Pandemic Preparedness Plan Evaluation Support

Solicitation RFQ #1528449 Amendment #1

Responses to Questions:

1. Question: May an eligible ISBEE prime contractor subcontract a portion of the work to a non-IEE small business, provided the prime contractor complies with the applicable requirement that at least 50 percent of personnel costs be expended for employees of the IEE?

Answer: Pursuant to HHSAR 326.605-1, an ISBEE prime contractor may not pay more than 50 percent of the total amount paid by the Government to subcontractors that are not similarly situated. A similarly situated subcontractor is one that independently qualifies as an ISBEE or IEE.

2. Question: May the proposed Project Manager or Lead Evaluator/Senior Analyst be an employee or consultant of a subcontractor, or must these key personnel be employed directly by the ISBEE prime contractor?

Answer: An employee of a subcontractor may serve as key personnel.

3. Question: Do resumes, past-performance references, staffing matrices, and other supporting attachments count toward the 15-page limit for Volume I?

Answer: Resumes and past-performance references do not count toward the 15-page limit for Volume I. Staffing matrices count toward the 15-page limit.

4. Question: Is there a formal deadline for submitting solicitation questions?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to the RFQ attachment included in the SAM.gov posting.

5. Question: Will the Government provide the 2025 IHS Pandemic Preparedness Plan only after award, or may it be made available to offerors during the quotation period?

Answer: The Government will provide the 2025 IHS Pandemic Preparedness Plan only after award.