

**RESPONSES TO SYNOPSIS QUESTIONS**  
**MESOSCALE ATMOSPHERIC INSTRUMENT SUPPORT SERVICES (MAISS)**  
**NNG13481818L**  
**November 25, 2013**

1. Can a small company that wants to provide thermal hardware such as the heat straps listed in Tasks 5.1 and 5.2 reply to this RFP? Or is the RFP only intended for companies that can support all of the tasks listed in the statement of work (SOW) (delivery, testing, integration, mechanical, thermal, structural analysis, GSE)?

**RESPONSE: This is a competitive single-award engineering services procurement that has been set-aside for small businesses. The prime contract winner must be a small business. Under this procurement, is it intended that 50% of labor costs must be performed by the prime contractor and not subcontractors. A subcontractor can support the prime in the task areas that the prime is not proficient, however the subcontract support cannot exceed 50% of the labor costs.**

2. We would like to contact those small businesses planning to prime on the contract, we are requesting any information you can about the likely bidders.

**RESPONSE: NASA/GSFC will release a list of the interested parties after the synopsis closes.**

3. Will a draft solicitation be available for review prior to posting of the official solicitation?

**RESPONSE: NASA/GSFC will not be issuing a draft solicitation.**

4. Please provide the contact information for the technical representative/ Contracting Officer Representative (COR)?

**RESPONSE: The technical representative/ COR for this procurement is Matthew McGill, Phone: 301-614-6281, Email: Matthew.J.McGill@nasa.gov.**

5. What is the size standard for the opportunity?

**RESPONSE: The small business size standard for this opportunity is \$14M under NAICS CODE: 541330 – Engineering Services.**

6. Is this a new requirement or is it a follow-on?

**RESPONSE: This is a new requirement.**

7. What is the value of the procurement?

**RESPONSE: The maximum ordering value of this procurement is \$4,800,000.**

8. Is there a RFI package that is available via NAIS?

**RESPONSE: The RFI for this procurement can be viewed on the Federal Opportunities website under RFI13CMAF.**

9. When will the RFP be released?

**RESPONSE: Please monitor the Federal Opportunity website ([www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)) for any updates for RFP release information.**

10. Does the 541330 exception for “Military and Aerospace Equipment and Military Weapons” apply to this procurement which increases the small business size standard to \$35.5M?

**RESPONSE: No, the size standard of \$35.5M does not apply because the majority of the work performed under the resulting contract will be engineering services in the areas of mechanical design, structural analysis, and thermal analysis. Only a small portion of the work performed under this contract may be fabricating equipment.**

11. Are there enough positive responses from the contractor community to suggest adequate competition at the current size standard (NAICS code)?

**RESPONSE: The NAICS code was selected based on the work that will be performed under this contract. Based on the synopsis responses, the Government anticipates adequate competition under this procurement.**

12. Can you please confirm that the synopsis extension does not require re-submission (i.e. that our initial submission is sufficient) of our intent to propose?

**RESPONSE: You do not need to resubmit your intent to propose.**

13. Will there be multiple awards or will only a single small business be awarded the IDIQ?

**RESPONSE: Only one single contractor will be awarded the contract.**

14. Will work be performed onsite and offsite?

**RESPONSE: Yes, work will be performed both onsite and offsite.**

15. Where will the work be performed onsite?

**RESPONSE: Most of the onsite work will be performed in the Mesoscale Atmospheric Processes Laboratory, Code 612.**

16. Will all tasks under the SOW be performed?

**RESPONSE: Not all tasks may be performed for each task order issued. This is an IDIQ contract so all tasks may or may not be performed under the SOW.**

17. If any fabrication is involved on a task, where is the contractor expected to fabricate the items?

**RESPONSE: The fabrication will take place at the contractor's facility.**

18. Who will provide the quality assurance (QA) function for the work / items completed in the on-site GSFC labs?

**RESPONSE: If necessary, the QA support will be performed by a GSFC representative.**

19. Will the RFP require the offeror to provide key personnel resumes? Or, it would be OK to identify the key personnel required to perform the work stated in the SOW?

**RESPONSE: Please defer this question to when the RFP is released. If there are still questions after looking at the RFP, additional questions may be submitted.**

20. Are CATS, MACAL and FLORESTA concurrent projects? What are the expected time frames for these projects?

**RESPONSE: There is potential that projects may run concurrently together. The projects that have been mentioned are just examples and this contract might or might not support those specific projects. This is why the contract vehicle selected is IDIQ, as NASA/GSFC does not have specific delivery times or specific requirements at this point.**

21. Is the contractor required to provide 100% engineering and technical support for the development and integration of the three instruments? Or, will some civil servants also be supporting the same effort stated in the SOW? What percentage of the efforts will be provided by NASA for completing the SOW work? What factors should the contractor take into consideration for assessing the SOW workload / staffing?

**RESPONSE: The proposed contract vehicle is IDIQ, as NASA/GSFC does not have specific delivery times or specific requirements at this point. Please defer this question to when the RFP is released. If there are still questions after looking at the RFP, additional questions may be submitted.**

22. In reference to the SOW Task 8, is NASA looking for cost estimates for travels in its price proposal? If so, trips to how many vendors and aircraft integration sites are required?

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