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1	Section C SOW	All	Please provide a list of NASA vendors and suppliers that the TIALS-2 Offeror will interface with and the SOW area it applies to.	<i>On the GRC Website there is a list of on-site contractors. The TIALS-2 Contractor will likely deal with them. It is otherwise impracticable to provide a list of all vendors and contractors supporting GRC.</i>
2	Section C.1.2.7	C-26	1.2.7 discusses various laundry services that the successful Team will provide at GRC. Will the Team be responsible for laundering, dry cleaning and repairing garments and other items identified in 1.2.7? Or, is the Team responsible for picking the garments and other items up and delivering them to a company that presently has a laundering contract at GRC?	<i>The successful Offeror is responsible for the laundering, dry cleaning and repairing of garments and other items identified in 1.2.7, whether directly or through subcontracting.</i>
3	Provision L.17 TA3.	L-15	The instructions for TA3. Innovations and Efficiencies indicate to provide the length of time and cost to the Government to implement any proposed innovation or improved efficiencies. Usually no cost information can be contained in the Technical Volume. Please confirm that the cost information has to be included in this Section and not in Volume III Cost/Price.	<i>If innovations or efficiencies are proposed, please provide summary information about cost in the technical volume and the detailed cost information in the cost/price volume.</i>
4	Section L	All	This offeror assumes that the only submission required from Major Subcontractors is the complete Cost Proposal. We assume that Section K Reps & Certs or a Tech/Management Approach are not required from Major or Minor Subcontractors. Please confirm that this assumption is correct.	<i>This is correct. However, we do require past performance questionnaires from major subcontractors (see Provision L.18). Also, please see provision L.17, MP3, paragraph d (page L-16).</i>
5	Attachment Z		What are the conformed job titles in file 161300-SOL-001-13? It appears that many of the SCA wage categories are conformed rates. Please provide the current wage conformances. For example, what is the WD category for the Space Management Specialist?	<i>There are no job titles in Attachment Z. There are no conformed job titles/rates.</i>
6	Section L - Cost Volume		Does the Government expect the bidders to escalate the SCA and exempt wages for the entire contract period?	<i>See Provision L.19, Section 3, paragraph a (pg. L-23) and paragraph h (pg. L-24).</i>
7	Provision L.19 Cost Volume, Part 2 - Excel Pricing Model (EPM)		The CBA has wage escalation through 2017. Does the Government expect the bidders to escalate the CBA wages the rest of the contract periods?	<i>Yes.</i>
8	Attachment Z		Labor Pricing Template(s) (LPT), (LPT CBA),(LPT WD) It appears that the LPT sheet is the summary of the LPT CBA and LPT WD sheets. Should there also be a LPT exempt sheet or should only the non-exempt employees be on the LPT sheet?	<i>See Provision L.19, Cost Volume, Part 2, Excel Pricing Model, paragraph h.3.a (pg. L-31)</i>

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9	Attachment W - Incumbent Labor Demographics Attachment V: Incumbent Labor With Seniority Dates Section C.4.1	C-57	Will the government confirm that two (2) Records Specialists are needed to support the PWS 4.0 because Attachment W does not have this position listed, however Attachment V lists the position but not the number of employees needed.	<i>Neither Attachment V nor Attachment W lists the number of employees needed. They provide information about the incumbent contractor staff for information purposes only. They provide different information and there is no direct one-to-one correlation between the two attachments.</i>
10	Provision L.17, B. Management Approach-MP3. Staffing, Recruitment, Retention, and Compensation	L-16	MP3 appears to ask for a compensation plan, which, in our experience, is usually at least a 20-page document. Is this the government's intent? If so, please consider excluding this requirement from the limited page count for the Mission Suitability Volume."	<i>In the Government's experience the Compensation Plan is far less than 20 pages, therefore it is included in the page count.</i>
11	Provision L.19 VOLUME III: COST/PRICE VOLUME INSTRUCTIONS		Based upon the instructions in L.16 and L.19, the Government is requesting one (1) original hard copy of Volumes I, II, III and IV, and 2 (two) electronic copies of Volume III. Does the Government wish to receive a second, electronic back-up copy of all solicitation volumes?	<i>No.</i>
