

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

Industry Question	Government Response
<p>1. L.25(b)(1); Page 96 (Page Limitation Table) and L.28 3. Subfactor A/Page 103;/Para 3</p> <p>The page limitations table lists “Position Qualifications” as excluded from Volume II page limitation.</p> <p>Please confirm this refers to the contents of the 2nd paragraph on RFP page 103 that starts “The Offeror shall describe the positions considered critical to meet the requirements of the contract.”</p>	<p>Confirmed.</p>
<p>2. Section B.5/Page 5 GSFC 52.216-94 Non Proposed Costs. (FEB 1991)</p> <p>Question: This table lists estimated costs for non-proposed costs. For all items except Flight Termination Systems the amounts escalate from year to year. From GFY 2017 to GFY 2018 the amount for Flight Termination Systems declines from \$1,746,581 to \$1,390,547 respectively. What causes this decline?</p>	<p>In accordance with Attachment A, Statement of Work, Table 3, NSROC III Contract Baseline Mission Model, the number of Flight Termination Systems needed for GFY2017 is 9 and the number of Flight Termination Systems needed for GFY2018 is 8. The decline in the non-proposed cost for Flight Termination Systems from \$1,746,581 in GFY2017 to \$1,390,547 in GFY2018 accounts for the reduction in the number of flight termination systems required in GFY2018.</p>
<p>3. Cover Letter and SF 33 Due Date</p> <p>Question: Please clarify the correct due date and time. The due date stated on the cover letter is February 27, 2014 and the due date stated on the SF 33 is March 2.</p>	<p>The due date for proposals is March 2, 2015.</p>
<p>4. Section L.25.b.1 and L.30.a</p> <p>Question: Changes to the final RFP include the removal of 'customer evaluations' from the table at L.25.b.1, pg. 96. however, L.30.a, pg.114, requires 'Recent customer evaluations of past performance including Award Fee Evaluation results, Fee Determination Official letters, Annual Performance Evaluation Forms, etc. (Excluded from the page limitation). Please confirm that customer evaluations are excluded from page count.</p>	<p>Confirmed. The “customer evaluations” deleted from the page limitation table at L.25.b.1 GSFC 52.215-201, Proposal Preparation—General Instructions, page 96, would have been those in response to customer questionnaires if those had been required in response to this solicitation. The “customer evaluations” referenced in L.30 GSFC 52.215-230, Past Performance Volume, page 114, shall be provided on all past/current contract references that meet the criteria for the Prime Offeror and each significant subcontractor.</p>
<p>5. Section L.29/Page 109 – Cost Exhibit 2L</p> <p>Question: This section states: “Exhibit 2L shows the Direct Labor Hourly Rates for each individual labor category by onsite versus offsite, Regular versus Overtime Premium, and GFY. A separately identified and labeled Exhibit 2L shall be submitted for each individual GFY from the Prime Offeror and each individual Significant Subcontractor.”</p> <p>Since the Exhibit only presents labor rate information, not extended cost amounts, what should be reflected in the “Total” column?</p>	<p>The “TOTAL” column in Cost Exhibit 2L should be left blank.</p>

<p>6. Section L.29/Page 112 – paragraphs o) and p) Cost Exhibits 13 and 14</p> <p>Question: These paragraphs state: “This exhibit also shows the conversion of the overhead [G&A] rate from the Contractor Fiscal Year to GFY.”</p> <p>The conversion of OH and G&A rates from Contractor Fiscal Year to GFY is addressed in Exhibit 3. Since Exhibits 13 and 14 do not have a designated place for these conversions, is it acceptable to present this information in Exhibit 3 only? If not, is it acceptable for Offerors to modify Exhibits 13 and 14 to add a place to show these conversions?</p>	<p>The conversion of overhead and G&A rates from Contractor Fiscal Year to Government Fiscal Year (GFY) may be presented in Exhibit 3 only.</p>
<p>7. Page 3 of the NSROC III solicitation Cover Letter states, “Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be due no later than February 27, 2015 at 3:00pm ET.”</p> <p>However, Standard Form 33, Block 9 states, “Sealed offers in See Section L for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in See Section L until 3:00 local time 3/2/2105</p> <p>Question: Would the government please confirm whether the due date for NSROC III, Prime Contractor Proposals is February 27, 2015 at 3:00pm ET or at 3pm local time on 3/2/15?</p>	<p>See response to item 3 above.</p>
<p>8. Article 5, paragraph 1, of the <u>Agreement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway for Cooperation in the Civil Uses of Outer Space</u>, last signed on October 20, 2000 (“Norwegian-USA 2000 MOU”), provides for “free customs clearance and waiver of all applicable duties and taxes for equipment and related goods . . .” This provision provides for Norwegian tax relief for goods. The Norwegian-USA 2000 MOU does not provide Norwegian tax relief in reference to the performance of services. Since the solicitation requires launches in Andoya, Norway, please provide offerors additional details to enable accurate estimating of tax liabilities.</p> <p>A. Will the Norwegian-USA MOU that is applicable to the NSROC III effort include a provision that provides Norwegian tax relief in reference to the performance of services? If it will, will you provide it to all offerors.</p> <p>B. Does the Norwegian-USA MOU that is applicable to the NSROC II effort include a provision that provides Norwegian tax relief in reference to the performance of services? If it does, will you provide it to all offerors.</p> <p>C. Assuming that the Norwegian-USA MOU for the NSROC III has not been drafted, but that the Norwegian-USA MOU that is applicable to the</p>	<p>The NSROC III Contractor will not be responsible for tax liabilities in relation to launch range services in a foreign country. NASA coordinates shipping to the foreign range, and NASA holds the MOU and the contract with the foreign launch range, thus incurring any tax liabilities that may or may not be levied.</p>

