Solicitation FA465426Q0001
Employment Physicals 2026-2031:
Questions & Answers

1.

Q: What is a NIST Assessment and how do we complete it?

A: The Department of Defense now requires compliance with DFARS clauses 252.204-7019 and 252.204-7020, including a valid NIST 800-171 self-assessment score submitted in the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS). This requirement pertains to cybersecurity and applies even if you don't anticipate handling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). This is a necessary measure to ensure the security of the entire government supply chain.

While achieving a perfect score is not currently required, a valid self-assessment is mandatory. If your score isn't perfect, a plan of action with deadlines for achieving full compliance (a "Plan of Actions & Milestones" or POA&M) will be necessary. Existing assessments and POA&Ms within their remediation period will satisfy this requirement.

We understand this is a new requirement for many contractors. Resources and guidance on NIST 800-171 and the SPRS are available at SPRS - Cyber Reports (https://www.sprs.csd.disa.mil/nistsp.htm). We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these requirements.
https://www.sprs.csd.disa.mil/pdf/NISTSP800-171QuickEntryGuide.pdf

2.

Q: What is Wide Area Workflow (WAWF)?

A: Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) is a secure, web-based system designed for electronic invoicing, receipt, and acceptance, primarily used by the Department of Defense (DoD) to streamline the payment process for government contracts.

3.

Q: In order to reduce administration time, would it be possible for us to submit the base year numbers and simply state what percentage the cost will increase for the following option years?

A: No, this would not be accepted. Unfortunately, this may open up further questions when it comes to rounding, etc.

4.

Q: In order to reduce administration time, if we plan to maintain the same numbers for the base and option years, would it be possible for us to submit the base year numbers and simply state the following years would be the same cost?

A: Yes, this would be accepted.

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Q: Could you please confirm whether the government would consider a contractor whose corporate office is not in the area, but performs the services through a locally based partner facility that meets the geographic requirements outlined in the RFQ?

A: If you are considering a teaming agreement, please note that a Teaming/Partnering agreement is required to be submitted. Please review the Section L document provided on SAM.gov for further details.

6.

Q: Could you please advise whether this requirement is currently supported by an incumbent contractor?

A: This requirement is currently supported.

7.

Q: We are interested in submitting a quote and would like to confirm that the facility must be in driving distance to the Grissom AFB.

A: You are correct, the solicitation specifies that any interested vendor must be within the range of Grissom Air Reserve Base and the following cities:

- Lafayette, IN
- Indianapolis, IN
- South Bend, IN
- Fort Wayne, IN