Subject: Notification Regarding RFP Response and Summary of Key Changes

Dear Industry Team,

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the COMET IDIQ solicitation process. The Government has carefully conducted a thorough review of the questions and concerns submitted by your companies regarding specific sections of the RFP.

After careful consideration, we have determined that the responses to the submitted questions will not be posted. Given the considerable number of changes made to the RFP, publishing to the responses could lead to confusion. Therefore, to minimize misinterpretations and provide clarity, we have decided not to publicly release these responses but instead highlight key changes.

Summary of Key Changes to the RFP:

1. **SCIF Requirements**:
    - The RFP will now allow the required 50 SCIF/JWICS workstations to be distributed across multiple approved locations with the prime contractor required to maintain at a minimum twenty (20) workstations (does not have a radius requirement). This adjustment was made to accommodate the operational flexibility requested by several offerors.
    - High Bay Requirement added for Other Than Small Businesses. The prime will need access to this capability directly or through their team.
2. **Submission Methods**:
    - The submission process for both classified and unclassified materials has been revised. All unclassified materials must be submitted electronically via email or DoDSafe. Classified materials should be submitted via JWICS, which eliminates the requirement for CD submissions and reduces the amount of physical paperwork.
3. **Past Performance Documentation**:
    - Revisions in past performance documentation requirements, including uniform percentage definitions (50%) for significant subcontractor performance and consistent page limits set at seven (7) pages per instance. These updates were made to ensure that past performance submissions are uniformly evaluated.
4. **Security Section and SCIF Development Plan**:
    - Option 2 (SCIF Development Plan) has been removed. The requirement now mandates that offerors present an accredited ready SCIF at the time of the award. Additionally, methods for classified submissions have been confirmed and updated.
5. **Content and Formatting Clarifications**:
    - An initial task order will no longer be awarded concurrently with the COMET IDIQ. Consequently, the Cost Volume has been removed, and cost will not be evaluated at the

time of the COMET IDIQ award. The award will be based on qualified offerors rather than utilizing a trade-off methodology.

- Various inconsistencies, such as naming conventions for proposal volumes and content requirements, have been corrected. This includes the application of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in place of the DUNS number and ensuring all past performance questionnaires are accurately referenced.

We are finalizing these changes for the final RFP document, which will be posted soon. You are encouraged to review the final RFP thoroughly, as it will contain all revisions and finalized requirements.

If you have any further questions or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the contracting office.

Thank you once again for your participation and cooperation in ensuring the success of the COMET IDIQ solicitation.