477108 Confocal Super Resolution Instrument

Solicitation Questions and Answers

1. Question 1: Certain requested items, including but not limited to, in whole or in part, Sections 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 of the SOW may involve proprietary and/or highly confidential information. Please clarify how such information should be handled in the bidder response (e.g., redactions, summaries, or alternative disclosures).

   Answer to Question 1
   Bidders may provide only publicly available, non-proprietary, and non-confidential information in response to Sections 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7. Where requested information contains proprietary, confidential, or export-controlled content, bidders may submit appropriately redacted versions, high-level summaries, or alternative documentation sufficient to demonstrate compliance, technical capability, and system compatibility without disclosing sensitive information.

2. Question 2: For items such as Sections 3.5.4 and 3.7 of the SOW, where proprietary or highly confidential documentation is requested, but a publicly available version exists, please confirm whether providing the public version would be sufficient to meet the RFQ requirements. *For example, where full CAD models or native design files are proprietary, are general arrangement drawings, system-level block diagrams, and equipment footprint and interface drawings sufficient for installation, integration, and facility planning acceptable*.

   Answer to Question 2
   Where proprietary or highly confidential documentation is requested under Sections 3.5.4, 3.7, or similar sections, publicly available or non-confidential versions of the documentation are acceptable. In cases where detailed CAD models, native design files, or manufacturing drawings are proprietary, bidders may instead provide general arrangement drawings, system-level block diagrams, equipment footprint drawings, utility/interface requirements, and other installation and integration-level documentation sufficient to support facility planning, installation, and evaluation activities.

3. Question 3: Additionally, for Sections 3.5.4, 3.8 of the SOW, and similar requests, please confirm that where the requested documentation or requirement is not applicable to bidder's equipment and/or services, a response of "not applicable" will be considered acceptable.

   Answer to Question 3
   For Sections 3.5.4, 3.8, and similar requests, if a requested document, certification, test, or requirement is not applicable to the bidder's proposed equipment and/or services, the bidder may respond with "Not Applicable" (N/A), together with a brief explanatory statement where appropriate. Such responses will be considered acceptable provided they clearly indicate the requirement does not apply to the proposed scope.