12	Provision L.18.C.	L-18	The instructions for the Past Performance Questionnaires indicate that "at least two questionnaires be provided for the Prime Contractor and each major subcontractor." Please confirm that these two questionnaires can be by separate contact persons (e.g., CO/Contracts Professional and COTR/Technical Professional) for the same program and it is not intended to provide two past performance citations for the Prime and each Major Subcontractor.	<i>It's our preference that Past Performance Questionnaires be provided for 2 separate contracts. However, it is understood that the Offeror may not have that amount of past experience. See Provision M.2, Section C on pages M-5 through M-7.</i>
13	Provision L.18.C.	L-18	If Offeror is proposing as a Joint Venture, will one contract from each teammate suffice to meet the requirements?	<i>This would meet the minimum requirement, however we prefer two from each teammate.</i>
14	Attachment D		DoD Security Classification Specification is not filled out.	<i>The form needs to be filled out by the Offeror.</i>
15	Provision L.17, B, MP3 Key Personnel, b	L-16	This paragraph requests the qualifications of the individuals selected to fill these positions as well as the rationale for their selection, and then states that Key Personnel resumes do NOT count towards the overall Mission Suitability page limitation. The reference seems to imply that qualifications of the individuals and the rationale are both satisfied by the resume. Are qualifications and rationale part of the resume?	<i>Qualifications are part of the resume. Rationale is not part of the resume.</i>

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16	Provision L.17, A, TA3 Innovations, and Efficiencies	L-15	<p>This paragraph requests that we include in our response the length of time and cost to the Government to implement any proposed innovation or improved efficiencies. It will be extremely difficult for the offeror to estimate how long it would take to implement by the Government using Government resources and management processes. And we have no way to estimate costs for the Government.</p> <p>Should we estimate length of time and cost assuming that the innovation or efficiency is implemented totally by the contractor and include reasonable times for normal Government interfaces such as reviews and approvals?</p>	<p><i>Offerors should fully support the rationale behind any proposed innovations or efficiencies including any assumptions supporting the innovation or efficiency.</i></p>
17	Section M		<p>There is no evaluation criteria for Volume IV or statement that the information is not evaluated.</p> <p>Is our Volume IV response evaluated?</p>	<p><i>Volume IV is not part of the formal evaluation. However, it will be examined for completeness and for compliance with the applicable regulations.</i></p>
18	Provision L.17 PREPARATION OF VOLUME I - MISSION SUITABILITY, Technical Approach, TA1	L-14	<p>Technical Requirements requires that "The Offeror shall provide a narrative to document their understanding and technical approach for meeting or exceeding the technical requirements of the SOW. The narrative shall include information specific to each of the task areas in the SOW and shall address all of the following: [subparagraphs a. through e]."</p> <p>There are 24 individual task areas plus the work area 7.0, 16 tasks. Also, work area 2.0 does not have a "task area." Page count is inadequate to address each task area. Request rewording to state that the Offeror shall provide a narrative to document their understanding and Technical Approach to meeting or exceeding the technical requirements of the SOW. The Offeror shall include the following: [subparagraphs a. through e]".</p> <p>Will the page count for Volume I be increased to at least 50 pages as noted in the answers to questions posed to Draft RFP? Please note, the 2004 RFP provided 100 pages for the mission suitability volume, and we respectfully request the Government's consideration of a limitation of at least 60 pages for this response. Also, please note that as this is a time critical element on the path to the final product, the published response date of October 24 is not sufficient time to adjust/prepare our</p>	<p><i>See Provision L.8 on Page L-7. We will not be increasing the Volume I page limit from 50 to 60 pages. Also, proposals are due on November 7 as stated on page 1, block 9 of the RFP.</i></p>

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19	Attachment C		<p>proposal accordingly.</p> <p>Attachment C of the RFP contains a list of Government Vehicles to be maintained by the TIALS contractor. It is assumed that all vehicle expenses are included in the Government NLR estimate table in Section L.19. Does this include insurance costs, or should that cost be bid over and above the NLR?</p> <p>1. If the contractor is required to provide insurance please provide the minimum coverage requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - liability - collision - loss other than collision <p>2. If the contractor is required to provide insurance will the insurance cost would be a responsibility of the prime contractor or the subcontractor</p>	<p><i>See Clause I.11 on page I-10. That cost would be over and above the NLR.</i></p>
