

RFP #NNK14498216R - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Acquisition for the Supply of Liquid Oxygen for Marshal Space Flight Center Supporting Space Launch Systems Anti-geyser Testing

1. Question: Are the tests expected to be continuous? Or will there be periods of no deliveries?
Answer: The tests are expected to be continuous at 1 to 2 tests per week until 20 tests have been completed.
2. Question: The solicitation says "short notice changes to delivery schedule" -How do they plan to order and how much lead time will we be given on the days they may need 7 or 8 loads?
Answer: At least one month advanced notice of commencing testing and then weekly orders that may be changed up until 24 hours prior to the scheduled delivery.
3. Question: I noticed that the drivers will not need to be badged. What are the requirements for drivers?
Answer: Drivers must be a US citizen and follow the requirements stated in the SOW "Clearance Procedures" in paragraph (b).
4. Question: Would we be able to use our contracted carriers if needed?
Answer: Yes, you may use your contracted carriers, if needed.
5. Question: Is it possible to waive the requirement for particulate testing on the oxygen for every load?
Answer: Filtering is required; particulate testing is not required (reference section 2.16 Laboratory Analysis).
6. Question: How soon will deliveries be required following contract award?
Answer: The first delivery is expected to be needed in mid-March 2014.
7. Question: Is there a final "end" date? Answer:
Answer: No. The final end date is currently unknown.
8. Question: Will this requirement be included in the upcoming nitrogen & oxygen bid?
Answer: No. This requirement is not included in the upcoming NASA-Wide Acquisition for Nitrogen and Oxygen.
9. Question: There wasn't tank information such as ASME data plates on the tanks. Can you provide U1A forms for the tanks?
Answer: NASA will provide information on the tanks as required to accommodate the contractor's safety policy.
10. Question: According to the SOW, MSFC will provide 30 days advanced notice of planned testing but how much real time notice can the supplier expect for testing changes? 24 hours, 48 hours?
Answer: See answer to #2 above.
11. Question: Supplier's interpretation of "check-in at place of delivery is MSFC guard gate, initial entry point. The four hour time will begin then, is that correct? Section 2.21 Demurrage
Answer: Correct. Check-in will begin at initial entry point to MSFC.

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12. Question: Are there two off load stations per tank?

Answer: No. There are a total of three tanks manifolded together, with a total of two off-load stations to enable two tankers to off-load simultaneously.

NOTE: QUESTION 13 INCLUDES MULTIPLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (RESPONSES) RELATED TO THE SAME QUESTION.

13. Regarding Section 1.5 Schedule of Supplies

Supplier converted NASA provided tonnage to estimated tanker capacity:

Daily = 1 tanker (minimum) 20 Tons

Daily = 8 tankers (maximum) 155 Tons

4 waves of 2 tankers maximum?

Response: The requirement is for up to 155 tons to be delivered in one day. NASA assumes ~22 tons per tanker load which corresponds to 7 tankers in one day. But, since tankers vary in size the number of tanker loads will depend on the size of the contractor's tankers. Deliveries are expected to be 2 tankers-at-a-time.

All 8 trailers at once? **Response:** No

Weekly = 28 tankers (maximum) 575 Tons

When does the "week" start and end? Sunday through Saturday or when testing initially begins?

Response: The "week" is any 7 contiguous days. Assuming ~22 tons per tanker corresponds to 26 tankers in one week.

Monthly = 112 tankers (maximum) 2,300 Tons

Response: Assuming ~22 tons per tanker corresponds to 105 tankers in one month.