

Aeronautics and Exploration Mission Modeling and Simulation (AEMMS)
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Questions and Answers
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- Q.1 What are the tools used for system analysis?
- A.1 *COBRA is the System Analysis Tool that will be used for system analysis. Please see Slide 28 of the Industry Day Presentation located at the NAIS and FBO websites for further details.*
- Q.2 How does NASA interface with US Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC)?
- A.2 *Periodically, NASA and the U.S. Army do collaborate. If Contractor support is required, then a task order would be issued under the contract to support the requirement.*
- Q.3 Has the Government thought about generalizing the Sample Tasks so that everyone is able to respond to them?
- A.3 *The Sample Tasks reflect requirements that could be requested under this contract award and provide potential Offerors the ability to demonstrate their understanding and approach to such requirements.*
- Q.4 Is the government willing to change the past performance questionnaire since it is currently so specific that many potential Offerors may not be able to respond to the relevancy?
- A.4 *The purpose of the past performance questionnaire is to obtain the relevant quantitative and qualitative aspects of each Offeror's record of performing services, or delivering products, similar in size, content, and complexity of the requirements of this solicitation as either a prime or Subcontractor. In the case of an Offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the Offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.*
- Q.5 Does Ames see any Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) issues in terms of lines crossing with other contracts that the Center has?
- A.5 *If the Offeror thinks it has an OCI issue when supporting the requirements under this award, then the Offeror needs to address the OCI issue in the Offeror's OCI Plan.*

Q.6 Are there any issues with Contractors partnering up with Universities and having students?

A.6 *The Government directs potential Offerors to review the solicitation specifically Sections L and M which require potential Offerors to address their Management and Technical Approach.*

Q.7 Is there a preference of having subcontractors or not?

A.7 *Since this is a small business set-aside, the prime contractor must perform 51% of the work. Again the Government directs potential Offerors to review the solicitation specifically Sections L and M which require potential Offerors to address their Management and Technical Approach.*

Q.8 Can the final RFP release date be changed in order to accommodate the holidays?

A.8 *The Government has changed the final RFP Release Date to January 2015. Any further updates will be posted on NAIS and FBO websites.*

Q.9 Would it be possible for industry to meet and speak with technical people?

A.9 *The Government held an Industry Day and One-on-One meetings which provided Industry an opportunity to ask any technical questions. Potential Offerors are encouraged to submit any additional questions no later than January 7, 2015.*

Q.10 When will the industry day charts be posted online?

A.10 *Industry day charts were posted on November 7, 2014.*

Q.11 Who is on the SEB/SEC?

A.11 *NASA Ames Research Center does not disclose SEB or SEC information.*

Q.12 What is the mission of the customer?

A.12 *Potential Offerors are directed to review the Statement of Work which outlines requirements of this contract. In addition, potential Offerors are directed to the Industry Day presentation which has been posted.*

Q.13 Given all the directorates, how do they interface with each other?

A.13 Each Directorate plays a very important role in supporting Ames Research Center's and the Agency's mission. The various directorates interface with each other on the multiple programs and projects being supported.

Q.14 How much is the IDIQ portion? How much is the Contract Management portion?

A.14 The minimum value of the IDIQ is \$100K and the maximum value is \$38M. The Contract Management value is dependent upon the Offeror's approach to Contract Management.

Q.15 Can an external company request to use the AEMMS contract from Ames?

A.15 The purpose of the AEMMS contract is to support Government requirements only.

Q.16 What are the major interfaces for this contract work?

A.16 The Contractor will interface with the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer Representative and the Task Requesters.

Q.17 Is NASA expecting any changes in the new AEMMS contract?

A.17 The SOW outlines the types of requirements that will be supported by this procurement. Task Orders will be issued that address in more detail the Government requirements that the Contractor will support.

Q.18 Does NASA expect any innovations in this new contract?

A.18 The Government is open to innovation and/or any ideas that aid in furthering its mission.

Q.19 What are your major products provided out of this requirement?

A.19 New advancements in Aeronautics and Space Exploration in accordance with Section 4.2 of the SOW requirements.

Q.20 Is the Government interested in purchasing any commercial software?

A.20 *The Government purchases the majority of commercial software through the NASA Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) contract. Any purchases under the AEMMS contract will only be made to support the Task Order requirements (see Clause H.10, Contractor Purchasing).*

Q.21 What is the contract type?

A.21 *The Government contemplates a single Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (CPFF) hybrid contract with a Phase-in Contract Line Item (CLIN), Contract Management CLINs and Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) CLINs resulting from this solicitation.*

Q.22 What are the existing key personnel supporting the current contract?

A.22 *All requests for information regarding the current contract must be submitted electronically to Lubna M. Shirazi at foia@arc.nasa.gov*

Q.23 Can a list of ODC's be shared so that Offerors can get an idea of what kinds of materials would need to be purchased for this contract?

A.23 *Potential Offerors are directed to Section H, Clause H.10, Contractor Purchasing. Materials purchased through the contractor will fluctuate based on Task Order requirements.*

Q.24 On the tool development side does the Government feel they may be interested in new innovations in some areas of the requirement?

A.24 *New tool development is driven by Task Order requirements.*

Q.25 Will large changes be made to the DRFP?

A.25 *The Government does not anticipate any major changes; however, potential Offerors should review the entire final RFP.*

- Q.26 Is it okay for Contractor employees to telecommute and/or work in remote locations other than Ames facility?
- A.26 *Telecommuting / working from a location other than NASA ARC depends on: 1) Task Order requirements; 2) Contractor's policy on telecommuting; 3) Contractor's ability to properly safeguard information; and 4) impact on quality of work, requirement schedule / milestones.*
- Q.27 Are there any special software that needs to be provided by the new Contractor?
- A.27 *The Government will provide all software necessary for the requirements. However, the Contractor may be required, by issuance of a Task Order, to develop software.*
- Q.28 What is the distinction between risk analysis in the Systems Analysis Office and the NAS?
- A.28 *The Engineering Risk Assessment Team consists of members from both the Systems Analysis Office and the NASA Advanced Supercomputing (NAS) Division. Therefore, there's no distinction between risk analysis in the Systems Analysis Office and NAS Division.*
- Q.29 Is Commercialization important to this requirement?
- A.29 *Commercialization work is not a significant part of this requirement, however, it may be included as long as it falls within the scope of the contract.*
- Q.30 What type of GAP analysis tools are used for this contract?
- A.30 *GAP analysis tools will not be used for this contract.*
- Q.31 Does Ames anticipate that this contract will help facilitate commercialization of some things?
- A.31 *Yes, See A.3 above.*
- Q.32 Is the government willing for the Contractor to work with business industry to create partnerships in terms of commercialization?
- A.32 *Unless a Task Order is issued for this purpose, the Contractor is not authorized to work with business industry to create partnerships in terms of commercialization.*