<p>NSROC II effort includes a provision that provides Norwegian tax relief in reference to the performance of services, can we expect a similar provision in the Norwegian-USA MOU that is applicable to the NSROC III effort.</p>	
<p>9. It is our understanding that the Australian-USA NSROC III MOU has not been drafted nor executed, but that there will be an Australian-USA NSROC III MOU. Can you provide its pricing provision and/or tax provision? Can we assume that it will include a provision that provides Australian tax relief in reference to the performance of services if you cannot provide its pricing provision and/or tax provision?</p>	<p>See response to item 8 above.</p>
<p>10. If it is to be determined if the applicable NSROC III MOUs will included a provision that provides tax relief in reference to the performance of services, what is the probability that a provision similar to the following will be included in these MOUs: “In accordance with its laws and regulations, each Party shall arrange for waiver of all applicable taxes and levies on the services required to be performed by the other Party’s representatives within the first Party’s territories when carry out activities under implementing arrangements established under this Agreement.”</p>	<p>See response to item 8 above.</p>
<p>11. Reference: Technical Library Will the government please provide the SRPO and NSROC presentations provided for the January 2015 meeting of the Sounding Rocket Working Group?</p>	<p>This information is provided in the file entitled, “Sounding Rocket Working Group – January 2015 FinalRedact” on the NSROC III ITAR Documents Disc 2.</p>
<p>12. The instruction in SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD, Standard Form 33, Field 9 states: “ Sealed offers in See Section L for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in See Section L until 3:00 local time 3/2/2015.” The solicitation Cover Letter states: “Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be due no later than February 27, 2015 at 3 pm ET.” Question: Will the proposal delivery deadline be on 3/2/2015?</p>	<p>See response to item 3 above.</p>
<p>13. Attachment A, Statement of Work, Page 49 Non-recurring DRPA Work Order N2 lists the work order name as “NASA Owned Exo-Atmospheric Rocket Motor Procurement.” The work order scope identifies the procurement for a sustainer, not an exo-atmospheric rocket motor. Question: Please confirm NASA intends this to be a sustainer procurement task. Question: Please identify the quantity of motors to be procured.</p>	<p>Attachment A, Statement of Work, Section 2.3, Table 6, NSROC III Contract Baseline DRFPA Model, Non-Recurring DRPA Work Order Number N2 will be revised as described below. The Non-Recurring DRPA Work Order N2 is intended to be a NASA owned exo-atmospheric rocket motor development and prototype procurement support effort, and is not a NASA owned sustainer procurement task. The N2 work order in Attachment A, Statement of Work, Table 6, NSROC III Contract Baseline DRPA Model will be reworded as follows:</p>

