AFLCMC/XA Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) Call 002

Federal Agency:	Air Force
Program Office:	AFLCMC/XA, Architecture and Integration Directorate
Call Title:	AF SD-WAN Test Event
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Proposals Due:	Monday, 6 February 2023 at 5:00 PM EDT

General Questions and Answers

Q: Is the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) in the White Paper specific to the three-week test event, or is it for also looking for estimates for a larger deployment?

A: The ROM in the White Paper is intended to capture the general per item cost of the components that make up the vendor solution. The ROM will provide the Government an informed perspective on the cost of a broader SD-WAN enterprise solution.

Q: Will the test event only have a point-to-point configuration (Figure 2), or will it be a multi-site testbed?

A: The Test Plan documentation, to be included in the Step Two Request for Proposal, details a variety of industry standard test scenarios, both point-to-point and point-to-multipoint test scenarios are included in the Test Plan.

Q: Will the Test Plan allow for assessment of integrated vendor hardware solutions?

A: No, the SD-WAN Test Event will assess virtualized implementations only, which will be provisioned on the Government provided test-bed hardware. The test-bed specifications will be detailed within the Test Plan documentation, which will be included in Step Two Request for Proposal.

Q: Where will the test event be held?

A: MITRE Facility Bedford, Massachusetts.

Q: Is the SD-WAN solution being sought as a managed services solution or as a Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) solution?

A: The SD-WAN solution will be a CPE solution. The Government will assess virtualized implementations only, which will be provisioned on Government provided test-bed hardware. The SD-WAN solution will be integrated with hardware in a follow-on effort.

Q: Is the offeror expected to bring the SD-WAN Solution to existing transport solution to be provided by the government? Or is the offeror responsible for providing transport (e.g. 5G, LTE, SATCOM, Ethernet) and an SD-WAN Router?

A: The offeror is only responsible for providing the virtualized SD-WAN network appliance, licensing, configuration, and technical support to the test team. The SD-WAN solution will be installed on the Government provided test-bed. The offeror will not need to provide hardware or transport.

Q: Are there any OCI concerns with involving members of the ABMS DI team?

A: There are no Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) concerns that limit members of the ABMS Digital Infrastructure Consortium from responding to this call.

Q: Will the government please clarify if Graphic Diagrams are considered Charts? And if so, will the government consider changing this font requirement to be no less than 10-point font for Charts and Graphic Diagrams?

A: Yes, graphic diagrams are considered charts. The government concurs with the request to change charts and graphics to no less than 10pt font.

Q: Company A works with Company B incorporating their SD-WAN technology. Company B typically does not Prime in these opportunities and is willing to allow Company A to Prime and present their SD-WAN technology for Call 002. Is this allowable since Company A is not the OEM?

A: Yes, this is allowable.

Contact Information

The Points of Contact for this effort are the Contracting Officer, Mr. Nic Correa, and the Contract Specialist, Mr. Wesley Livesay. The Offeror shall not contact any other Government personnel or offices regarding this Call.

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