

Sources Sought/Vendor Technical Questions
N00104-12-I-Q373
NCTS Jacksonville Detachment Key West, Florida

The Naval Weapons System Support (NAVSUP WSS), Mechanicsburg PA and the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic (NCTAMS LANT), Norfolk VA (acting as Regional HQ for NCTS Jacksonville, FL) are issuing this combination Sources Sought Notice /Request for Information-Vendor Technical Question Period, for HF Radio and IT Telecommunications Support in Key West, Florida.

This effort includes the tasks as described in the attached Performance Work Statement (PWS).

The combined objective of this Sources Sought/RFI notice is to gain information from industry reference the technical requirements of the PWS and to facilitate the NAVSUP Contracting Officer's review of the market base required for acquisition planning/size determination. (unrestricted vs set-aside).

This Sources Sought provides an opportunity for respondents to submit their technical questions/comments to the PWS and to submit their availability and potential to fulfill the Navy requirement related to this request in the form of a capability package.

This Sources Sought/RFI is released pursuant to FAR Part 15.201(e), Exchanges with Industry.

Note: The NCTS Jacksonville Det Key West HF missions are scheduled to be transferred to another DoD facility and this will result in ending the contract requirement to continue support for the HF Radio and IT Telecommunication requirements and tasks listed in the attached PWS.

The exact date for ending the contract requirement is yet to be determined and is contingent upon the Navy's Global Modernization program to transition HF support requirements to the Air Force HF Global Communications System (HFGCS). The date of mission transfer is estimated at no earlier than August 2012.

The resulting contract, if any, will have a short base period of performance through September 2012, and six 2-month option periods through September 2013.

Due to the inability to predict the date for HF mission transfer as discussed above, the six 2-month option periods may or may not be exercised in part or in whole.

I. TIMELINE:

- A. Questions of a **technical nature** are allowable through **COB 22 March 2012** via the NAVSUP Ariba communication tool.
- B. Government responses to questions submitted will be made available no later than COB ****27 March 2012**** through the NAVSUP Ariba communication tool.
- C. Capability packages must be received via the Ariba collaboration tool by **COB **6 April 2012****
- D. For the purposes of the Sources Sought/RFI and the upcoming procurements, if any, ALL communications shall be directed to the NAVSUP Contracting Office POC's listed below. Interested parties shall not contact the customer with questions/concerns.
- E. NAVSUP WSS will be utilizing the Ariba email box/communication tool, for vendor technical questions and receipt of capability submissions. Vendor submitted documents and questions through the Ariba Tool are directed to and readable only by the Contacting Officers and Specialist listed below.
- F. If access to the tool is required, please contact Valerie.Hawthorne@navy.mil to receive access to the Ariba collaboration email tool, prior to the submission.
- G. Submittals furnished will not be returned to the sender. No debriefs will be conducted. Eligibility in participating in a future acquisition does not depend upon a response to this notice.
- H. Proprietary information is neither requested or desired. If such information is submitted, it must clearly be marked "proprietary" on every sheet containing such information, and the proprietary information must be segregated to the maximum extent practicable from other portions of the response (e.g., use an attachment or exhibit).
- I. Subject matter experts from NCTAMS LANT will evaluate offeror submissions that comply with the submission instructions using specific criteria as it relates to the work envisioned in the Draft PWS and as further specified in the Government's Information Request, see section IV below for Evaluation Criteria. NCTAMS LANT may not evaluate offeror submissions that do not comply with the submission instructions.

FAR Clause 52.215-3 Request for Information or Solicitation for Planning Purposes applies.

As prescribed in [15.209\(c\)](#), insert the following provision:

Request for Information or Solicitation for Planning Purposes (Oct 1997)

(a) The Government does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this solicitation or to otherwise pay for the information solicited except as an allowable cost under other contracts as provided in subsection 31.205-18, Bid and proposal costs, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(b) Although “proposal” and “offeror” are used in this Request for Information, your response will be treated as information only. It shall not be used as a proposal.

(c) This solicitation is issued for the purpose of: *Acquisition Planning*.

