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Reply to Attn of: BB-13-153

TO: All Prospective Offerors

FROM: BH/Contracting Officer, Projects Procurement Office

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNJ13470997R

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center (JSC), is hereby issuing RFP NNJ13470997R for the Robotics, Vehicle, and Graphics Simulation Services (RVGSS) acquisition. The RFP replaces all draft documents released on August 20, 2013. The RVGSS contract provides the NASA/JSC Engineering Directorate with software development services that will support the Johnson Space Center and its external customers in developing software systems and simulation tools for the International Space Station Program, the Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle Program, Center Operations, the Advanced Exploration System Program, and other programs and projects.

Offerors are advised to read all requirements contained herein and in the RFP.

The following information should be considered in proposal consideration:

ACQUISITION STRUCTURE:

The RVGSS solicitation is reserved as a total small business set-aside under the authority of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.203(a) and has been assigned the North American Industry Classification System code 541511, Custom Computer Programming Services, with a Small Business Administration-designated small business size standard of $25.5 million in average gross sales over a 3-year period. Only proposals from organizations meeting these standards will be accepted in response to solicitation number NNJ13470997R.

ACQUISITION FEATURES:

The RVGSS will be conducted as a single award Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) type procurement. Authorization to perform work under the RVGSS contract will be through the issuance of Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF) and Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) task orders. Please note that there will not be any FFP task orders at the time of contract award and therefore, there will be no FFP Sample Task Orders to propose against for the RFP. The phase-in effort will be FFP.

The Government anticipates a 5-year period of performance, comprised of a 3-year base and two 1-year options. The phase-in period will be 30 days.

NASA plans to award IDIQ task orders in accordance with NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1852.216-80, Task Ordering Procedures, to fulfill the annual requirements. The task order requirements shall be priced utilizing the labor categories and proposed rates in Section B, clause B.8, IDIQ Task Order Estimating.

This solicitation includes Sample Task Orders that are representative of the tasks to be performed under the scope of the resultant RVGSS contract. The sample task orders are Attachments L-01 through L-05 in Section L. The Government reserves the right to award the Sample Task Orders, as proposed, at contract start.

The Government is encouraging offerors to propose any innovations and efficiencies in accordance with Section L.

Offerors should ensure their company is listed in the on-line database for the following:

Central Contractor Registry: https://www.sam.gov
VETS 100: http://www.dol.gov/vets/vets-100.html
Data Universal Numbering System: http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform

ELECTRONIC ACCESS:

This RFP, a technical library, and other information about this solicitation can be accessed electronically at the following address:

http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/rvgss

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:

Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall include the offeror's name and complete address, including street, city, county, state, and 9-digit zip code. Also include telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address of the contact person responsible for the proposal.

Offerors are required to have a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code that matches the corporate address submitted with its proposal. Insert the company's CAGE code in Block 15A on Standard Form 33. Block 15A will appear next to the name and address of the offeror.

Offerors must deliver their proposal in accordance with Section L.10, JSC.52.215-109 Proposal Marking and Delivery (AUG 2012).

Proposals are due at NASA/JSC no later than 1:30 p.m., CDT, on November 1, 2013.

In accordance with the proposal instructions in Section L.16.2, the proposals are to be submitted in hard copy and CD-ROM formats.

Proposals that arrive after the prescribed time for receipt will be considered late and treated in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, "Instructions to Offerors-Competitive Acquisitions."

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE RFP:

All questions and comments related to the enclosed RFP shall be submitted in writing via the e-mail address listed below under the section entitled "E-mail Correspondence." Please title the e-mail note, "Questions/Comments-RVGSS RFP" in the subject block and make sure to include the e-mail, name, and daytime phone number of the person submitting questions or comments. Offerors shall submit all questions by close of business, October 16, 2013. Answers to questions and comments will be posted to the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) through an amendment to the RFP and posted to the RVGSS procurement website at http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/rvgss/.

Oral communications are not acceptable in response to this notice.

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE:

All e-mail correspondence related to this solicitation shall be submitted to *both* of the following e-mail addresses:

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MAJOR DIFFERENCES (Drafts vs. RFP)

Enclosed with this letter is a Document Change Log which documents notable changes made to the RFP since release of the draft Sections C, L, M, and associated attachments. Although every effort was made to include even minor changes, there may be some edits that are not recorded on the log. Therefore, all potential offerors are advised to carefully read the entire RFP.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP:

It is the offeror's responsibility to monitor the NAIS website at the following web address for any changes to the schedule or posting of amendments to this RFP:

http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=73

The RFP does not commit the Government to award a contract nor does it obligate the Government for costs incurred in the preparation and submittal of proposals in anticipation of a contract or comments in response to this RFP.

Thank you for your participation and interest in this procurement.

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Contracting Officer

Enclosures:
1) Document Change Log
2) RFP NNJ13470997R