1. Accept quotes with lead times longer than 45 days after the award of purchase order.

Government Response:

No.

2. Please identify the specific technical evaluation criteria and minimum documentation required for a quotation to receive a technically acceptable rating.

Government Response:

In accordance with the Simplified Procedures of the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) Part 12, the Government will evaluate quotations on a pass/fail basis to determine technical acceptability. No formal technical scoring, evaluation plans, or competitive ranges are utilized for commercial simplified acquisitions.

To receive a technically acceptable rating, the quoter's submission must contain:

- Sufficient detail to demonstrate that the proposed fabricated landing platforms will conform precisely to the specifications outlined in Attachment 3 (Landing Platform Statement of Work) and Attachment 4 (Landing Platform Design),
- Past experience in fabricating similar structures,
- Past performance references from at least two previous projects within the last three years that were similar to this project.

3. The solicitation references an acceptable or neutral past-performance rating. How many past-performance projects should be submitted, and what information should be provided for each project?

Government Response:

Please see the answer to Q#2 above.

4. What welding code or standard governs fabrication and inspection, including welding-procedure qualifications, welder qualifications, and weld-acceptance criteria?

Government Response:

AWSD 1.6 (the American Welding Society structural welding code that governs the welding of stainless steel)

5. Will any nondestructive examination, including liquid/dye-penetrant testing, be required, or will weld inspection be limited to visual inspection?

Government Response:

Visual inspection only.

6. Are certified material test reports or certificates of conformance required for the 316L stainless steel, ER316L filler metal, stainless-steel hardware, fiberglass grating, UHMWPE material, or fendering?

Government Response:

Yes, material test reports or certificates of conformance are required for the 316L stainless steel, ER316L filler metal, stainless-steel hardware.

With regard to the fiberglass grating, UHMWPE and fendering material, manufacturers' cut sheets will be required for the products being offered.

7. Is chemical pickling or passivation required after fabrication, or will the specified Scotch-Brite cleaning and polishing of weld-affected zones satisfy the finishing requirement?

Government Response:

Scotch-Brite cleaning and polishing is sufficient.

8. Is any proof-load, structural-load, lifting-point, or operational testing required before Government acceptance?

Government Response:

No.

9. How much advance notice must the contractor provide to schedule the Government's pre-shipment inspection at the fabrication facility, and who will serve as the inspection scheduling point of contact?

Government Response:

The Government would like to conduct the inspections virtually—via FaceTime, Google Meet or Zoom—unless the contractor's facility is local (greater San Francisco Bay Area). If the contractor's facility is in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the Government would like two days' notice for pre-shipment inspection, Monday - Thursday.

10. Must both platforms be fully fabricated and assembled before the Government's inspection?

Government Response:

No. If virtual or on-site periodic inspections determine that the first platform is being constructed as specified, the COR may give permission to begin fabrication of the second unit.

11. Will the Government require an in-process inspection before the fiberglass grating and fender systems are installed, or will inspection occur only after the platforms are fully completed?

Government Response:

Yes. The Government would like to conduct the inspection virtually, via FaceTime, Google Meet or Zoom, unless the contractor's facility is local (greater San Francisco Bay Area).

12. What documentation must be available during the Government inspection, such as welding procedures, welder qualifications, material certifications, dimensional inspection records, photographs, or quality-control checklists?

Government Response:

The Government should already possess the welding procedures, welder qualifications, material certifications since they are to be provided with your proposal. Dimensional inspection records, photographs, or quality-control checklists must be provided weekly.

13. If corrective work or reinspection is required, how will Government inspection or reinspection scheduling delays affect the required delivery date?

Government Response:

Reinspection should not create any delays, provided that periodic virtual or on-site inspections are conducted and any required corrections are made then.

14. Are the specified McNICHOLS grating and clips and the Duramax DB100 fender mandatory brand-name products, or may technically equivalent products be proposed?

Government Response:

Although the name brands are preferred, the Government will accept technically equivalent products if the Quoter provides evidence that it is equivalent.

15. If equivalent products are permitted, what product data and technical documentation must be included with the quotation?

Government Response:

Manufacturer name and URL, model number or style type, and a manufacturer's cut sheet.

16. Please confirm that this is a fabrication-to-print requirement and that the contractor is not required to perform independent structural design, engineering calculations, or professional engineering certification of the Government-furnished design.

Government Response:

This is completely a fabrication-to-print requirement. No independent structural design, engineering calculations, or professional engineering certification of Government-furnished design are required.

17. Are native electronic design files, such as CAD, DXF, STEP, or other cutting/fabrication files, available to the successful contractor?

Government Response:

No.

18. Please clarify the small-business manufacturing requirements applicable to this supply acquisition. Specifically, does the nonmanufacturer rule apply, is any waiver applicable, and may a small-business prime contractor satisfy the set-aside requirement by subcontracting fabrication to another qualifying small-business manufacturer?

Government Response:

The Nonmanufacturer rule does not apply to this procurement.

19. The solicitation states that the place of delivery has the capability to offload the platforms and that SBRF personnel will hang the platforms using wire rope. Please confirm that the Government will provide the offloading equipment and operators, suspension rigging, and lifting rigging, and identify any rigging, dunnage, or offloading assistance that must be provided by the contractor.

