

The following answers are provided in response to questions received regarding RFP NNK13447748R. These answers shall not be construed as changing the RFP in any way, except as otherwise identified in Amendment 002 to the RFP.

#	RFP SECTION	PARAGRAPH	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	H.15	f	Based on verbiage in the subject RFP, it appears there may be a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) applicable to this procurement. Please confirm and, if so, how do we receive a copy of the CBA?	Currently, there is no CBA associated with the work covered by this RFP.
2	L.04	Basic Rates & Factors Templates	<p>The "Overhead Labor" tab requires offerors to itemize the specific level of effort associated with delivering overhead services to contracts at a level of detail lower than that which is provided to DCAA and DCMA for forward pricing rate recommendations. Specifically, overhead labor categories, productive hours, and associated costs at the labor category level, for three prior fiscal years and into the future are required per the solicitation. Providing this level of detail would be an onerous exercise for offerors, and the associated data would not likely add value to the evaluation of proposals. Typically these costs are summarized as individual line items for "Overhead Labor" and "Overhead Fringes" for submissions to DCMA and other NASA procurements.</p> <p>Recommend that the government allow offerors to provide a list of itemized overhead costs at a rolled-up level in the "Overhead Rate Pool" tab, consistent with the level of detail provided to DCMA. This request would also alleviate the requirement for the "Overhead Labor" tab.</p>	No change is made to the cost template in this regard. The level of detail requested is consistent with that required by DCAA.

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3	L.04	Basic Rates & Factors Templates	<p>The "Overhead Base" and "G&A Rate Base" tabs require offerors to provide an accounting of all current and 3 years of historical contracts and accounts that support the bases for G&A and Overhead pools. While it is common to provide overhead and G&A base values at a rolled up level, asking to provide the supporting data is an onerous exercise for companies which may have between hundreds and thousands of active contracts.</p> <p>Recommend the Government revise the template to allow for these bases to be manually input at a rolled up level, consistent with the level of detail furnished to DCMA for forward rate purposes. This request would also alleviate the requirement for the "G&A Rate Base" and "Overhead Base" tabs.</p>	No change is made to the cost template in this regard.
4	L.26	h	Section L did not contain <i>Specific Proposal Instructions</i> . Recommend the Government provide that instruction and depending on the volume of information required by this instruction, request that the Government consider accepting delivery of the Past Performance Volume on the same day as the proposal.	<p>Specific Proposal Instructions, Volume V, Past Performance are found in Section L, Provision L.29 Past Performance (Volume V).</p> <p>Delivery of Past Performance Volume V is requested early on June 12, 2013 - 2 weeks prior to the proposal due date of June 26, 2013.</p>

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5	L.29	D	Because of the broad definition of the requirement, the list may be lengthy and should not be within the page limit for the Past Performance Volume. Request that this information be provided in an Attachment outside the page limits for the Past Performance Volume.	No change to the RFP is made. Section L, Provision L.29 D remains as stated: "The Offeror shall describe any terminated contracts (partial or complete) within the past three years and basis for termination (convenience or default). Include the contract number, name, address, and telephone number of the terminating contracting officer. Include contracts, or portions of contracts that were "de-scoped" by the customer because of performance or cost problems".
6	L.26	b	Page 89, L.26(b): Is a tab or divider containing only heading information considered "proposal material" and subject to the page count limitations?	No, a tab or divider with heading information <u>only</u> is not considered proposal material subject to the page count.
7	L.29	E	Page 105, L.29.E: How far back should the information regarding contracts with unexercised options be provided? For terminated contracts (L.29.D), information is requested for the past three years. Will the same restriction be imposed for unexercised options (within the past three years)?	No, consistent with Section L, Provision L.29, paragraph A, information requested regarding options that were not exercised will be within the last five (5) years.
8	L.29	F	Page 105, L.29.F: The requirement for awards or recognition received from customers is no longer tied to the individual contracts requiring PPQs as it was in the DRFP. Is it the Government's intent that this information be provided for any work performed by the Offeror (even contracts not cited/receiving PPQs) or should this requirement actually be under L.29.C as #12?	This information may be provided for any work, not just contracts for which past performance questionnaires were requested and is subject to the page limitation.