20	Attachment F		<p>The current CBA agreement indicates that uniforms, boots, PPE, and tools are to be paid by the company to the union for a specific employees who work in designated areas or have specified duties. Is the cost of these expenses included in the Government NLR estimate table in Section L.19, or should these costs be bid over and above the NLR?</p>	<p><i>No, these costs are not in the Government NLR estimate table. They are traditionally labor costs and traditionally seen in fringe benefit. However, if an Offeror has these costs they shall account for them in accordance with their own established estimating system and accounting procedures.</i></p>
21	<p>Provision L.10. Total Compensation Plan. Referenced requirement to NFS 1852.231-71</p>	L-9	<p>The NFS requires major subcontractors to provide their own Total Compensation Plans (TCP), further driving page volume.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full disclosure of detailed cost components will include company proprietary data, more appropriate to sealed bid submission. • The proprietary nature of the TCP details may also prevent the accretion of data for a single, integrated TCP submission, unless NASA allows summary-level information not including proprietary details, which could be separately submitted. <p>1. Due to the proprietary content of the TCP, will the government move this response requirement from Volume 1 – Mission Suitability to Volume III - Cost/Price Volume?</p> <p>2. Also, will the Government allow each Subcontractor the</p>	<p><i>Sealed bids are submitted in response to Invitation for Bids (IFBs) which is an entirely different procurement process from Request for Proposals (RFPs). Sealed bids are opened and read publicly and nothing in them is proprietary. They do not include detailed cost information and little, if any technical information. Proposals submitted in response to RFPs are proprietary, the entire proposal not just one volume. Also, see Provision L.2, section e on page L-4.</i></p> <p><i>This response requirement will not be moved from Volume I to Volume III.</i></p> <p><i>Subcontractors can their responses to the</i></p>

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			ability to submit their TPC response in their sealed bid submission to the Government?	<i>Government in sealed envelopes. It helps if these are delivered with the Prime's response.</i>
22	Section C.1.4.1 Personnel Transportation & Section C.1.4.1.1 Lab Bus	C-34 & 35	Are the bus drivers required under Section 1.4.1.1 Lab Bus included under the personnel listed under Section 1.4 Transportation Operations of TIALS 2 Attachment W Incumbent Labor Demographics?	<i>Yes.</i>
23	Provision L.19, Cost Volume Part 3 – Offeror's Pricing Model (OPM)	L-41	Will the Government accept the Contractor's Excel Pricing Model (EPM) as the Offeror's Pricing Model?	<i>Yes, but the Offeror must specifically state that the EPM is their OPM in Part 3 of the Cost Volume.</i>
24	Provision L.18.A.g. & A.h.	L-17	Section L.18.A.1.g is asking to provide Names, telephone number, and email address of at least two persons knowledgeable with their performance on that contract. Section L.18.A.1.h. is asking for the Name of the Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer's Technical Representative for any Government Contract. We assume that these two requirements can be combined for Government references and that we do not have to provide four separate points of contact.	<i>That is correct.</i>
25	Provision L.17 TA2	L-15	We recommend the Government remove the requirement for TA 2 Technical Scenario: NASA adopts industry standard ANSI/NCSL Z540.3 for the calibration of measuring and test equipment. Fully describe how you would prepare the Calibration Laboratory for compliance and accreditation audits by Government and third-party Z540.3 accreditation. The incumbent has been working on this requirement under the current TIALS contract. The work they accomplished under the current contract will give the incumbent and/or the team the incumbent joins a distinct technical and pricing advantage for this Technical Scenario.	<i>This requirement will not be removed. Although an incumbent Contractor always has an advantage when submitting an offer on a follow-on contract, the successful Offeror must be able to show that they are capable of performing this scenario.</i>
26	Attachment V: Incumbent Labor With Seniority Dates Attachment W - Incumbent Labor Demographics		a. There are numerous labor classifications that are identified as Exempt, however the job category or title would infer they are hourly labor categories. Please confirm that all labor classification designated as Exempt on the referenced attachments qualify for an Exemption under the guidelines of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). b. It appears numerous labor categories identified as non-	<i>All labor classifications identified as Exempt in Attachments V and W are exempt classifications for the incumbent contractor's workforce.</i> <i>There are no conformed job titles/rates.</i>

