

1. What type of vehicle is the contractor expected to provide?

The contractor shall provide metal distribution to various locations on Center, as needed. These tasks are usually required 2-3 times per week for less than one hour duration for each occurrence. At times, this is performed with a government provided forklift, however there are occasions when due to inclement weather or the distance is too far, the Contractor will be required to utilize its cargo van or enclosed truck. On a regular basis, the Contractor will be required to transport personnel, material, equipment, and parts from one building to another on-site at LaRC. NASA estimates a minimum of one (1) cargo van or enclosed truck necessary to perform the aforementioned support services.

2. Please elaborate on what is typically subcontracted.

Historically, the major items which have been subcontracted were material and equipment. Material and equipment are often Government furnished. However, the material and equipment "plug number" includes costs for (1) subcontracted special processes necessary to provide services described in Exhibit A, PWS Section 1.4, Special Fabrication Processes, subparagraphs 1.4.1 and 1.4.2; as well as metal processes under PWS Section 2.0 such as Nondestructive evaluation (NDE) and metal finishing (e.g., powder coating, heat treating, and anodizing) that are not within the capabilities of the NASA LaRC on-site facility; and (2) purchase of materials including metals, fasteners and composite fabrics, and equipment such as welding shields and specialized tools.

3. Reference Section L, Provision L.18(e), which requires ISO 9001 certification/registration on proposal due date. If an offeror is registered/certified on proposal due date but the registration/certification expires before contract effective date, will the offeror be considered to have met this special standard of responsibility?

Yes, offerors will meet this requirement if registered/certified on proposal due date. However, see H.14 of the RFP, which states "b) The Contractor's quality system shall remain certified/registered during the term of the contract." Therefore, the contractor will be expected to have been re-certified prior to contract effective date.

4. How does a company get on a proposal team? We are very well prepared to act as a subcontractor to any team that would prime this contract.

We have posted on NAIS/FedBizOps the Pre-Solicitation conference slides and attendee list. You may contact any of the potential offerors listed for possible subcontracting opportunities.

5. A Total Compensation Plan for a Prime Contractor, not including compensation Plan(s) for significant subcontractors, which is prepared in accordance with NFS 1852.231-71, could easily exceed the 20 page limit allowed for Volume I-Technical Proposal leaving little if any "space" to satisfy the remaining requirements called for in Section L.17. We are requesting clarification of the Total

Compensation Plan requirement's placing in our submission. Since the document is a Plan should it (Total Compensation Plan) be included as an attachment? Perhaps, as an attachment to Volume II-Business Proposal?

It is not our expectation or requirement that the offerors present what is tantamount to their entire fringe benefit package from their corporate policies in the proposal. It has been our experience that careful presentation of the Total Compensation Plan is possible without excessive pages. However, in order to accommodate the request received, we have excluded the Total Compensation Plan from the Volume 1, Technical Proposal page limitation. We will allow offerors to submit a Total Compensation Plan as an attachment to the Technical Proposal with a page limitation of 5 pages for the prime and 5 pages for each significant subcontractor. (See RFP Amendment 01)