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9	L.29	D & E	Page 105, L.29.D and L.29.E: Is this information required for the Prime Offeror only or from the entire team?	It is the Offerors responsibility to provide the information requested in the RFP for the Prime and Subcontractor(s) as appropriate.
10	B.3	DRFP Q&A 13	<p>Q&A # 13 states, in part: "Attachment J.08 shall be completed as part of the offeror's proposal in accordance with Section L, Provision L.28 and Attachment L.04." Section B.3 indicates that Attachment J.08 will be "filled in at contract award." Section J.1 does <u>not</u> indicate that Attachment J.08 is "To Be Proposed." Section M.3-2 indicates that the Staffing Plan will be evaluated for "consistency with Volume IV – Cost, and Attachments J.07 and J.08.</p> <p>We cannot find anything in Attachment L.04 that clearly correlates with the data that is to be included in Attachment J.08. Please clarify the apparent discrepancies. Alternatively, we respectfully recommend that the reference to Attachment J.08 in Section M.3-2 be removed (or revised to reference Attachment L.04 instead).</p>	<p>Attachment L.01 contains the Government-provided labor hours by Government Labor classification. Offerors shall explain differences between the Government provided hours and the Offerors proposed labor hours in accordance with Section L, Provision L.27-2, Staffing Plan, requirement 3. Attachment J.08 is to be proposed as the final number of hours by Offerors labor category.</p> <p>See Amendment 002 for changes and Attachment J.08 for format.</p> <p>Please note, previously issued Government responses to questions submitted by industry on the Draft RFP are superseded by the release of the Final RFP and as such should not be relied upon for any purpose.</p>

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11	I.24 & 26		<p>RFP Sections L.10 (page 83) and L.28 (page 100) state that certified cost or pricing data is not required. Therefore, Clauses I.24 (52.215-10, Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data) and I.26 (52.215-12, Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data) are not required. Further, Clauses I.25 (52.215-11, Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data—Modifications) and I. 27 (52.215-13, Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data—Modifications) are included to cover future contract modifications. To that end, we respectfully request that Clauses I.24 and I.26 be deleted.</p>	<p>Section I, Clauses I.24 and I.26 are required as they may be applicable during contract performance (e.g., Task Order awards) and therefore will remain within the RFP.</p>
12	L.10 & 28		<p>Section L.28((8) states that offerors should be <u>prepared</u> to submit a copy of the proposal to the cognizant Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO). However, Section L,.10(c) requires one copy of the proposal be submitted to the ACO.</p> <p>We respectfully request that Section L.10(c) be revised to remove the requirement to submit a copy of the proposal to the ACO.</p>	<p>Section L, Provision L.10(c) is not changed. Section L, Provision L.28(8) is updated in RFP Amendment 002. Concurrent submission to the DCMA ACO is required and it is also deemed required to submit a copy of the cost templates to the contract auditor at DCAA at time of proposal submittal to NASA/KSC.</p>

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13	L.17, L.27-1 (Total Compensation Plan), and L.28		<p>Section L.17(d) states: "The Offeror shall require all service subcontractors (1) with proposed cost reimbursement or non-competitive fixed-price type subcontracts having a total potential value in excess of \$500,000 and (2) the cumulative value of all their service subcontracts under the proposed prime contract in excess of 10 percent of the prime contract's total potential value, provide as part of their proposals the information identified in (a) through (c) of this provision." Section L.27-1 (Total Compensation Plan) states that the "prime and each major subcontractor" shall provide Total Compensation Plans.</p> <p>Is the intent for every subcontractor meeting the thresholds specified in L.17(d) to submit a Total Compensation Plan, or shall only "major subcontractors" with a total [proposed] value over \$25M (as defined in L.28(1), page 101) submit Total Compensation Plans meeting L.17(a), (b) and (c) requirements?</p>	<p>Any cost reimbursable or non-competitive fixed price subcontractor whose service subcontracts will exceed 10% of the prime's total proposed contract value must submit a Total Compensation Plan under Section L, Provision L.27-1. RFP Amendment 002 revises Section L, Provision L.27-1 to clarify.</p>