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			<p>exempt have been conformed. Please provide the labor category to which the identified categories were conformed.</p> <p>c. Can the Government provide position or job descriptions for the exempt labor categories listed in the referenced attachments?</p> <p>d. There are Detailed Title Codes provided in attachment V that do not cross reference to Attachment W Job Classifications. Please cross reference the Attachment W Job classifications to the Detailed Title Codes provided in Attachment V.</p> <p>e. There is an Exempt Freight Traffic Specialist labor category listed in Attachment V, no such category is identified in Attachment W. Is there a Freight Traffic Specialist labor category in the Freight Traffic function?</p> <p>f. There is one Library Technician listed in Attachment V, and 2.1 Library Technicians listed in Attachment W. How many Library Technicians are on the project?</p> <p>g. There are eight (8) Logistics VIII positions listed in Attachment V, and seven (7) Logistics VIII positions listed in Attachment W. How many Logistics VIII positions are on the project?</p>	<p><i>The Government will not provide position or job descriptions for the exempt labor categories.</i></p> <p><i>Neither Attachment V nor Attachment W lists the number of employees needed. They provide information about the incumbent contractor staff for information purposes only. They provide different information and there is no direct one-to-one correlation between the two attachments.</i></p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>
27	Attachment V: Incumbent Labor With Seniority Dates		Please confirm employment dates provided in attachment V are for the TIALS contract or whether they are associated with the personnel.	<i>The seniority dates provided in Attachment V are associated with the personnel, not with the current TIALS contract.</i>
28	Provision L.17, A. Technical Approach, TA1 Technical Requirements, b.	L-14	As part of the Government’s reference library for the TIALS contract, may we have access, prior to contract award, to copies of the GRC work instructions published and implemented for the Center’s ISO 9001 certification. Having this documentation available will help us prepare a proposal that is more effective for, and responsive to the needs of the Government.	<i>Any access to GRC work instructions, etc., which the Center is able to provide prior to award has been made available in Section C, Appendix A.</i>
28	Provision L.18 C	L-18	Will the Government accept CPARs in lieu of a questionnaire?	<i>As stated in Provision M.2, C on page M-6, The Government will evaluate the information provided in Volume II Past Performance, client</i>

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				<i>questionnaires, and one-on-one discussion with cognizant contract managers, the Government's past performance databases, and other sources available to the Government for both prime and subcontractors. CPARS is a Government past performance database and is not a substitute for a past performance questionnaire.</i>
29	Provision L.16	L-13	The government states, "The Government will use Microsoft Office Word 2010 and Microsoft Office Excel 2010 in its evaluation. " Given the contents of Volume IV - Offer, will the government accept PDF files in this volume?	<i>No.</i>
30	Provisions L.15 & L.16	L-12&13	The government discusses the requirement to submit hard and electronic copies of the proposal, but does not define the number of copies in each format that are required. Will the government please define the number of hard and electronic copies to be submitted to the government?	<i>See the first sentence of Provision L.16 on page L-13.</i>
31	Provision L.10	L-9	In part d of this section, the government states, "The offeror shall require all service subcontractors (1) with proposed cost reimbursement or non-competitive fixed-price type subcontracts having a total potential value in excess of \$500,000 and (2) the cumulative value of all their service subcontracts under the proposed prime contract in excess of 10 percent of the prime contract's total potential value, provide as part of their proposals the information identified in (a) through (c) of this provision." Given the page count requirement for the Mission Suitability volume, this could be very cumbersome. Will the government exclude the compensation plan requirement from the page count for this volume?	<i>The compensation plan requirement is not excluded from the page count for Volume I.</i>
32	Section C.6.0	C-67	The draft solicitation did not address specific Methods 5 and 6. What justification was used to specify Method 5 and 6 when other method are acceptable in the NCSL International Handbook for the Application of ANSI/NCSL Z540.3-2006 – Requirements for the Calibration of Measuring and Test Equipment? Will the government allow waivers to use the other methods?	<i>The Government is not required to justify its minimum requirements. During performance of the contract the successful Offeror will be required to comply with the requirements listed in Section C.</i>
