



Solicitation N00024-11-R-4402 Bidder's Questions – 10 June 2011

Bidder's Question 7

Will the final solicitation contain notional Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV) schedules for the ships in the program so that offerors can better address program management staffing and other issues for the timeframes between planned availabilities?

Answer

No. Continuous Maintenance Availability schedules will not be provided as part of this solicitation. For the purposes of discussing program management staffing and related issues in their proposal submittals, Offerors may assume one CMAV per quarter per homeported ship. The actual number of CMAVs during contract performance will vary depending on operational schedules and other contingencies.

Bidder's Question 8

On page 138 of the draft solicitation, it describes the proposal pages that do not count against the 125 page count. Paragraph e states, "Exhibits, which are included in the Technical Proposal, up to a ten-page total allowance. Each single side of a piece of paper in excess of the ten-page allowance used for an exhibit will count as one page..." Does this mean that only ten pages of exhibits will be allowed without being counted or does it mean that any pages in excess of 10 pages for a single exhibit will be counted? Please clarify.

Answer

Exhibits that are included in the Technical Proposal, up to a ten-page total allowance, will not count towards the 125-page limit for the technical proposal (i.e., the pages dedicated to exhibits in aggregate shall not exceed ten pages).

For example, an Offeror submits a Technical Proposal that contains two exhibits, Exhibit A (5 pages) and Exhibit B (6 pages), for a total of eleven pages of exhibits. The number of pages dedicated to exhibits exceeds the ten-page allowance by one page; therefore, one exhibit page will count towards the 125-page limit for the Technical proposal.

Bidder's Question 9

Paragraph C.5 on page 140 of the draft solicitation requires the submission of letters of commitment from non-significant subcontractors but does not mention what is required from significant subcontractors.

1. Is a letter of commitment also required for significant subcontractors?
2. Does each subcontractor letter of commitment count as 1 page in the Technical Proposal?

Please clarify.

Answer

Letters of commitment are required only for non-significant subcontractors, and, as stated on page 138 of the draft solicitation, such letters do not count towards the 125-page limit for the Technical Proposal. Offerors are reminded that Section L of the draft solicitation provides instructions on additional data that is required when an Offeror proposes to employ significant subcontractors.

Bidder's Question 10

The Offeror requests that NAVSEA schedule the submission date for proposals to be no earlier than 45 days after issue of the official Solicitation.

Answer

The Government recognizes the challenges that Offerors face in preparing competitive proposals in short timeframes, and every effort is made to allow Offerors enough time to fully understand and respond to the requirements of the solicitation. The Government will evaluate and take into consideration all factors in determining the due date for receipt of proposals.