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14	L.26	L.26-1	<p>Table L.26-1 indicates that hard copies of Teaming Arrangements are not required in Volume III and hard copies of the printed Cost Template are not required in Volume IV (i.e., originals are only required, no copies).</p> <p>(a) Please confirm that copies of the cost proposal narratives are not required to be included in the additional three (3) hard copies of Volume IV.</p> <p>(b) We respectfully request the Government to include copies of the Teaming Arrangements in the three additional hard copies in order to facilitate evaluation of Volume II - Small Business Utilization.</p>	<p>(a) Confirmed. Only one (1) original hard copy of the cost proposal is required. The additional three (3) hard copies of Volume IV will only contain the model contract.</p> <p>(b) Additional hard copies of the Teaming Arrangements are not required.</p>
15	L.26	(b)	<p>Section L.26(b) states: "With regard to non-text illustrations, captions, figures, tables, and graphics, a type-size no smaller than 10-point shall be used."</p> <p>Please confirm that Arial Narrow 10-point is an acceptable font and size for non-text diagrams, charts, tables, photographs, etc.</p>	<p>This is confirmed, per the cited instructions, Arial Narrow 10 point is acceptable in this instance.</p>

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16	L.28		<p>Section L.28(2) provides a definition of “Productive Hours.” The example provided in this section calculates 1,860 as the total productive hours. It appears as if RFP Attachment L.01 is using 1,832 as the productive hours which seems low. This may result in artificially low contract values in RFP Sections B.3 (Tables B.3-1 and B.3-2) and B.4 (Table B.4-1).</p> <p>Please confirm that 1,832 is the correct number of productive hours for the Core Effort.</p>	<p>The 1,860 referenced in Section L, Provision L.28(2) was for example purposes only.</p> <p>Yes, the Government utilized 1,832 to derive core effort productive hours within Attachment L.01, Government Provided Hours.</p> <p>However, Offerors shall propose productive work year hours consistent with their approach and standard accounting practices.</p>
17	L.29		<p>Considering the KLXS-II SOW complexity and Past Performance Volume instructions, we respectfully request the Government increase the Volume V page limitation to ensure it receives complete and compelling information that demonstrates the Offeror's experience on contracts of similar size, content and complexity to the KLXS-II requirements.</p> <p>We respectfully request that the Volume V page limit be increased to 50 pages.</p>	<p>The page count for past performance remains 40 pages.</p>
18	L.30		<p>Should Case Study #2 reference <u>Preliminary Design Review</u> (instead of <u>Program Design Review</u>)?</p>	<p>Yes, RFP Amendment 002 will update Section L Provision L.30 Case Study 2 to accurately reflect Preliminary Design Review.</p>

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19	M.4		<p>Since the total FFP Phase-In costs for the incumbent team will likely be much less than the Phase-In costs proposed by non-incumbents (incumbent team has for example all labor systems and data, facilities, engineering tools, IT infrastructure, supply chain, and existing task plans thereby unfairly favoring the incumbent team), we respectfully request that the total FFP Phase-In costs not be evaluated as part of the Offeror's overall KLXS-II proposed costs.</p>	<p>Phase-in costs, if proposed, are a cost to the Government as a result of the awarded contract and will be considered under the cost factor. Therefore, no changes will be made to the RFP.</p>
20	Attch J.02		<p>There is a paragraph (H) on page 2 and paragraph (J) on page 3, but no paragraph (I). Please clarify.</p>	<p>The omission of block "I" on this KSC form is in error and is being revised. However, no change will be made within the KLXS-II RFP.</p>
21	Attch J.07, L.04, L.06		<p>Each of the following Excel files contains hidden worksheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 - Attachment J.07_Labor Classification and Qualification Crosswalk.xlsx • 26 - Attachment L.04_Basic Cost Templates.xlsm • 27 - Attachment L.04_Basic Rates & Factors Templates.xlsm • 30 - Attachment L.06_Basis of Labor Distribution Template.xls <p>Can the hidden worksheets be deleted from the workbooks?</p>	<p>No, the hidden worksheets should not be deleted, this could impact the summary macros.</p>