33	Section C.6.1	C-69	Does the GCL have a vehicle assigned to deliver MTE or to carry equipment to perform on-site calibrations?	<i>Center Transportation is part of the TIALS-2 contract and is covered under Section C.1.4. The</i>

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				<i>vehicles available to the TIALS-2 Contractor are listed in Attachment B.</i>
34	Clause F.2	F-1	Section L states that the phase-in is 45 calendar days; however, Section F.2 states that the phase-in is 60 days. Please advise on the correct number of days for the phase-in.	<i>Section F states that the phase-in period shall not exceed sixty (60) days ending on April 30, 2015. Section L asks that a forty-five (45) day phase-in period be used in the proposal. Forty-five days does not exceed sixty days. The actual length of the phase-in will depend on when the contract is awarded.</i>
35	Clause 52.204-4	I-1	The Government states that we must print double sided. Do these blank pages in the front matter (i.e., after the title page and after the TOC) count toward the page count?	<i>The Section I clauses apply to the contract, not the proposal. However, we would prefer that the proposal be printed double-sided. Provision L-8 states that title pages and tables of contents are excluded from the page count, therefore blank pages in these areas will not count toward the page count.</i>
36	Provision L.2.d	L-4	How many days shall the offerors' proposals be valid?	<i>Per provision L.20 on page L-35, 210 days. There is an error on page 1 of the RFP, block 12 should state see Provision L.20 rather than L.15.</i>
37	Provision L.4	L-6	In which volume shall the offeror include this information (i.e., Volume III: Cost/Price)?	<i>In Volume IV – Offer.</i>
38	Provision L.9.a	L-8	To confirm, the Government is not looking for us to include a complete draft of the entire safety and health plan, which is due 30 days after the date of award, correct?	<i>That is correct. See Provision L.17, TAI.e on page L-15.</i>
39	Provision L.10.a	L-9	"The total compensation plan includes cost/price information, particularly with regard to salaries and benefits. To confirm, this is permissible in Volume I: Mission Suitability? To provide the Government with the most complete total compensation plan, may we submit this information as an attachment to Volume I: Mission Suitability, given the limited page count?"	<i>Yes, this is permissible in Volume I. Detailed information regarding labor rates and salaries is provided as part of Volume III – Cost/Price. The description of salary ranges, fringe benefits, etc. which make up the total compensation plan is provided as part of Volume I – Mission Suitability. That is included in the Volume I page count.</i>
40	Provision L.10.d	L-9	"Shall all major subcontractors include this information within their sealed Volume III: Cost/Price proposals submitted directly to the Government? Are minor subcontractors required to submit this information?"	<i>The subcontractors who fit the requirements of paragraph d of this provision are required to submit this information. They can do so in a sealed package either with another portion of their proposal (e.g. Volume III) or separately. If submitting them directly to the Government it is</i>

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				<i>important that they identify clearly which Prime their proposal goes with. They can also provide the sealed information to their Prime, who can submit it directly to the Government along with the Prime's proposal.</i>
41	Provision L.12	L-10	In which volume shall the offeror include this information (i.e., Volume I: Mission Suitability)?	<i>Per Provision L.20 on page L-35, in Volume IV – Offer.</i>
42	Provision L.13	L-11	In which volume shall the offeror include this information (i.e., Volume I: Mission Suitability)?	<i>With the information required by Provision L.12 in Volume IV – Offer.</i>
43	Provision L.13	L-11	Will the Government please provide the offerors with a historical approximation of this cost?	<i>This is a standard regulatory clause which is used whether property will be provided to a contractor off-site or on-site. Since all of the property listed in Attachment B is already here on-site and available for use there is no cost for transportation and installation of the property.</i>
44	Provision L.15.b	L-12	When using the term folder, does the Government mean that we shall create a folder for each volume on the CD-ROM?	<i>No. Typically each volume of a proposal is submitted on a separate CD. When sending in the proposal the electronic copies of the four volumes should be put in a folder separate from the hard copies of the four volumes. All of the CDs can be in one folder but they should be clearly labeled.</i>
