

## Q&A Report #6

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Question #	Subject	Industry Question	Government Response
1	<b>T-AKE Drawings</b>	Will the government furnish the T-AKE structural and distributed systems drawings (e.g., HVAC, electrical) which will be needed to perform one or more of the feasibility studies?	Yes.
2	<b>Threshold for Number of Organic Surface Connectors</b>	Does the government have a threshold and/or objective requirement for the number of organic surface connectors to be carried on the T-AKE?	Threshold = 2, Objective = >2. This is dependent on craft type/size/availability. For example: INLS would be minimum of (1) Powered Module and (1) Beach Module as a threshold, +(1) Intermediate Module as objective. For MPFUB or COTS small/medium connector, threshold is (2) IAW D-UNS requirement and objective is (3) or (4) depending on feasibility study results for available deck space and crane/davit employment.
3	<b>Classified Information</b>	Paragraph 1.8.7.1 of the PWS requires that the contractor shall safeguard all government equipment, information and property. Paragraph 1.8.8 requires that all contractor personnel working on this contract shall have or qualify for a secret clearance. Does the Government intend to furnish classified information, and will SECRET level classified material storage be required for this contract?	The Government does not anticipate that the contractor shall routinely require classified material, nor be required for storage of classified material. However, contractor access to spaces aboard T-AKE that are classified may be required.
4	<b>Key Personnel: Availability of Manager</b>	Paragraph 1.8.11 for Key Personnel requires that the manager 'be available between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.' Please confirm if 'available' includes by telephone or if the Government intends that the Project Manager be located in the DC Region?	The manager shall be available by phone during the prescribed times. The manager will be available for video conferencing, phone/net meetings and personal meetings in the DC region with appropriate planning between the manager and the government.

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<b>5</b>	<b>Organic Surface Connector Solutions</b>	<p>PWS item 1.4.3g requires the Phase I study to identify vessels that may be used in place of the Utility Boat to provide better storage opportunities or personnel/cargo movement. The requirements of those vessels to be used in place of the Utility Boat listed under PWS item 1.4.3g are identical to the requirements of the organic surface connector listed under item 1.2. We therefore presume that the organic surface connector is intended to replace the Utility Boats. In Phase I, the contractor should identify COTS organic surface connector solutions (PWS item 1.4.3g), but the required ship modifications necessary to support stowage, deployment and recovery of those organic surface connector solutions will be covered in Phase III (PWS item 1.4.6a). Is our understanding correct? If not, can you please clarify the difference between the "vessels to be used in place of the Utility Boat" and the "organic surface connector"?</p>	<p>Your understanding is correct. Any COTS solution is for the "organic surface connector" with the requirements listed under item 1.2.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>ABS Review and Approval</b>	<p>Who will pay for the cost associated with ABS review and approval? Will it be the USMC or the Contractor?</p>	<p>The cost associated with the ABS review and approval of drawings would be the responsibility of the contractor.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>D-UNS Requirements for an Organic T-AKE Surface Connector</b>	<p>On page 2 of 10, 1.4.3.g says that the "Study should also identify vessels..." Can you please clarify the number of vessels?</p>	<p>After further evaluation, 1.4.3g does not pertain to 1.4.3 overall --- The requirements listed in 1.4.3g are D-UNS requirements for an organic T-AKE surface connector and they cannot be met by the MPF utility boat. The requirements for D-UNS are more germane to the Phase III (option year 2) requirements to determine a commercial off the shelf solution.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Contractor Travel to DC Region</b>	<p>On page 4 of 10, 1.8.5 says that, "the Government reserves the right to request additional visits to the DC Region." Can you please tell us how much notice will be given prior to these meetings? If a contractor has to fly out the next day the cost of airfare can be significant.</p>	<p>The Government will provide the contractor with a reasonable amount of time in order to obtain economical plane tickets for travel.</p>

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<b>9</b>	<b>Video Teleconferencing Equipment ("VTC")</b>	On page 5 of 10, 1.8.5 says "the Government intends to utilize Video Teleconferencing." Can you please tell us what sort of video equipment will be required by the contractor, number of cameras, resolution, etc.	The specific type of video conferencing equipment and services will be provided to the awardee during post-award conferences and as applicable.
<b>10</b>	<b>Contract / Program / Project Manager</b>	On page 7 of 10, 1.8.11 says "The contractor shall provide a Contract/Program/Project manager." Can you please clarify if the Government wants one key person or three key people for this position.	The use of the word "a" in the solicitation term and condition for oversight and management of the contract ("The contractor shall provide a Contract/Program/Project manager." ) and as set forth on page 7 of 10, 1.8.11 denotes one contractor personnel who is ultimately responsible for the contract.