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22	Attch L.04		<p>Because dollar amounts are not rounded to the second decimal point, the total ODCs on the 'ODC' tab adds up to \$1,072,445 instead of \$1,072,446.</p> <p>Please confirm that rounding to the nearest penny or dollar is not required in the Excel spreadsheets.</p>	<p>\$1,072,445 in the Attachment L.04 Cost Templates ODC Spreadsheet is correctly rounded to the nearest dollar.</p> <p>Rounding to the nearest penny or dollar is not required in the Excel workbooks.</p>
24	Attch L.01	Govt Prov Hrs	<p>Attachment L.01 – Government Provided Hours shows a large increase in staffing levels from Base Period 1 (72 WYEs) to Base Period 2 (105 WYEs), with a rapidly decreasing level of staffing each year after that. Since the RFP requires Offerors to provide detailed rationale for any and all deviations from the Government Provided Hours, can the Government provide more details regarding the initial staff buildup and ramp down?</p>	<p>The initial increase referenced in the question reflects 8 months in Base Period 1 and 12 months in Base Year 2.</p> <p>Additional information relevant to staffing requirements over the course of the contract may be found in the Bidder's Library.</p>
25	L.12		<p>Incumbent Direct Labor Rates -</p> <p>Since the Government is placing significant emphasis on maintaining a qualified workforce and expresses concern regarding lowered compensation for the incumbent workforce, can the current incumbent direct labor rates for each Standard Labor Category be provided for estimating costs?</p>	<p>No, the Government cannot disclose the incumbent's direct labor rates as the information is proprietary in nature.</p>

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26	summary of changes	post DRFP	<p>Currently the VETS 100 reporting site is down until August 1, 2013. Site has the following notice:</p> <p>“Beginning April 22, 2013 the VETS 100 Reporting Application will be temporarily unavailable while routine annual maintenance and enhancements are made to the application. The application will be available once again for public use before August 1st, 2013 to support the upcoming filing cycle.”</p> <p>Request this requirement be waived since the proposal is due prior to August 1st.</p>	<p>This requirement will not be waived. Instructions are on the VETS 100 website. Vendors may contact the VETS-100 customer support at 1-866-237-0275 or vets100-customersupport@dol.gov.</p>
27	L.01	table 1	<p>Issue: The total hours in the Base Period 1, Option Period 4, and Total columns do not add up to the actual hours in the table.</p> <p>Recommendation: Please update the table to correct the totals on Row 37.</p>	<p>An updated Attachment L.01, Government Provided Hours is included with RFP Amendment 002.</p>
29	L.27-1	Total Comp Plan	<p>Please define “major subcontractor” and is this requirement in addition to L.17(d)? Would the government consider increasing the \$500K threshold to \$5M?</p> <p>L.17(d), pg. 86, states that “the offeror shall require all service subcontractors (1) with proposed cost reimbursement or non-competitive fixed-price subcontractors having a total potential value in excess of \$500K.....” to also submit a total compensation plan.</p>	<p>Please refer to the "Note:" on page 101, Section L, Provision L.28(1) last paragraph, for the definition of a major subcontractor.</p> <p>This NASA FAR Supplement Provision cannot be changed. Any cost reimbursable or non-competitive fixed price subcontractor whose service subcontracts will exceed 10% of the prime's total proposed contract value must submit a Total Compensation Plan under Section L, Provision L.27-1. RFP Amendment 002 revises Section L, Provision L.27-1 to clarify.</p>

