricing.

b) September 24, 2013 Questions and Answers

Answer to Question 93.

This section will not count in the total and shall be identical to the price proposal, only without pricing.

c) September 24, 2013 Questions and Answers

Question 94: Please clarify as to how NASA expects non-mandatory deliverable to be priced in a proposal

Answer to Question 94: See pricing exhibit README file and Section A.3.14.6. Pricing for Non-Mandatory Available Components

d) SEWP V Pricing Exhibit Readme (page3)

Product Classification

<Classification>

(Page 3) Column G in this tab is for the offeror's commercial list price

e) Section 3.14.6. Pricing for Non-mandatory Available Components (Page 143)

Evaluation of pricing for non-mandatory available components is based upon the proposed discount off the total category of available components.

In Tab 3 Available Components / Instructions of Volume II (Management /Technical Approach), Are we to input list price in Column G for each Non-Mandatory Available Components offered?

Answer: No. Pricing should not appear in TAB 3. Column G should be empty in TAB 3 and should be filled in in the Pricing Exhibit.

937.RFP Reference: A.3.6(a)(1) & 2 Proposal Format (page 131) and Organization and A.3.14 – Price Proposal Instructions (page 141)

The table on p.131 instructs the offeror to submit 2 electronic copies of the Price Volume. Item (2) states all pages of Volumes I, II, III, and IV shall be numbered with a table of contents.

How is the Price Volume to be submitted? Hard and electronic copy?

Answer: Electronic copy only.

938.Reference Past Performance Evaluation: The requirement is to show past performances that are quantitative and qualitative aspects of performing services or delivering products similar in content and scope to the

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requirements of this acquisition. If the offer doesn't have past performances of similar content and scope within the past three years (no relevant record of past performance), would NASA confirm that the past performance portion of their proposal will be evaluated as Acceptable?

Answer: The past performance will be evaluated as "Neutral" in accordance with NASA FAR 1815.305.

939. Reference Pricing worksheet PED - On the available components tab the Cell (B10) for proposed discount on the Power related technology is not picking up any data from the Power related technology tab & no matter what is input the discount remains 0

Answer: This has been fixed in the most recent amendment.

940. Reference the Pricing worksheet PED: The Available Components tab in the PED appears to have a calculation error. Regardless of the data inserted into the Software tab the row for software on the available components tab returns an error code. Please repair the hidden formula.

Answer: This has been fixed in the most recent amendment.

941. Reference: 5.9.3 MFD Consumables - The Staples and Toner requirement are noted for the "medium volume monochrome printer". In the Draft RFP Q&A Question #175 and #180 asked for clarification as neither MFD requirement was a medium volume monochrome printer. The answer to both of these questions was: "Answer: The reference will be changed to high volume." The wording did not change in the RFP, nor has it been amended since. Please confirm that MFD Consumables for 5.9.3. a. and 5.9.3. b. should be for the product proposed for 5.9.1 High Volume Monochrome MFD.

Answer: This was fixed in a previous amendment.

942. Would the government please consider revising the extension due date an additional 15 days from the release date of the final amendment? For the small business community, which is in a state of recovery from the effects of the Government Shutdown, 8 days to verify that all changes will be accurately met in their proposals is not enough. Currently, the general state of small businesses in this industry is perilous. Private sector employees have been furloughed during the shut-down as well; company cash-flow has been restricted because no orders have been coming through; operational costs are exceeding any amount of profitability; executives are focusing on collecting payments that have yet to be processed by the government agencies; personnel are being pulled from projects to work instead on the day-to-day tasks of ensuring that the packages that shipped during the furlough were actually delivered and that invoices are processed as soon as possible. The small business community cannot be expected to be able to revise their proposals and accommodate any changes in just 8 days; this would not be a reasonable time-frame for small businesses in normal operational times, and at this early stage of recovery, of which we do not know what the long-term effects will be, it is not conducive to ensuring that proposals are compliantly finalized. There is little benefit to the government by rushing the submission deadline, as the likelihood of non-compliant proposals is greatly heightened. The small business community will be alienated from competing for a contract that is largely set-aside for small businesses. Please reconsider and revise this extension.