<p>Question: Are the costs for these motors included in the non-proposed costs?</p>	<p>Number: N2 Core Category: Technical Work Order Name: NASA Owned Exo-Atmospheric Rocket Motor Development Support and Prototype Procurement Support Category: D Work Order Scope: Support NASA with the development of a NASA owned exo-atmospheric rocket motor that is based on the design of the existing NASA owned sustainer rocket motor. Development support (FY17) may include, but is not limited to, defining requirements, defining interfaces, performing engineering analyses, design launcher interface hardware and motor tailcan, participate in weekly development meetings with NASA personnel, support milestone development and design reviews, etc. Prototype procurement support (FY20) may include, but is not limited to, creation and management of sub-contract(s) for the manufacture and assembly of two prototype propulsion units (including motor case, igniter, propellant casting, aft closure, insulation, liner, nozzle, and exit cone) and one additional motor case for hydro-proof testing. Delivery of the prototype motors will occur after the period of performance of the NSROC III contract has ended.</p> <p>Work Order Time-Phasing: The work order will occur in FY17 and FY20 as indicated. FY17 activities include rocket motor development support and FY20 activities include prototype rocket motor procurement support</p> <p>The quantity of prototype exo-atmospheric motors to be procured in GFY20 is two – one for static test and one for flight test with an additional motor case for hydro-proof testing. The prototype motors will be received and tested after the period of performance of the NSROC III contract has ended.</p> <p>Solicitation Clause B.5, GSFC 52.216-94, NonProposed Costs, section (a), Commercial Rocket Motors, will be revised as follows:</p> <p>FROM: Costs for sustainer and exo-atmospheric rocket motors along with igniter, fins, tailcans, interstages, and launcher interface hardware. Reference SOW 2.1.1.6. CY1 (FY16) assumption is 7 sustainer motors purchased, 9 exo-atmospheric motors purchased, and the remaining 5 sustainers available as Installation Accountable Government Property (IAGP) from the NSROC II contract. CY2 (FY17) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased. CY3 (FY18) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased. CY4 (FY19) assumption is 12</p>
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	<p>sustainers purchased. CY5 (FY20) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased.</p> <p>TO: Costs for sustainer and exo-atmospheric rocket motors along with igniter, fins, tailcans, interstages, and launcher interface hardware. Reference SOW 2.1.1.6. CY1 (FY16) assumption is 7 sustainer motors purchased, 9 exo-atmospheric motors purchased, and the remaining 5 sustainers available as Installation Accountable Government Property (IAGP) from the NSROC II contract. CY2 (FY17) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased. CY3 (FY18) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased. CY4 (FY19) assumption is 12 sustainers purchased. CY5 (FY20) assumption is 6 sustainers purchased and 2 prototype NASA owned exo-atmospheric motors (Reference SOW Table 6 NSROC III Contract Baseline DRPA Model, Number N2).</p> <p>An Amendment to the solicitation implementing these identified changes will be executed by February 18, 2015.</p>
<p>14. L.29(l); Page 123 (Phase-In Plan) and Cost Exhibit Worksheet</p> <p>Question: Within the cost exhibits file, the tab labeled “Exhibit 10 Phase-In” opens referencing Columns E-H - Exhibit 10A, Phase-In Costs and 10B, Direct Labor Phase-In Costs. With the template in full view, it also includes Columns A-D referencing Exhibit 12, Phase-In Costs and Exhibit 20A, Direct Labor Phase-In Costs. Please confirm that columns A-D are in error and can be deleted.</p>	<p>Confirmed. The Cost Exhibit spreadsheet will be revised accordingly. An Amendment to the solicitation implementing this identified change will be executed by February 18, 2015.</p>
<p>15. RFP Section L (a) Proposal Format and Organization, Item (5) [includes the following ...] “The proposal shall include a matrix showing where in the proposal the technical requirements of the SOW and the evaluation criteria of this RFP are satisfied.”</p> <p>Question: There is no comprehensive response to the Statement of Work. Does the Government mean Section L (instructions) and the evaluation criteria (Section M) of this RFP.</p>	<p>Although the RFP does not require a comprehensive response to the Statement of Work, various elements in solicitation provision L.28, GSFC 52.215-210, Mission Suitability Proposal Instructions, Section 3, Mission Suitability Instruction by Subfactor, require descriptions of how the Offeror will satisfy specific SOW requirements, or provide other information in accordance with specified SOW Sections.</p> <p>The evaluation criteria are set forth in solicitation provisions L.28, GSFC 52.215-210, Mission Suitability Proposal Instructions, L.29, GSFC 52.215-221, Cost Volume Instructions, and L.30, GSFC 52.215-230, Past Performance Volume.</p> <p>The matrix required in Solicitation provision L.25, GSFC 52.215-201, Proposal Preparation—General Instructions, shall show where in the proposal the SOW technical requirements and RFP evaluation criteria are satisfied.</p>
<p>16. Confirm that a subcontractor company which certifies as a Minority Institution (MI) would count</p>	<p>Confirmed. Solicitation provision L.28, GSFC 52.215-210, Mission Suitability Proposal Instructions, Section</p>

<p>toward the NSROC III RFP goal for “HBCU” (Reference: Page 105, RFP Section 3 Subfactor C (a) (2) Small Business.</p>	<p>3, Mission Suitability Instructions by Subfactor, Subfactor C—Small Business Utilization, fourth row in the table at (a)(2), will be revised from “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)” to “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) / Minority Institutions (MI)”</p> <p>An Amendment to the solicitation implementing this identified change will be executed by February 18, 2015.</p>
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