



January 16, 2015

Reply to Attn of: 210.I

TO: All Prospective Offerors

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) NNG14490137R, NASA Sounding Rocket  
Operations Contract III (NSROC III)

You are invited to submit a proposal in response to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)/Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) NSROC III solicitation.

The NSROC III requirement consists of services in support of NASA's Sounding Rockets Program (NSRP) and will serve as the principal mechanism for implementing the NSRP. The NSROC III Contractor shall manage and be responsible for providing all associated services and supplies (except those provided as Government Furnished Property, such as military surplus rocket motors). As such, the Contractor shall design, fabricate, integrate, and perform flight qualification testing of sub-orbital payloads, provide launch vehicles and associated hardware, and provide services associated with subsequent mission launch operations. The NSROC III Contractor will conduct an estimated 18 launches per year throughout the Period of Performance (base two year period of performance, one two-year option and one one-year option).

The Contractor shall also be responsible for the operation and maintenance of facilities associated with implementation of the NSRP including technical laboratories, fabrication, environmental testing, and explosives storage. Using NSRP equipment and facilities, the NSROC Contractor shall also be responsible for providing general services that may not be directly related to implementation of the NSRP such as: fabrication of mechanical, structural, electrical, and electronic hardware; environmental testing of flight and ground support hardware and systems; and a broad range of technical activities such as engineering studies, system and subsystem development, drafting and technician services, environmental studies, and education and public outreach services.

This acquisition will be conducted as a full and open competition. The North American Industry Classifications System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 541330 and the small business size standard is \$35.5M. The NASA point of contact for Small Business concerns related to this procurement is Mr. Gilberto DelValle on (301) 286-8136.

This competitive procurement will result in a Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF) contract with Technical Performance Incentives. The contract will have a total potential period of performance of five years (a base two-year period and one two-year option period and one one-year option period). The anticipated contract award date is August 1, 2015 with

an October 1, 2015 contract effective date. Phase-In will be conducted, under a separate contract or purchase order, during the 60-day period prior to the effective date of the contract.

The services to be performed under this contract shall be performed at the following location(s):

- (1) NASA/Goddard Space Flight Facility/Wallops Flight Facility/Wallops Island, Virginia
- (2) White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, New Mexico
- (3) Remote launch sites including Poker Flat Research Range in Fairbanks, Alaska (PFRR) and Andoya Rocket Range in Andenes, Norway (ARR)
- (4) Mobile launch sites including Reagan Test Site in Kwajalein Atoll and Woomera Test Range in Woomera, Australia.

The Government will make available existing Installation-Accountable Government Property (IAGP) for onsite contract performance.

Please note, a Secret facilities clearance is required for this procurement in accordance with the DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification.

NASA GSFC/WFF appreciates the comments received in response to the release of the Draft RFP. These comments resulted in improvements to the quality and content of the overall RFP. Offerors should review the RFP in its entirety, as its content had changes from the Draft RFP version.

All documents related to this procurement, including this letter, the solicitation, attachments, exhibits, enclosures and any amendments will be obtainable electronically from the World Wide Web through the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) GSFC Business Opportunities website:

<https://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=51> .

Additional information can also be found in the NSROC III online Reference Library at: <https://foiaelibrary.gsfc.nasa.gov> .

Potential Offerors are requested to periodically monitor the websites for updates.

Offerors are encouraged to refer to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.215-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION, in particular paragraph (f)(4) which discusses the Government's right to award a contract without discussions.

This RFP does not commit NASA GSFC/WFF to pay any proposal preparation costs, nor does it obligate NASA GSFC/WFF to procure or contract for these services. This request shall not be construed as authorization to proceed with, or be paid for charges incurred by performing any of the work described in this solicitation.

Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be due no later than February 27, 2015 at 3:00 pm ET.

Below is a list of the Source Selection Authority (SSA) and voting members, along with their NASA GSFC/WFF organizational codes, for the Source Evaluation Board (SEB). The names provided are for information purposes only and, other than the Contracting Officer, Randy Belew, these individuals shall not be contacted regarding this procurement. The Government may change personnel associated with this acquisition at its discretion.

SSA

George Morrow, Code 400

Voting Members

Mark Cording, Code 548, SEB Chairperson  
Randy Belew, Code 210.I, Contracting Officer  
Giovanni Rosanova, Code 810  
Catherine Hesh, Code 810

Offerors are reminded that a "Blackout Notice" for this procurement was distributed to all GSFC/WFF personnel concurrently with the release of the Final RFP to Industry. Therefore, all communications pertaining to this procurement shall be directed only to the Contracting Officers listed below.

All questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to Mr. Randy J. Belew, Contracting Officer, at [randy.j.belew@nasa.gov](mailto:randy.j.belew@nasa.gov) on or before. The Government encourages you to submit any questions on or before February 13, 2015. Offerors are encouraged to submit questions as soon as possible for consideration.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to receiving your proposals.



Randy J. Belew  
Contracting Officer