Answer: See Answer to Question 5.

943. NASA has stated that all remaining Questions and Answers will be released on or around October 22, with final proposals due November 1. This timeframe leaves offerors with only eight days or less to read the Government's responses, revise their proposals, and package and ship their final products. We are concerned

that this is not adequate time to prepare a proposal with the depth and breadth that NASA is seeking. We respectfully request an extension to November 18th, 2013.

Answer: See Answer to Question 5.

944. We respectfully request additional time to respond to any changes that result from the answers to the Q&A. This is a large proposal, requiring several days to produce. A due date of Nov. 15 would provide sufficient time to provide a high quality product.

Answer: See Answer to Question 5.

945. "Large Robotic Device 7c: ""Configurable to support STK T9840D/C, STK T10000C/B/A, LTO Ultrium 6/5 drives""
STK T9840D/C, STK T10000C/B/A are formats proprietary to Oracle. There are no other sources. This requirement limits prospective vendors to bidding Oracle robotic storage arrays. Is this NASA's intent?"

Answer: This requirement was revised to remove the STK requirements.

946. Reference SEWR V RFP Paragraph A.3.15.4 Product Classification Worksheet: There appears to be a problem with the Product Classification Worksheets in both PEA and PED with the ability to add rows per comment field direction. Rows can be added with a modified procedure, e.g. by highlighting the row and right clicking on the row number and then clicking on Insert. Unfortunately due to the lock down features of the workbook we are unable to enter data into the new row in columns B and C. A similar issue also exists when trying to add lines to each product category sheet- there is a statement that we can add lines with the formula- however we are unable to do so with the current locking. Please repair.

Answer: The Available Component Tabs have been changed to be unprotected to allow for rows to be added.

947. 3.2.3.1.1 3/a and 3.2.3.1.2 3/b

You have asked for a capacity of 20 Racks and 10 Racks respectfully, but your requirements will result in a significant number of empty racks. Should we be pricing (including) the empty racks with redundant PDUs in our baseline configuration?"

Answer: Pricing should include whatever is required to meet the minimum mandatory requirements including the number of racks. The solution must have the capacity to include 20 racks and 10 racks respectfully. But only the number of racks needed to meet the proposed mandatory solution need to be priced.

948. Regarding exhibit PEC, there are instructions both in the readme.txt file and at the bottom of <classification> tabs (line 65536) explaining how to add more lines. These instructions state "If more rows are required, make as many copies of the line below(row 65538) as needed" copying and inserting rows. When we try to copy specified row (65538) and insert or paste it into tab below or above row 65538, we receive an error that the chart or cell is protected and in order to update we need to unprotect the sheet. This error is because columns E and I are protected and data cannot be copied or inserted into these columns. Is this by design and we are to just add products and populate Column A, B, C, D, F, G, and H while leaving Column E and I blank? Or is this an error in worksheet?

Answer – See Answer to Question 9.

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949. In A.3.12, Under Other Features/Instructions, NASA requests ""The offeror shall discuss the range and types of third party software products available in the commercial marketplace which run on and/or complement the proposed technology and augment the required class specific functionality.""

It is unclear if this requirement is referring to just the Group in which we are bidding (for example, Group C), to the entire catalog that we are offering (across multiple groups) or just to any class specific computer systems (as defined in Group A) that we might be proposing. Would NASA please provide clarification about the scope of the third party software that we are to discuss?

Answer: The instructions do not include any verbiage restricting the discussion to any specific items.

950. Because PED and PEA are locked, each product classification categories cannot be expanded beyond roughly 65,000 line items- will this somehow be unlocked so that we can go beyond that number of lines if desired (with fully functioning formulas etc.) for our final proposals?

