

General GMACC Questions and Answers

Question 1:

We will be hand delivering our proposal package. Would you like this delivered to the main gate or another location?

Answer: The drop off point will be the Shipping and Receiving Building that is outside of the Main Gate.

Question 2:

Please provide the cut-off date to submit questions.

Answer: All questions were due on May 27, 2014. Any questions received after May 27, 2014 will only be answered if the Government believes that the answer could severely impact the awards of the GMACC.

Question 3:

Please confirm date, time and location number of hard and soft copies of proposal.

Answer: The due date for proposals is hereby extended to June 23, 2014 at 2pm Local Time. If mailed or shipped, offers shall be addressed to the information found in Block 7 of the Standard Form 1442 (Cover Sheet) of the solicitation. Proposals delivered after 12:00pm on June 23, 2014 will not be accepted.

Question 4:

Final RFP states that to be considered for an 8a award, the business must be serviced by the Cleveland District SBA. We have a Bona Fide Office in the Cleveland District, serviced by our home office SBA District. With our Bona Fide Cleveland District SBA Office, do we meet the requirement of the RFP?

Answer: Yes. Bona Fide Offices established in the Cleveland District are permissible and will meet this requirement.

Question 5:

The following items are mentioned in the solicitation as required to be included in the volume 2 of the response, but are not listed as part of any of the specific parts of the response.

It would be appreciated if you could identify the appropriate part of the response in which to include each item.

- a. Completed solicitation
- b. Bid bond for seed tasks
- c. Date of incorporation
- d. Business strengths
- e. Business objectives
- f. Annual revenue for last 3 years

- g. Company safety plan
- h. Resume for proposed safety and health officer
- i. Resume for proposed superintendent

Answer:

- a. Volumes 1 and 2 completed as described in Final RFP
- b. L10 Bid Bond is also required but in Vol 1 for each of the Seed Tasks, as well as any future task that the offeror is bidding on that is \$150,000 or above.
- c. This is for information purposes and will not be evaluated in Section M. Please provide this information in the pricing section of your business proposal.
- d. No longer required and is hereby struck from the RFP.
- e. No longer required and is hereby struck from the RFP.
- f. This is for information purposes and will not be evaluated in Section M. Please provide this information in the pricing section of your business proposal.
- g. NASA will request that a Company Safety Plan be provided from the 10 selected contractors after the award is made.
- h. This was removed as a requirement and not found in the Final RFP.
- i. This was removed as a requirement and not found in the Final RFP.

Question 6:

Will ALL task orders be competed? Draft RFP seems to say "yes".

Answer: Unless an exemption per section H.4 of the solicitation is otherwise stated in a Task 321 Letter (also known as the CPP or Task RFP), Fair Opportunity, will be provided to all contractors that have received a *GMACC* award.

Question 7:

Will ALL 10 firms compete with each other on every Task Order, or will the various SB pools be kept separate? (Hub from SDVOSB from 8a etc) Not all SBs are created equal ... typically there are disparities in size & capability & resources in the SB categories that NASA has identified. To ask all 10 companies to compete at the same time begs for unequal and unfair treatment.

Answer: The intent of the *GMACC* is to provide opportunities to each of the identified small business categories while at the same time provide NASA with competitive pricing from qualified companies to fulfil the construction requirements at *GRC*. The Majority of tasks will be competed among the 10 contractors. There may be times that selected SB pools will be identified for a task, but that will be on a rare occasion and when the Center / Agency Metrics need to be met. Although it is not mandatory, NASA expects every contractor that receives a contract award provide a proposal for the task work when a Task 321 Letter (also known as the CPP or Task RFP) is issued to the contractor. All task proposals received will be evaluated fairly as each company selected for the *GMACC* will have been properly vetted to determine whether or not each company has the necessary resources to compete on each task.

Question 8:

RFP section "H.3.6 Minimal Design-Build" seems to say that the contractor shall provide a 35% design back to NASA after receiving a SOW from NASA. That is contrary to standard practice: in minimal DB, the Owner (NASA) would provide a well-developed 35% preliminary design to the contractors in the pool and they would respond to that with a price, and maybe some ideas about final design or improving/Value Engineering on the preliminary. SB Contractors cannot afford to prepare a 35% design to compete with 9 other firms and 9 A-E firms would lose lots of money preparing designs you do not use. The overall business approach seems unclear, and potentially fraught with enormous financial risk for SBs.

Answer: Updated in Final RFP H.3

Question 9:

We would like to know if existing CCASS and/or previously submitted Past Performance Questionnaires are acceptable to submit?

Answer:

The only questionnaire that will be accepted is the one that was attached to the Final RFP.

Question 10:

In section L.12 (d) 3. Construction Schedule, it allows for the schedule to be provided in 11x17 format. Will the 11x17 sheet be counted as 1 page or 2 pages with regards to page count?

Answer: 11x17 counts as 1 page. 11x17 may ONLY be used for schedules.

Question 11:

Section K is Representations and Certifications. We did not see anywhere in the submission requirements section (L.12) where the Reps & Certs were to be included. Are they required for submission, and if so, where would you like to see them? Will they count against the page count?

