Solicitation No. N62742-26-R-1801, Small Business Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract for Environmental Remedial Action for Sites in Hawaii, Guam, and Other Areas within the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific Area of Responsibility
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question #	Reference/ Section	Question	Government Response
1		Is there any incumbent/recompete or this is a brand-new project? If yes, could you please provide us with their award number or even if the customer bought similar services in the past.	The requirements listed in this solicitation are currently being provided by contract. The current incumbent is CAPE-WESTON JV3 LLC, operating under Contract Number N62742-22-D-1800. This acquisition is being solicited as a Small Business Set-Aside, and all qualified offerors are encouraged to submit proposals.
2	Section L, Cost Proposal, Section II, Tab 3 Contractor Business Systems and Cost Accounting Standards (CAS)	The solicitation states that all offerors must possess an acceptable purchasing system that has been reviewed and approved in accordance with FAR Part 44 by a Cognizant Federal Agency Official prior to award of the Basic Contract. It further states that an offeror's cost proposal may be rejected if the offeror does not have a Government-approved purchasing system prior to award. Please clarify whether the Government would consider revising this requirement to permit responsible small business offerors that do not currently possess a formally approved purchasing system to demonstrate the acceptability of purchasing policies, procedures, internal controls, and prior subcontract-management performance through the proposal. Formal purchasing-system approval requires a Government-conducted Contractor Purchasing System Review (CPSR) and a determination by the cognizant contracting official. The scheduling and initiation of a CPSR are entirely within the Government's purview, and per DCMA guidelines, small businesses generally cannot self-initiate a CPSR without prior agency sponsorship and crossing specific sales thresholds. Consequently, requiring formal pre-award approval creates an insurmountable barrier for small businesses and may unnecessarily restrict competition by excluding experienced small business contractors that maintain compliant purchasing systems but have not been selected by their cognizant agency for a CPSR. To preserve small business participation and competition while providing appropriate protection to the Government, please consider the following alternatives: •Allow offerors without a formally approved purchasing system to submit their purchasing-system policies, procedures, internal-control documentation, prior audit or review results, and relevant past-performance information for evaluation as part of the responsibility determination; •Apply the consent-to-subcontract requirements of FAR 52.244-2 to an awardee that does not yet possess an approved purchasing system until formal approval is obtained (per FAR 44.201-1, which explicitly provides for this mechanism when a purchasing system is not approved).	Please see revised soliciation via Amendment 0001.