Answer: See Answer to Question 9.

951. Reference Instructions to Offers (III (a)): The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees." If an offeror is under 500 employees, is it considered a small business under Category B, Group D?

Answer: Yes, The size standard for NAICS 541519 as it applies to that function, is 150 employees. For the NAICS Code under Category B, Group D, the firm has to meet the size standards.

952. "3.2.3.1 n ""automated programmable transition to safe-mode""

This requirement implies that the Container Data Center Monitoring System is interfacing directly to a Server Management Control System, in order to initiate some type of controlled shutdown of computer resources, or is initiating some type of automated reduction in available power and cooling to alleviate an alarm condition. This would appear to be outside the scope of current solutions offered by industry. We certainly concur that Container Data Center Monitoring solutions can interface to Management Suites (such as IBM Tivoli or Microsoft Systems Operation Center), but even those systems are designed for monitoring environments, and not necessarily for automated shutdown of power and cooling, or initiating shutdowns of computer resources without some level of operator interaction. Please review and advise on what this requirement actually means."

Answer: The requirement has been rewritten under Amendment 4.

953. A.3.6 - Proposal Page Limitations - Volume II - Category A - Group A - Class 3

While we understand NASA's desire to limit the Technical Volume to 90 Pages, we have grave concerns about our ability to communicate the technical merits of our design(s) for the three classes. Specific to Class 3, we have an Engineering Data Package that exceeds 50 pages and barely scratches the surface in describing the Container-based Servers. Will NASA consider revising the page limits specific to Class 3 to insure a fair evaluation?"

Answer: The page limit will remain at 90 pages. The instructions are to provide a "concise yet comprehensive narrative technical description".

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954. Can you clarify 5.1.2.f? Are you asking for a projector with a maximum throw distance that doesn't exceed 29' (throw distance <= to 29')? Or conversely, do you want a projector which has a maximum throw distance of exactly 29'?

Answer: This requirement was removed.

955. "As a follow-up to the answer for RFP Q and A #2, question 58, which states: ""Upon release of RFP Amendment 3, the UPS requirements were revised to remove the reference to 220/230/240 V."" are frequencies of both 50Hz and 60Hz still required since the Amendment 3 revisions to requirements 4.5.1.b. and 4.5.2.b. were changed to ""Nominal output voltage of 120 VAC"" only?

Answer: The frequency has been revised to 60Hz under Amendment 6.

956. Reference the MMD worksheet that was released in conjunction with Amendment 4. Between row 132 and 133, a line needs to be inserted to allow us to put in the name of the cell phone solution that we are proposing.

Answer: This was fixed under Amendment 6.

957.A.1.14. Please explain the second paragraph under A.1.14, "At the Government's discretion, the Government may order, at any time during a warranty period, monthly maintenance at a Discounted Monthly Extended Warranty amount in lieu of the extended warranty." In particular, please explain the concept of ordering monthly maintenance "in lieu of extended warranty" during the warranty period. What is this requirement intending to accomplish?

Answer: As stated, it allows the Government to request warranty to be charged and paid on a monthly basis.

958. With the removal in Amendment 4 of the requirement for STK T9840D/C because it is going end of life, would the government please remove requirement 4.2.2.c.7. "Large Robotic device is configurable to support STK T9840D/C ... " as the same argument is applicable to the tape in this context?

Answer: This was updated under Amendment 4.

959. We would like to request an extension on the RFP due date to November 12, 2013 1. Amendment four made significant updates to product specs, 2. updated appropriate tables are still not posted 3. Lack of GWAC status is causing a change in proposal response approach and 4. Amendment 4 and Q&A #2 still do not reflect the questions we posted in the beginning of Sept.

Answer: See answer to Question 5.

960. Please confirm that 2 OEMs are required for the following, 1. High End Land Switch 2. Medium Network Router 3. Anti-Spam Appliance and all other categories require (1) OEM quoted

Answer: Yes, that is correct.