45	Provision L.15.b	L-13	<p>“Where necessary, a cross-reference sheet to other volumes shall be included. Tab indexing shall be used to identify sections.”</p> <p>Is this cross-reference sheet to other volumes synonymous as a compliance matrix? Does it count toward the page limitation? Shall we include one in each volume?</p> <p>To clarify, the tabs do not count toward the page limitation, correct?</p>	<i>A cross-reference sheet is not synonymous with a compliance matrix. A compliance matrix would refer to the requirements of the RFP. A cross-reference, if deemed necessary by the Offeror, would refer to additional or related information in another volume of the proposal. That sheet should be included with the table of contents and does not count toward the page limitation. Tabs used to identify sections, provided they are otherwise blank, do not count towards the page limitations.</i>
46	Provision L.16	L-13	"To clarify, the offeror must submit one CD with all of the volumes?	<i>No, the offeror must submit one electronic copy of all of the volumes. Each volume can be on a separate CD. Also, Provision L.19.k on page L-20 allows Volume III to be provided on a Flash Drive or a CD and requires a backup electronic copy regardless of format.</i>

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			<p>To clarify, the offeror must submit one copy of each volume in hard copy?"</p> <p>"Are Adobe PDFs acceptable for the narrative portions of the proposal created in Microsoft Word?"</p> <p>Does the Government prefer the offeror to place uneditable pictures of the completed price templates within the MS Word file, or is it acceptable to simply refer the Government to our native Excel file where appropriate, as this will create very large files that are slow to load and scroll through during proposal evaluation?"</p>	<p><i>Yes, the Offeror must submit one hard copy of each volume.</i></p> <p><i>No.</i></p> <p><i>See Provision L.19.k on page L-20.</i></p>
47	Provision L.17	L-14	<p>Is this matrix the same as the cross-reference sheet mentioned in L.15.b? If so, may we include one collective matrix that cross-references to the solicitation to each volume? Does it count toward the page count?</p>	<p><i>A cross-reference sheet is not synonymous with a compliance matrix. A compliance matrix would refer to the requirements of the RFP. A cross-reference, if deemed necessary by the Offeror, would refer to additional or related information in another volume of the proposal. Include the matrix with the table of contents, which does not count toward the page limitation.</i></p>
48	Provision L.17.MP1.f	L-15	<p>Because this is a small business set-aside, small businesses are not required to provide a small business subcontracting plan. Does the Government still expect small businesses to further subcontract out work on this contract to each of these types of small businesses?</p>	<p><i>The Government expects that the Contractor will ensure maximum utilization of small businesses when purchasing or subcontracting, including the following small business subcategories - SDB, HUBzone, VOSB, SDVOSB, and WOSB concerns. There is no requirement to subcontract.</i></p>
49	Provision L.18.A Provision L.19.J	L-17 L-20	<p>Please clarify the amount for major and minor subcontractors, as the solicitation appears to give two figures (i.e., \$25 M and \$20 M).</p>	<p><i>The solicitation does give two figures as each applies to a different volume of the proposal and sets the definition of major and minor subcontractor for that volume.</i></p>
50	Provision L.18.A.1	L-17	<p>How many past performances references is the offeror permitted to submit? Is the Government looking for an actual list of past performance references in addition to individual write-ups?</p>	<p><i>The Offeror may submit as many Government and/or commercial contracts, subcontracts, or projects relevant in scope and size to this anticipated effort over the prior five years as it has. The write-ups of information responding to Provision L.18.A.1.a through l would be part of the list.</i></p>

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51	Provision L.18.C	L-18	To confirm, only the past performance questionnaire is due to the Government on 10/30/2014, not the 50-page past performance volume as well, correct?	<i>That is correct.</i>
52	Provision L.19.d	L-19	Must all subcontractors (major and minor) submit a sealed cost volume to the Government?	<i>No, further reading of Provision L.19 in its entirety indicates that only major subcontractors must submit a sealed cost volume to the Government.</i>
53	Provision L.19.h	L-20	Because this is a small business set-aside, CAS does not apply, correct?	<i>No.</i>
