Requests for Information (RFI's) and Responses – Solicitation #: W50S8R-26-R-A005

(as of 09 Jun 26)

RFI 01

1. The SF 1442 cover page and Section 00 21 00 state the solicitation is UNRESTRICTED. However, Section 00 22 16, Paragraph 1.1 states: 'The Government intends to award a single contract to a qualified Small Business Offeror...'

   Is this solicitation Unrestricted or is it restricted to Small Business concerns?

   RESPONSE: Solicitation is UNRESTRICTED... "Small Business" has been removed from this text.

2. Section 00 21 16, Para. 2.3.2.3 opens with 'Offeror shall submit a subcontracting plan...' without initially distinguishing business size. The parenthetical '(for Large businesses only)' is added only in Section 00 22 16 headers. Further, Section 00 21 16 Para. 2.3.2.3 also states 'If you fail to provide a subcontracting plan your proposal will be found unacceptable' without a clear small business carve-out in that same paragraph—the small business alternative is in a starred note below.

   Please confirm: (1) Large businesses MUST submit a Subcontracting Plan or face elimination; (2) Small businesses are NOT required to submit a Subcontracting Plan; and (3) the starred statement on company letterhead at Para. 2.3.2.3 is the ONLY required substitute for small businesses.

   RESPONSE: Only Large Businesses are required to submit Subcontracting Plans as part of their proposal. The FAR is clear on this requirement, and that is does not apply to Small businesses. Putting the "for Large Businesses only" in the text was for reminder purposes only. Small businesses only need to submit the statement as referenced in the solicitation, as it relates to FAR 52.219-14 and their confirmation of understanding the requirements related to subcontracting limitations for Small businesses.

3. Para. 2.3.2.1.1 states: 'The Government intends to use Exhibit A Part 1 information in the evaluation of experience for Subfactor 1..' Para. 2.3.3.4 separately instructs offerors to 'Prepare not more than 3-5 of these documents' as part of Past Performance. It is unclear whether one set of 3-5 Exhibit A packages serves BOTH Technical (Subfactor 1) and Past Performance purposes, or whether separate Exhibit A packages must be prepared for each.

Please confirm: (1) Is a single set of Exhibit A packages (3-5) used for both Subfactor 1 Technical evaluation and Past/Present Performance evaluation? (2) Or must the offeror submit separate Exhibit A packages—one set for Technical and a separate set for Past Performance? (3) If a single set, should they be included in Volume 2, Part 2 only, with a cross-reference in Volume 2, Part 1?

RESPONSE: As stated 2.3.3.1., contractor shall provide Exhibit A's as part of that volume and part requirement. 2.3.2.1.1. is simply stating that those Exhibit A's submitted in that part of proposal (2.3.3.1.), will also be utilized in evaluating Subfactor 1; therefore, submitting the same information in detail for Subfactor 1 is not necessary (simply duplicating paperwork). In further reading the 3rd paragraph of section 2.3.2.1.1., it states the Offeror should simply reference the information (i.e. project, contract, etc.) in a short summation (document) of their relevant experience and capabilities in meeting Subfactor 1. (instead of submitting the entire exhibits in both Part 1 and Part 2).

4. Section 00 21 16, 2.2.3 provides for 3-5 projects. Exhibit A says to submit no more than 3.

   Please confirm the minimum and total allowable projects to be submitted.

   RESPONSE: "three (3)" has been changed to "five (5)" in Exhibit A. Revised document is attached.

(End of RFI's and Responses)