961. Ref 4.2.2.d.1: Does RAID 10 fulfill the requirement for RAID 0 and RAID 1?

Answer: Yes. RAID 1+0 fulfills the RAID 0 and RAID 1 requirement.

962. Offerors are preparing catalog pricing with a subset of specific min/man pricing as part of proposal development. Please confirm the catalog is the maximum price allowed on the SEWP contract for all items which are in both the catalog and the min/man. '

Answer: The SEWP catalog price is the highest price the Government can be charged for a given item.

963. Please confirm that the '2500 seats' requirement refers to the number of nodes/devices which the Vulnerability Assessment Software can scan and not the number licenses of the Vulnerability Assessment Software required.

Answer: 2500 seats refers to the number of seats to be scanned from a single licensed product.

964.3.2.1.1 f 5 Smart PDU

In Row 11 of the PEA, you ask for pricing on the Smart PDU - Mid-Range Cluster. Can you clarify if you are looking for pricing on a SINGLE Unit of the PDU that we are recommending to support the Mid-Range Cluster, or if you are looking for MULTIPLE Units of the recommended PDU, enough to support all 36 nodes with redundancy as required in the specifications."

Answer: The pricing should include the PDUs required to support the proposed mid-range cluster.

965. In the SEWP V RFP Questions and Answers 2, released 24 Sept, the answer to Question 64 states "You will then submit the filled in worksheets as part of your proposal. Tab 1 is the fill-in MM Excel spreadsheet; Tab 4 is the fill-in EMDF Excel spreadsheet. They cannot be sent in any other format."

However, the RFP language states that "All volumes shall be prepared using either Microsoft Word (with backwards compatibility for Microsoft Word 2007) or a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) compatible with Adobe Reader 9" except for Price which will be submitted via Excel.

Will the RFP be amended to reflect the answer to question 64 and state that Tabs 1 and 4 shall be submitted in Excel format?

Answer: Amendment 6 reflects that Tab 4 shall be submitted in Excel format.

966. Does the 10% only apply to the HUBZone track on the IDIQ or does it affect any delivery order on any track where a HUBZone submits an offer?

Answer: The price evaluation preference for HUBZone small business concerns shall be used in acquisitions conducted using full and open competition. Therefore, the price evaluation preference applies to Category A (Computer Systems/Servers) – NAICS 334111 Group A – Computer Based Systems – *Full and Open Competition* and Category B (Complementary Products) – NAICS 541519 Group D – Networking/Security/Video and Conference Tools – *Full and Open Competition*.

967. Does the government anticipate applying the 10% price evaluation preference for HUBZone on every subsequent delivery order on which a HUBZone submits a proposal regardless of Group? For example, if a HUBZone receives an award in a full and open track, will they continue to receive a 10% pricing evaluation preference on each and every bid in that track?

Answer: No to both questions above. The 10% price evaluation preference applies during the evaluation process for contract award and does not apply to any subsequent delivery order issued under that contract. Please refer to the response provided to Question No. 54 above.

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968.5.9.1.0 C and 5.9.2.0.C MFD's specifically require full offset stacking capabilities with no sorter bin(s). Our research indicates that only the Sharp MX Series offers an internal stacker of this nature, however their speed is limited to 31 PPM which also does not meet spec. Has the government identified any MFD's which meet these specifications?

Answer: Upon release of Amendment 6, the RFP has been revised to make requirement a desirable feature.

969. The response to Question 497 in Set 3 has been revised as follows:

Section 6.1.1.1.a States that all Ethernet should have 10/100/1000 UTP port base capabilities, is it, therefore, the intention to exclude fiber and 10G ports?

Answer: The specifications in this section will be revised to read that fiber and 10G port are an option. The word "and" in the previous amendment will be replaced with "or"; i.e. "Ethernet in this document requires 10/100/1000 UTP, 10/40/100 Gig or Fiber port base capability as applicable."