Government Response:

Yes, the Government will offload the delivery truck with a capable forklift. Other than unsecuring the load, no offloading assistance from the contractor is required. The Government will provide everything else necessary to install the platforms as required.

20. In addition to coordinating delivery with Mr. Joe Pecoraro, are there any minimum advance-notice, driver-identification, security, gate-access, vehicle-size, packaging, preservation, blocking, bracing, or weather-protection requirements for delivery?

Government Response:

- No deliveries on Fridays.
- Two-day advance notice.
- Driver shall show his ID to the security guard at the gate to the parking lot. No other access documentation is required.
- Delivery is to be made in the parking lot.

21. Attachment 2 identifies Column D as "Labor Hours," while the Price formula adds the material cost directly to the labor-hours entry. Please confirm whether Column D is intended to reflect labor cost rather than labor hours. If actual labor hours are required, please advise how the total item price should be calculated and entered.

Government Response:

Column D is intended to reflect LABOR COST rather than LABOR HOURS.

Attachment 2 - Vendor Price Sheet has been corrected to reflect the change and is now labeled Attachment 2 - Vendor Price Sheet REV 1.

22. Will the Platforms require any NDE (PT or PMI)?

Government Response:

Visual inspection only.

23. Please confirm whether the fabricated landing platforms will require any Non-Destructive Examination (NDE), specifically:

- **Liquid Penetrant Testing (PT)**
- **Positive Material Identification (PMI)**

If either is required, could you please advise whether the Government has an applicable standard or specification that should be followed?

Government Response:

Visual inspection only.

24. Please confirm whether any Nondestructive Examination (NDE) is required for the fabricated boat landing platforms? Specifically, please advise whether the Government requires any of the following:

- **Liquid Penetrant Testing (PT)**
- **Positive Material Identification (PMI)**
- **Magnetic Particle Testing (MT)**

- **Ultrasonic Testing (UT)**
- **Radiographic Testing (RT)**

If NDE is required, please identify the applicable inspection standard, acceptance criteria, and the components or welds subject to testing.

Government Response:

Visual inspection only.

25. Please confirm whether the Government requires any of the following prior to delivery?

- **Liquid Penetrant Testing (PT) of welds**
- **Positive Material Identification (PMI)**
- **Any other NDE (UT, MT, RT, etc.)**
- **Material test reports or any additional inspection documentation beyond standard material certifications**

If no NDE is required, please confirm that standard fabrication in accordance with the drawings and specifications, along with the required material certifications, will be sufficient.

Government Response:

Visual inspection only. Standard fabrication in accordance with the drawings and specifications, along with the required material certifications, will be sufficient.

26. Please confirm whether there are any domestic source or country-of-origin requirements applicable to this procurement? Specifically, are the materials incorporated into the boat landing platforms (including 316L stainless steel, fiberglass grating, UHMWPE components, fendering, and hardware) required to be manufactured or melted and poured in the United States, or will compliant foreign-sourced materials be acceptable? If domestic source requirements apply, please identify the applicable FAR or other contractual provision governing those requirements.

Government Response:

Prohibited Foreign Sources (FAR 25.7 / OFAC): Components or materials cannot originate from embargoed or sanctioned countries (e.g., North Korea, Iran, Cuba, Syria).

27. Please confirm whether there are any country-of-origin restrictions applicable to the materials used for this project? Specifically, are all materials required to be manufactured

in the United States, or are materials manufactured in other countries acceptable, provided they otherwise comply with the solicitation requirements?

Government Response:

Prohibited Foreign Sources (FAR 25.7 / OFAC): Components or materials cannot originate from embargoed or sanctioned countries (e.g., North Korea, Iran, Cuba, Syria).

28. Is reprocessed UHMW acceptable or is virgin UHMW required for this project?

Government Response:

Virgin HMPE. ASTM D6712, black (see General Notes #5 on page one of the drawings).

GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL MATERIAL IS 316L STAINLESS STEEL
2. FILLER METAL IS ER316L
3. WELDING IS 1/4" FILLET ALL AROUND UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN
4. ALL HADWARE IS 316 OR EQUIVALENT
5. SHEET FENDERING IS UHMWPE PER ASTM D6712, BLACK
6. AFT FACE FENDERING IS DURAMAX 4" WITH WASHER BACKING PER MFGR
7. SCOTCH BRIGHT AND POLISH WELD AFFECTED ZONES
8. ASSEMBLY WEIGHT IS 3,717lbs
9. STAINLESS FABRICATION WEIGHT 2,662lbs
10. FASTEN GRATING TO RIM WITH STAINLESS STEEL CLIPS FROM MANUFACTURER (McNICHOLS). TYPE J2 AND TYPE M2 WITH INTEGRAL HARDWARE, 12" ON CENTER NOMINAL AROUND RIM. NO CLIPS REQUIRED IN FIELD OF GRATING

29. The spec calls out stainless steel washers and nuts—should these be flat washers with stainless steel nyloc nuts, or lock washers with standard stainless steel nuts?

Government Response:

Flat washers with stainless steel nyloc nuts.

30. Will there be a crane on site at the time of delivery to unload the platforms?

Government Response:

We will unload the delivery truck using a forklift.