

Revised Government responses to questions received in response to Draft Solicitation No. NNG14490137R, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) III—January 13, 2015

Revisions to DRFP documents noted in “Government Response” will be included in the Final RFP documents when posted.

Industry Question	Government Response
<p>10. RFP Section: L.29.2.h Topic: Commercial Rocket Motors and Flight Termination System</p> <p>Question: In light of the in-process merger between Orbital and ATK, what steps will the government take to ensure all offerors are able to obtain competitive quotes if it is determined that Oriole rocket motors are required?</p>	<p><u>Initial response:</u> NASA’s solicitation and related requirements documents contemplate adequate competition. They do not mandate specific brands/models of rocket motors as requirements. NASA is not currently aware of any issue that would preclude a fair competitive environment in response to the solicitation.</p> <p><u>Revised response:</u> Although NASA’s initial response remains accurate, after additional consideration regarding contract structure and the actual coordinated approach used under the NSROC contract for selecting appropriate rocket motors and flight termination system ordnance for each mission, the Government has determined that it is in its best interest to include these items as NonProposed Costs in the NSROC III solicitation.</p> <p><u>Revision to DRFP documents:</u> Clause GSFC 52.216-94, NonProposed Costs, table revised to include Commercial Rocket Motors and Flight Termination System Ordnance items. In addition, narrative paragraphs describing these items added at the end of clause section (a).</p> <p>Provision GSFC 52.215-210 Mission Suitability Proposal Instructions, Section 3, Mission Suitability Instructions by Subfactor, Subfactor B – Technical Approach, paragraph 1, in its entirety.</p> <p>Provision GSFC 52.215-221 Cost Volume Instructions, Section 2(a), last paragraph, added sentence: “Nonproposed costs are already included in the cost exhibits where their inclusion is necessary and need not be included by the Offeror in any other exhibit.”</p> <p>Provision L.29, GSFC 52.215-221, Cost Volume Instructions, Section 2(h) is deleted in its entirety and marked as “Exhibit 6 is Reserved.”</p> <p>Provision GSFC 52.215-310, Mission Suitability Subfactors and Description of Each Subfactor, Subfactor B – Technical Approach, paragraph 1, revised in its entirety.</p> <p>Cost Exhibit 6A and 6B, Commercial Rocket Motors and Flight Termination System Commercial Ordnance Package, deleted in their entirety [included as</p>

	NonProposed Costs in Cost Exhibits 2A through 2L where appropriate.]
<p>43. DRFP Reference: L.29.2.h Commercial Rocket Motors and Flight Termination System Costs</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Given the merger (underway) between ATK and OSC, and given that ATK is a motor supplier, requesting commercial motor pricing 1) may create an OCI for unbiased commercial motor supply; 2) may create an unfair advantage for the incumbent in obtaining special pricing not available to other bidders; and 3) there is no assurance that ATK will even cooperate and provide prices.</p> <p><u>Question:</u> Given the ongoing merger between OSC and ATK, will the government consider removing the requirement for commercial motor pricing from the cost evaluation or take other measures to assure all competitors receive fair pricing?</p>	See revised response to item 10.