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30	L.28	Model Contract	Please clarify which specific areas offeror should fill-in for sections B-I. For example, section B.1, should offeror fill in this section? If so, are the estimated cost and fixed fee amounts only for the base year exclusive of option years? Can sections B-K be provided to offeror in MS Word?	<p>The areas in sections B thru I that are being proposed should be completed by the offeror as part of their proposal Volume IV Cost, Model Contract.</p> <p>Blanks and TBPs (to be proposed) shall be completed by the Offeror in its model contract submission. For Section B, Clause B.3, Section B, Table B.3-2, the Government will update during contract performance if Task Orders are issued. For Section B, Clause B.6, Table B.6-1, the Government will update during contract performance as funding is added. For Section I, Clause I.95, the Government will populate, if appropriate, at contract award.</p> <p>Sections B-K will be conformed to RFP Amendment 002 and released in MS Word as well as PDF.</p>
31	L.05	Manager	The education requirements for the manager labor category require an engineering or science degree. The PP&C function is a significant portion of the KLXS II PWS. It may be advantageous to the Government for bidders to be able to present personnel with business background to lead the KLXS II PP&C support area. Recommend revising the education requirements for the Manager labor category to "Bachelor of Arts or Science (BA/BS)".	The ability to deviate from the Government Provided Hours and/or Government Standard Labor Categories and Qualifications exists per Section L, Provision L.27-2, item 3.

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32	Questions submitted during Draft RFP		Can the government confirm that all questions submitted during the Draft RFP have been answered?	<p>All DRFP comments and questions were reviewed and considered by the Government. Questions that were answered were published on FedBizOpps. Draft RFP comments are considered; however, not published.</p> <p>Please note, previously issued Government responses to questions submitted by industry on the Draft RFP are superseded by the release of the Final RFP and as such should not be relied upon for any purpose.</p>
33	Attch L.01		<p>Upon careful analysis of the Government Provided Hours, there seem to be a few typographical errors in Attachment L.01. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Estimator/Analyst III decreases from 1,832 hours in Option Year 1 to 0 hours in Option Year 2, but increases back to 1,832 hours in Option Year 3. • Business Specialist II increases from 1,832 hours in Option Year 1 to 2,748 hours in Option Year 2, but decreases back to 1,832 hours in Option Year 3. • Engineer II decreases from 23,816 hours in Base Year 2 to 18,320 hours in Option Year 1, but increases back to 20,152 hours in Option Year 2. <p>Please confirm that the hours in Attachment L.01 are the correct intended Government-provided hours.</p>	The hours are confirmed. The fluctuation is responsive to projected work requirements increasing and decreasing in the core effort.

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34	Attch L.01		Generally, interns are full-time students and do not have the same annual productive hours as full-time employees. Please confirm that the hours in Attachment L.01 for the Intern I and Intern II labor categories are the correct intended Government-provided hours.	Attachment L.01, Government Provided Hours, accurately reflects projected labor hours for Intern I and Intern II labor categories.
35	L.27-2	3	In reference to Section L, Provision L.27-2, Technical Approach, Staffing Plan, requirement 3, should the Offeror's proposal include an itemized list addressing each deviation by labor category by period/year or hour differentiation by period/year?	No, rationales can be summarized, provided the level of detail is sufficient to explain the deviation.
36	Attch J.07		<p>The labor category crosswalk file has three additional categories not found in the cost templates or IDIQ rate table. They are Management Analyst I and II and Scheduler III.</p> <p>Please clarify if it is the Government's intention to include these 3 labor categories in the cost templates and IDIQ rate table as well.</p>	<p>The Government currently does not have hours identified for those classifications in Attachment L.01, Government Provided Hours or Attachment J.09, Task Order Pricing Rates, however they are available for use by the Offeror.</p> <p>Attachments J.09, Task Order Pricing Rates, L.04, Cost Template, and L.06, Basis of Labor Distribution Template are updated to reflect these labor categories in RFP Amendment 002.</p>