

# Technology and Integrated Discipline Engineering Services (TIDES) Questions and Responses #3

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1. Question: Will the government consider increasing the page count from 80 to 100?

**Response: The RFP will be revised to increase the page count from 80 to 85.**

2. Question: Does the minority partner of a JV need to provide past performance references at the prime level? If the reference is below the \$2M threshold can it still be used if the prime has other references over the threshold but this reference shows relevancy in content and complexity. If used, does a PPQ need to be submitted? Should the lower than threshold reference be listed as an exception in the PPV?

**Response: Offerors may provide the experience or past performance of the JV where applicable in accordance with the guidelines set for past performance in this case at or above the \$2M threshold.**

3. Question: Are the GPM hours realistic for the anticipated TIDES work (i.e., approximately 65 personnel)? If not, will the Government provide an Independent Government Estimate of FTE to assist offerors in planning for off-site facility requirements, equipment, and span of control?

**Response: The GPM hours are realistic for the anticipated TIDES work, the Government does not plan to release an Independent Government Estimate of FTE.**

4. Question: As it states now, in L.14.3, these position descriptions are also included in the Mission Suitability Volume and count against its page limitation, which we believe is not the intent of the government.

**Response: The government does not intend to have position descriptions included as a separate item in the Mission Suitability Section of the proposal. For clarity purposes the RFP has been revised to read: "Offers shall provide written position descriptions for all of the specific labor categories envisioned for this requirement under Section 6 of Attachment B, Direct Labor Rates, Indirect Rates, and Fee Matrices. Offerors need to address the minimum requirements in the position descriptions, to include the necessary experience, summary of duties and responsibilities, specific requirements/licensing, minimum education and minimum experience required for each individual position. All position descriptions shall be incorporated into the resultant contract as part of Attachment B."**

5. Question: Enclosure 2, Incumbent Composite Rates – The enclosure included in the recently released TIDES RFP covers only a small portion of the TIDES labor categories provided in the GPM. In addition, nearly a third of the labor categories (and associated rates) in this

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Enclosure are not listed in the TIDES GPM (Exhibit 1). We are unable to fully initiate Cost proposal activities until a complete and corrected list is received. Therefore, can the Government provide an all-inclusive listing of TIDES GPM labor categories and their associated rates as soon as possible?

**Response: Enclosure 2, has been modified to read “Labor Categories are derived from the METSII Contract. Categories may/may not reflect positions applicable to this procurement.” Also the Government has provided all of the available direct labor data.**

6. Question: For a particular labor category, if an offeror wants to capture 90% of incumbents and therefore, develop a composite rate using the incumbent labor category for 90% of the total effort and separate offeror labor category for the remaining 10% of the total, how can this be achieved while adhering to the above RFP directions and using Cost Exhibit 2A?

**Response: The RFP states in Section L.15 2a “For labor categories for which no incumbent labor rates were provided or for those labor categories to be filled with other than incumbent labor, provide the basis for the direct labor rates proposed.” The scenario described above is possible through the mapping in Exhibit 2A.**

7. Question: Is a manufacturing site required as part of this contract.

**Response: The RFP was revised to include manufacturing hours, and, the contractor is required to have access to a manufacturing site as part of this contract.**

8. Question: On page 14 of the RTO’s, Table 2 Task Milestones calls out the EDU Delivery to the Project is 21 April 2017. Conversely on page 16, Table 3 task Deliverables calls out that the EDU delivery to the Project is 15 March 2017. Which is the correct date?

**Response: The RTO has been revised to read 21 April 2017.**

9. Question: Is the Service Contract Act to be considered in this contract? If so, which area wage determination schedule should be used?

**Response: The Service Contract Act will not apply to this contract.**

10. Question: There are many labor categories in Exhibit 1A that do not have hours. Based on the instructions, is the Offeror only to complete Exhibit 1A rate for the labor categories that have hours in Exhibit 2A?

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**Response: Exhibit 1A is comprised of Onsite, Offsite and Manufacturing hours. The Offeror shall comply with the instructions in L.15 “When completing this exhibit, Offerors must specify the applicable (Onsite and Offsite) and provide rates only for those labor categories specified in Exhibit 1A for the site indicated. (For instance, Offerors should only propose a rate for the Technician in the Exhibit 2A designated “Onsite” since no Manufacturing Site hours are specified for this position.)”**

11. Question: Both Exhibits 1A and 2A reference an Electrical Tech 1 and 2. Is this the same as the Electrical/Electronic Technician 1 and 2 in Enclosure 4, Labor Category Descriptions?

**Response: Yes, Electrical Tech 1 and 2 are the same as Electrical/Electronic Technician. The RFP Exhibits have been revised to read Electrical/Electronic Technician.**

12. Question: Section L.12(b)(1) Table indicates a 25 page limitation on Basis of Estimates in the Cost Volume. Does the 25 page restriction only apply to the L.15 2.(q) Representative Task order (RTO) Costs Basis of Estimate (BOE) since this is the only section that states, “BOEs shall be submitted by both the Prime Offeror and all significant subcontractors and shall comply with the BOE page limitations set forth in Proposal Preparations-General Instructions provision of this RFP.”? Please provide clarification.

**Response: The 25 page restriction pertains to the BOE requirement for the RTO’s as well as the GPM administrative positions described in Section L.15 2(g) of the RFP.**

13. Question: In Exhibit 1A, in the section entitled "Offeror Non-Labor Recurring Other Direct Costs (ODCs)/Cost Estimating Relationships (CERs) Costs", the column heading "Loadings" has a "^^^" tag, which has no definition shown in the Exhibit-1A. Could the government define "^^^"?

**Response: The definition, which reads, “^^^ Apply all applicable loadings (Prime and Subcontractor) and fee” can be found at the bottom of Exhibit 1A.**