

Questions/Answers

As of September 3, 2015

RFP NNM16561119R

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES AT MULTIPLE NASA CENTERS

Question 1:

My firm is very interested in submitting on the subject solicitation. Could you please tell me if the government intends to award a contract to a single vendor or multiple vendors?

Answer 1:

Single Award.

Question 2:

Is there currently an incumbent contract?

Yes, Great Southern Engineering, Inc. Contract No. NNM11AA25C.

Question 3:

The requirement for offerors to have an office with at least 10 employees located within 150 miles of Huntsville, Alabama appears to be unduly restrictive in favor of the incumbent, and does not encourage fair and open competition for this opportunity. Will the government consider removing these requirements?

Answer 3:

The 10 person requirement is an established requirement based on past performance and has been utilized in past recompetitions. The 150 mile requirement is per FAR 36.602-1(5).

Question 4:

Can the requirement for offerors to have an office with at least 10 employees located within 150 miles of Huntsville, Alabama be met by any team member (including subcontractors), or must the prime contractor itself have such an office?

Answer 4:

Prime.

Question 5:

It will be very difficult for anyone except the incumbent to provide 1-year commitment letters for all key personnel, and this requirement will have the effect of greatly restricting competition in favor of the incumbent. Would the government consider revising or removing this requirement?

Answer 5:

The Key Personnel typically is only the Project Manager (PM). However, it is up to the companies to decide the number of key personnel they wish to submit.

Question 6:

The last date for asking questions of Government is today, September 3. As responses to questions will not be received for what is likely to be several days, would the Government consider extending the due date for SF 330 responses beyond the current deadline of September 18, 2015 to allow offerors sufficient time to adequately consider the governments responses in preparing their submissions?

Answer 6:

The due date for SF 330 will not be extended at this time.

Question 7:

The government has set a deadline of Sept. 11, 2015 for receipt of Past Performance Interview/Questionnaire Forms from customers. Given the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7 and the fact that government personnel are uniformly very busy with end of fiscal year efforts, will the government consider extending the deadline for Past Performance Interview/Questionnaire Forms to a later date, perhaps coinciding with the due date for SF330's?

Answer 7:

The due date for the Past Performance Interview/Questionnaire will not be extended at this time.

Question 8:

This contract is for procurement of predominantly environmental services or remediation, however the Government appears to be classing the procurement incorrectly as Architectural and Engineering services to enable procurement to be undertaken using Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 36.6 which is for predominantly Architectural and Engineering services. Please advise the Government's rationale for this approach which eliminates the need to obtain a Request for Proposals.

Answer 8:

The procurement is being competed properly under FAR Part 36.6 as an Architect and Engineering services based on the complexity and requirements of the acquisition. State and Federal Laws with regards to environment clean-up/remediation requires large portions of the work to be completed by licensed/certified engineers. FAR 36.601-4(a) (3) and FAR 36.601-4(a) (4) provide justification

Question 9:

Federal Business Opportunities – Synopsis: “NASA/MSFC plans to issue....” And is still listed as a “Presolicitation”. This statement indicates this is coming in the future....yet later on it requests submissions by September 18th? So is the “Synopsis” the “Request for Proposal” and thus the only information available is the Synopsis?

Answer 9:

Selection criteria is per FAR 36.302-1 and negotiation is per FAR 36.606.

Question 10:

Synopsis, Screening Criteria No. 3 – Please provide the FAR clause that the “150-mile criteria” can be a requirement. I assume from below you are citing FAR 36.602-1(a) (5)?

Answer 10:

This is in response to FAR 36.602-1(5)

Question 11:

Synopsis, 2nd Paragraph: “.....services at the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Alabama; Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF), Louisiana; and Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), California and other locations as approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.” Based on the 150-mile location requirement near Huntsville, one would assume the largest percentage of work will be at Marshall...is this correct? If not, what percentages of work can be expected at each location?

Answer 11:

The largest percentage of work will be at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Question 12:

Synopsis, Screening Criteria No. 3 – Please define “Offerors office”? Can this be a branch office or does it have to be the Headquarters?

Answer 12:

Prime contractor’s office.

Question 13:

Synopsis, Evaluation Criteria No. 4 – What is the “required time”? It is not specified within the document.

Answer 13:

The A&E Board looks at the company’s capacity to ensure it has the ability to perform any task that may be solicited after award.

Question 14:

Synopsis, Evaluation Criteria No. 5 - FAR 36.602-1(a) does not mention specificity of the actual project facility as a requirement? This seems abnormally restrictive to Small Business’s trying to provide services to NASA, when they can demonstrate similar projects for a variety of other Federal agencies.

Answer 14:

The synopsis states a maximum of 5 points for firms that have not had any NASA contracts within the past 10 years. This is to encourage new business.

Question 15:

Synopsis, Evaluation Criteria No. 6 – FAR 36.602-1(a)(5) actual wording is “Location in the general geographical area of the project and knowledge of the locality of the project; provided, that application of this criterion leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the

project.” This does NOT specify the Offerors office or Headquarters has to be within 150 miles. Please explain?

Answer 15:

The general location to Marshall Space Flight Center is Huntsville, AL.

Question 16:

2nd Paragraph under Key Personnel – “This is not a request for proposal....” Yet in first sentence of Synopsis states “....plans to issue a Request for Proposal...”. What is the intent? Are you going to negotiate an award based on Submittals?

Answer 16:

Yes, per FAR 36.606.

Question 17:

Synopsis, Screening Criteria No. 6 – With work in California should it also be a requirement for the Offeror to have a Professional Engineer and Geologist in California also?

Answer 17:

No.