54	Provision L.19.k	L-20	"The Government mentions hard copies. Please define how many hard copies of each volume and how many CDs are required. To confirm, Adobe PDF files are not acceptable formats for the narrative portion of the Cost/Price volume? The Government states that all electronic files must be searchable and will not contain scanned documents. Does this mean that we can simply refer to our native Excel file, rather than cutting and pasting a picture of the completed template into the Word file, which will create a cumbersome and large file?"	<i>One hard copy of each volume per Provision L.16. One electronic copy of Volumes I, II, and IV and two electronic copies of Volume II, one of which is a backup copy and which is to be clearly marked as such. Adobe PDF files are not acceptable formats for the narrative portion of any volume. The proposal will contain both Word and Excel files.</i>
55	Provision L.19.m and n	L-21	"To confirm, the prime contractor is not required to have a DCAA-approved accounting system prior to proposal submission, correct? To confirm, only the prime contractor is required to have its accounting system reviewed by a third-party accounting firm in lieu of a formal Government audit, correct? Must each subcontractor, regardless of size (major/minor), have either (a) a DCAA-approved accounting system, or (b) a third-party audit of its accounting system prior to proposal submission? "	<i>That is correct but they must have a Government-approved accounting system before contract award. No. The Prime Contractor is not required to have its accounting system reviewed by a third-party accounting firm in lieu of a formal Government audit. The Prime Contractor is permitted to have its accounting system audited by a third-party CPA in lieu of a Government audit. Subcontractors, regardless of size, who will receive a cost-reimbursement type contract from the Prime must have either a Government-approved accounting system or a third-party CPA audit of its accounting system prior to the award of the contract to the Prime.</i>
56	Provision L.19, Cost Volume Part 3 – Offeror’s	L-33	The Government has asked for Cost Volume Parts 3 and 4 to be included in a separate binder. If, however, "submission of	<i>The Government has not asked for Cost Volume Parts 3 and 4 to be included in a separate binder.</i>

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	Pricing Model (OPM)		scanned documents inserted into document applications such as Adobe PDF or MS Word DOC files is prohibited, for what is the Government looking to appear in this binder, as all of this information will be included in our native Excel file. Suggest allowing the Offeror to submit one consolidated cost/price volume, complete with all of the sections.	
57	Provision L.19, Part 1, Section 3, n	L-27	We have not been successful in opening NASA Form 634. Please provide the form.	<i>As no NASA Form 634 was provided with the RFP the Government is unsure of what it is you have been unable to open. We are unable to provide a link to the form at this time. Information about its use can be found in the NASA FAR Supplement. It is similar to the Weighted Guidelines approach used by DoD. It is not required that an offeror use NASA Form 634.</i>
58	Provision L-19, Cost Volume-Part 4 Basis of Estimate (BOE) paragraphs f and g	L-34	These items appear to be duplicative. Please advise.	<i>Paragraph f deals with materials costs and paragraph g deals with subcontractor costs.</i>
59	Provision M.2.B.TA1	M-3	In the questions and answers to the draft RFP, the Government noted that the first level of the SOW (i.e., 1.0) is considered a work area; the second level of the SOW (i.e., 1.1) is the task area; and the third level (i.e., SOW 1.1.1) is the subtask area. Does this still apply to the final solicitation? In other words, are the offerors required to provide a high-level technical solution only to the second level of the SOW in TA1, given the limited number of pages allocated to Volume I: Mission Suitability?	<i>Yes.</i>
60	Provision M.2.C	M-5	In the questions and answers on the draft RFP, the Government stated that TIALS is not an IDIQ contract, there are no Task Orders, yet in the past performance sections, we are being evaluated on our previous performance managing task orders. Is this relevant?	<i>It is relevant if the past performance information submitted or obtained deals with a contracts which had task orders. In such a case task order administration would have been part of the overall contract management for that contract.</i>
61	Attachment F		Request the Government to provide contact date for CBA questions regarding correct interpretation and currency of some CBA Articles. Request the Government provide definitions for level of	<i>No further information will be provided with regard to the CBA.</i>

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No.	Section	Page	Question/Comment	Answer
			qualifications, experience, task areas for the CBA wage categories of Logistics V, VI, VII and VIII.	
62			In the questions and answers on the draft RFP, the Government stated that the offeror would be permitted to include an executive summary in Volume IV: Offer. Does this still apply?	<i>Yes.</i>
63			Is the use of hyperlinks permitted?	<i>No.</i>