

Aeronautics and Exploration Mission Modeling and Simulation (AEMMS)

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Questions and Answers - Set 2

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Q.1 Reference Section L.7(b). The instructions allow Arial 10 point font for diagrams, graphics, charts, and photographs. Would the Government consider allowing Arial 10 point for tables as well?

A.1 The RFP will be amended to include tables in a size no smaller than 10 Arial point.

Q.2 Reference Volume I, Phase-in Plan and Volume III, Cost Proposal. Would the Government provide a notional start date for the contract to allow all Offerors to construct their cost models and Phase-in plans using the same timeline?

A.2 Offerors must submit a Phase-In Plan in accordance with RFP Sections:

B.1, Supplies and/or Services to be provided, paragraph (a);

F.2, Period of Performance, paragraph (a);

L.6, Proposal Preparation–General Instructions, paragraph (1);

L.7, Proposal Page Limitations, paragraph (a);

L.8, Proposal Preparation–Specific Instructions, paragraph (a) A.5; and

L.8, Proposal Preparation–Specific Instructions, paragraph (c) 3. Exhibit 17.

A contract award date of July 17, 2015, is currently anticipated; however, this date could change. Updates to the anticipated award date will be posted on the Procurement Acquisition Planning Tool (APT) located at: https://ec.msfc.nasa.gov/doing_business/index.php?apt

Q.3 Reference Attachment J.1(b)1, Estimated Staffing Matrix. Would the Government consider providing Offerors with an incumbent workforce composite average direct hourly labor rate? For contracts like AEMMS, it is typically in the best interest of the customer organization for the successful offeror to hire a critical mass of the incumbent workforce, due to the highly specialized nature of the scope of work and the unique skills/knowledge base the incumbent workforce brings to bear. In order to maintain a critical mass of incumbent employees in a highly competitive job market like the Silicon Valley area, it is imperative that the winning contractor offers compensation (base salary and benefits) to incumbent employees that is commensurate with their current compensation. If the winning contractor does not offer commensurate compensation to incumbent employees, it is highly likely that a significant number of the members of the incumbent workforce will obtain employment elsewhere at their first opportunity, most likely those who are the most talented and critical to AEMMS day-to-day operations.

A.3 An incumbent workforce composite average direct hourly labor rate will not be provided for this acquisition.

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