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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. SOW L.13.3, Subfactor A – Understanding Technical Approach (SOW) Elements and Scenarios, Page 112 in the last paragraph a sentence reads: "The offeror shall fully describe each method, technique or technology and explain how they impact the performance of the SOW under the proposed contract, including explanation of any key scientific principles that are involved in their approach."

In order to comply with this instruction the authors will need to cite scientific reference publications. Request a list of references be permitted to be included with the mission suitability volume as an attachment that is excluded from the page limitations for the mission suitability volume.

*Response: The initial sentence of the paragraph referred to above indicates that the intent of this paragraph is the solicitation of "new or innovative methods, techniques or technologies" from the offeror that indicate their willingness to provide support well above proposal requirements. For the purposes of proposal evaluation, we will evaluate the impact of the innovative method on the performance of the SOW and, where appropriate, the scientific and/or technical principles supporting the innovation. For the purposes of proposal evaluation, this description should not require extensive documentation. That being said, the Mission Suitability Volume page count was increased from 95 pages in the Draft RFP to 97 pages in the Final RFP.*

2. RFP Paragraph G.8(c)(7), has an (X) next to the statement "IT Services through the Agency Consolidated End-user Services (ACES) contract." The SOW states: "The contractor, in accordance with this SOW, shall provide all necessary resources, including personnel, facilities, equipment, and materials, unless otherwise provided by the government, in order to fulfill the work requirements. Supporting documentation will be prepared and delivered as specified in the contract".

We assume that laptop computers for all GGSG staff, including those on-site, will be provided by the contractor. Is this correct?

*Response: Generally speaking the Contractor will be providing computers for its staff; however, for individual task orders, the Government may choose to provide IT Services through the ACES vehicle.*

3. Enclosure I – Incumbent Workforce Average Labor Rates and Section L.14.2(a).

The instructions in Section L.14.2(a) state that "Any offeror proposing to use the incumbent workforce must use the incumbent labor rates provided in Enclosure I for those labor categories for which rates are available", and also that these rates will become Attachment B "not to exceed" rates for pricing task orders on the contract. Thus the incumbent workforce average labor rates in Enclosure I are quite important. An analysis of the rates provided in Enclosure I identified several apparent inconsistencies:

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- The Associate Scientist, the lowest level Scientist in terms of education/experience, has the second highest rate in the category family, when logically it should have the lowest direct labor rate.
- The rate for Senior Engineer is higher than the rate for the next higher level, Principal Engineer.
- The rate for Technical Specialist is higher than the rate for the next higher level, Senior Technical Specialist.

Respectfully request the Government review these inconsistencies and make any required revisions to Enclosure 1 in the Final RFP.

*Response: This question was addressed to the Draft RFP and updates were made as needed in the Final RFP which posted on November 5, 2014. Responses to the above questions are as follows:*

- *The Associate Scientist, the lowest level Scientist in terms of education/experience, has the second highest rate in the category family, when logically it should have the lowest direct labor rate. -- Assoc. Scientist labor rate corrected. This results in an aligning of the "scientists" labor category rates.*
- *The rate for Senior Engineer is higher than the rate for the next higher level, Principal Engineer. – The Senior Engineer and Principal Engineer rates are correct and reflect actual salary data received from the current prime and subcontractors. No revisions were made to either category. Principal Systems Engineer rate was corrected.*
- *The rate for Technical Specialist is higher than the rate for the next higher level, Senior Technical Specialist - The Tech Spec and Senior Tech Spec rates are correct and reflect actual salary data received from the current prime and subcontractors. No revisions were made to either category.*