Answer: Yes, the completion of this is required. Please provide this information in Volume II of your Business Proposal. It will not count against the proposal page limit.

Question 12:

In section L.12, page 87, there is a section heading titled "Price", and it states that Task Pricing Schedules for Seed Task No 1 & 2 are to be provided. We are a little unclear as to whether we are to provide Attachment E4 and F5 in Vol. 2. The more logical place seems to be in the Vol. 1 - Technical Proposal section, item 1 Construction Cost Estimate, and not in Vol. 2. Please confirm what was NASA's intent.

Answer: E4 is for Seed Task #01 and F5 is for Seed Task #02. E4 and F5 do belong in Volume 2. They shall be your best and final prices for each Seed Task. In Volume 1, the Offeror is to use the Construction Cost Estimate Sheet to show the breakdown of your costs to perform the Seed Tasks.

Question 13:

In section L.12, page 87, there is a section heading titled "Bonding Capacity", and it states that the offeror needs to provide documentation of bonding capacity of at least \$20 million. This is in addition to the bid bonds requirements outlined for Vol. 1 - Technical Proposal. Where would NASA like for us to include this documentation and will it count again page count?

Answer: Provide this information in Volume II. Per section L.12, the Offeror shall provide documentation stating the Prime Contractor has the individual bonding capacity of at least \$20 million. This will not count against the page limit.

Question 14:

Regarding the 30 page count for each Seed Task Order in Vol. 1, bid bonds are typically at least 5 pages. Is it intended that these pages count towards the page count? The bid bond, Attachment E4 Bid Schedule, Attachment E5 - Environmental Compliance Plan form and Attachment E6 - HASP Checklist constitutes upwards of 13 pages, or almost half of the page allocation. Will 15-17 pages be adequate to provide detailed cost estimates, schedule, task implementation plan and subcontractor quotes?

Answer: Page Count for Volume 1: 30 pages per Seed Task **excludes** the following: Bid Bonds, Attachment E5 - Environmental Compliance Plan form, and Attachment E6 - HASP Checklist.

Question 15:

Please confirm that all prime contractors and their major subcontractors must have their previous clients submit PPQ forms and other documentation per RFP requirements for Volume 2 Part A, B, C and D, directly to NASA. Please confirm that the plumbing subcontractor for the Plum Brook Backflow Preventer Project considered a "Major" Subcontractor and thus must provide documentation per Volume (2) Part B, Part C and Part D in the RFP.

Answer: Per the project RFP, section L.12 (e), Part B, a major subcontractor is one that performs greater than 15% of the work. If you anticipate the plumbing subcontractor will perform over 15% of the work, then that subcontractor would be considered a major sub.

Question 16:

Please clarify, RFP page 84 requires plastic bindings only, please do not require comb bindings as there will be numerous last minute documents and with 7 copies for 2 proposals will be excessively laborious and maybe a recipe for disaster. Any type of 3 ring binder would be preferable.

Answer: Due to the fact that pages get misplaced or tear free of 3 ring binders, comb bindings are preferred. However, as long as proposal is securely bound, the decision of how to bind the proposal will be left to the contractor. 3 ring binders will be accepted.

Question 17:

Please confirm that all prime contractors and **their major subcontractors** must have their previous clients submit PPQ forms and other documentation per RFP requirements for Volume 2 Part A, B, C and D, **directly to NASA**.

Answer: This is correct.

Plum Brook Questions and Answers

Question 1:

Plum Brook Backflow Preventer - The 1 "KROMBACH BALL" valve is specified for the 1" backflow preventer inside the vault. This 1" ball valve is not available in US and it needs to be special ordered from Germany with 21 weeks lead time. Can this be substituted with a regular US made ball valve. The difference in price is thousands vs 100.00 dollars and would not comply with the FAR buy America Act. Please advise.

Answer: The specified Krombach 1" ball is an error. Please provide a 1" ball valve that meets the requirements of NSF/ANSI standard 61 and is rated for service pressure greater than 80 psi.

Question 2:

Regards to the check valve work at Plum Brook. In reference to Series 774 Double Check Valve Assembly: Is the objective to install a complete main assembly including the two resilient seated isolation valves or just the two independently operating torsion spring check valves assemblies? See attached diagram.

Answer: We only want double check valve. The existing resilient seated gate valves are to be reused upstream of the existing meter and downstream of the double check. There would be no room for any other valves than these as shown in the drawing package.

Question 3:

Please confirm that the plumbing subcontractor for the Plum Brook Backflow Preventer Project considered a "Major" Subcontractor and thus must provide documentation per Volume (2) Part B, Part C and Part D in the RFP.

Answer: Per the project RFP, section L.12 (e), Part B, a major subcontractor is one that performs greater than 15% of the work. If you anticipate the plumbing subcontractor will perform over 15% of the work, then that subcontractor would be considered a major sub.

Question 4:

Can the water service be shut down for a week or more at a time at one or both locations (Fox Rd and Mason Rd)? We assume the system is a loop system but can both locations be done simultaneous or do they need to be consecutive?

Answer: We cannot shut down both locations at the same time. A week for one shut down is acceptable, but we want to minimize the shut downs as much as possible. So please perform any measuring and pre-fabrication prior to shut down to cut down on the outage time.