

1. Do you anticipate any changes to the overall scope of work --- beyond the scope in the current SOW that was posted? Do you see any other work elements either leaving or coming as part of the new contract?

The overall work on the TEST2 Contract is not anticipated to significantly change from the TEST SOW posted on the TEST2 Procurement website: <http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/TEST2/>. No new scope is anticipated to be added to the TEST2 SOW. Additionally, cost reduction efforts are being explored and may remove some sections of the SOW if it is in the best interest of the Government. It is incumbent upon the prospective offerors to review and understand any differences that may occur in the Final RFP and prior SOWs.

2. What enhancements or changes do you anticipate that will be made to the TEST 2 contract structure to support the JSC 2.0 initiatives?

All specific changes to contract structure will be detailed in the RFP.

3. One of themes expressed at the Industry Day yesterday is '*Can no longer have a standing army*' in describing the JSC 2.0 initiative principles. Can you be specific about what is meant by a 'standing army'?

New NASA programs are still developing their testing requirements and as such the TEST2 workforce must be lean, agile and able to adjust to evolving requirements.

4. Has the contract labor force been adjusted since the end of shuttle? Is it right-sized now or will that happen as a result of TEST 2 contract construct?

The TEST contract labor force was adjusted as a result of the Space Shuttle retirement. The TEST2 workforce sizing will need to be innovative with a goal of increasing efficiency and cost effectiveness.

5. How will the JSC re-organization that is being led by JSC Center Director Dr. Ellen Ochoa affect the JSC White Sands Org and the TEST 2 contract?

The JSC re-organization will not directly impact the scope of work of the TEST2 contract. This allows the Center to be leaner, agile, and adaptive to change, which is consistent with the JSC 2.0. WSTF will continue to be one of the six technical directorates that is part of the JSC Governance Decision Council.

6. What percentage of the work was Space Shuttle Program based? What percentage is NASA based versus other Agencies or customers?

During year 1 of the current TEST Contract, approximately 13% of the work was Space Shuttle Program based. Current work on TEST is approximately 75% NASA with the other 25% being from other Government agency reimbursable customers.

7. What are the primary (top 3) funding sources expected for the TEST 2 contract? Do you expect large workload fluctuations during the TEST 2 POP either surge, expansion, or contraction?

WSTF's primary funding sources are NASA Programs and other Government agency reimbursable customers. The TEST2 contractor will need the ability to adapt to changing requirements while still retaining WSTF critical skills.

8. What are the challenges NASA expects on the TEST 2 Contract?

Changing requirements associated with upcoming NASA Programs (Orion, SLS, Asteroid Capture, etc.)

9. Can you describe the major test buildup costs for WSTF customers – external and internal? Does the customer pay for 'full cost rates' to include burdened labor, facility rental costs, infrastructure and utilities?

Major test build-up costs vary based on specific requirements, complexities and hazards associated with a given WSTF Customer. Non-NASA projects are funded on a cost reimbursable basis, and the customer will pay the full-costs associated with the performance of this work.

10. The Industry Day slides indicated that the Acquisition Strategy meetings have not yet occurred. Is there any discussion of breaking this contract into smaller contracts to enable Small Business to prime some of the work that may be appropriate for a SB concern?

The Government is currently in the procurement development stage, and therefore is unable to provide guidance on this topic.

11. a) What is the percentage of contract value that has been historically allocated for labor? b) What are the anticipated SB goals?

a) This answer is still being researched, and will be posted once available.

b) The Government is currently in the procurement development stage, and therefore is unable to provide guidance on this topic.

12. What will the past performance 'recency' period be?

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13. Will requests for site visits with the NASA management team in advance of the pre-proposal conference be granted?

All interested parties are being allowed one meeting with the NASA management team in advance of the pre-proposal conference.

14. What will be the sources of the Workload Data that will be provided? Actual hours expended per customer/contract area, broken out over time, along with projected workload by customer/contract area augmented by historical trends is preferred. This is critical for non-incumbents to accurately provide cost-effective solution.

Representative TEST Task Orders are currently posted in the Technical Resource Library. Additionally, a Government cost estimate will be provided as part of the RFP.

15. What are the interfaces and boundaries with JSC resident contracts that may contain similar SOW elements (e.g. imaging, metrology etc.)?

Interfaces and boundaries to other JSC contracts will be coordinated through Associate Contractor Agreements (ACAs).

16. Does the contractor augment the GS workforce in any of the performance areas?

The contractor does not augment the Civil Servant workforce.

17. Are there employees represented by Collective Bargaining Agreements?

Yes, WSTF CBA employees are part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

18. What is the approximate % of employees covered by the Service Contract Act?

This answer is still being researched, and will be posted once available.

19. Can we expect the requirements (to include sections L & M) as expressed in the RFP for the current contract less Space Shuttle to be very similar to the one about to be released?

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20. Historically, what is the percentage of employees working less than 40 hours per week?

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