II. Requirement Description: See attached PWS.

- A. A minimum of Secret security clearance is required for individual candidates performing the tasks.
- B. A minimum of Secret facility security clearance is required.
- C. The work required is on site at the Government facilities at NAS Boca Chica and Saddle Bunch Key, all located in the proximity of Key West, FL.
- D. Contractor employees providing services at NCTS Jacksonville Det Key West are union employees with the exception of the Site Manager. (Local Union 2088, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO)

III. Requested information:

Interested parties shall provide information to the Government as follows:

A. Format:

- 1. MSWord or pdf format/Times New Roman font size 12
- 2. Page limit -15 pages
- 3. Company name and RFI number listed on each page
- 4. Proprietary information **MUST** be marked as such, on a page-by-page basis.

B. Introduction :

- 1. Provide name of company, company address, a contact person’s name, telephone number, fax number and email address.
- 2. CAGE code, and indicate if actively registered on Central Contractor Register (CCR).

3. STATUS -NAICS Code 517210 (Wireless Telecommunication Carriers (Except Satellite), is assigned. State the size of your company under this NAICS code [e.g., 8(a) (including graduation date), HUBZone-certified small business, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business, small business, large business, etc.].
4. If a small business, and interested as a prime under a small business set aside, provide a statement that you have the capacity to conform to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clause 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting and a description of that capacity.
5. INTEREST to qualify [e.g., prime contractor, teaming partner, joint venture, primary subcontractor] on the NCTAMS LANT effort.
6. Describe in detail the scope and experience of past and current similar contracts and relevant programs within the past five years and describe the firm's capability to perform the work (contract number, dollar value, point of contact, phone number). Corporate experience required is listed below. A past performance form is provided.



Past Performance
Form

C. PWS Information requested but not limited to:

1. Provide feedback on any limitations within the PWS where elements of risk are involved.
2. What elements of the PWS, if any, restrict competition.

IV. Evaluation Criteria:

A. Corporate Experience

Using information provided by the completed Past Performance forms, evaluation will determine relevance to the Source Sought/RFI in terms of same or similar scope (Operation and Maintenance of commercial or military high power (greater than 3KW) HF radio communications), same or similar magnitude (performance of services of a dollar value/FTE comparable to the dollar value/FTE to that which is described in the RFI's PWS), and of the same or similar complexity and quality (comparison of the variety of duties and types of systems supported to those described in the RFI).

Corporate Experience Scope

Each respondent's Corporate Experience will be reviewed with respect to the RFI in terms of same or similar scope (Operation and Maintenance of commercial or military high power (greater than 3KW) HF radio communications), the TEC will consider each respondent's Past Performance information with respect to the following relevant areas of the RFI's PWS:

- 1) 24/7/365 High Frequency (HF) radio communications scheduling, reporting, and coordination of radio frequency (RF) links within specified response times using commercial or military fixed high power (greater than 3KW) transmitters and receivers, using interconnected microwaves, networked servers, multiplexers, routers, and switches and ancillary electronic support devices.
- 2) 24/7/365 corrective and preventive maintenance for fixed HF radio communications transceivers (transmitters and receivers), microwaves, servers, multiplexers, routers, and switches.
- 3) 24/7/365 use, management, and reporting for cryptographic systems (MIL/Commercial) of NSA approved and Advanced (software) Encryption Standards (AES) commercial applications.
- 4) Knowledge of Information Assurance (IA) and Information Security (IS) processes, monitoring, responding, reporting, and maintaining.
- 5) Knowledge of operating and maintaining site program areas in support of mission requirements, that include; Physical and Personnel security; sensitive and/or classified areas; quality control; safety; environmental; power generation; electrical switchgear; distribution of electrical and telecommunications circuits; and facility maintenance, to include antennas, real property, and utilities (water and HVAC).

Corporate Experience Magnitude:

Magnitude (performance of services of a dollar value/FTE comparable to the dollar value/FTE to that which is described in the RFI's PWS) .

Corporate Experience Complexity:

Complexity (comparison of the variety of duties and types of systems supported to those described in the RFI). The TEC will consider the variety of duties associated with high power (greater than 3KW) HF Radio Communications and the variety of duties associated with Operation and Maintenance of such systems.

B. Past Performance

Using information provided by the completed Past Performance forms, evaluation will focus on quality of performance. This evaluation will be restricted to those contracts/projects determined to be relevant to the RFI. The Government reserves the right to obtain information for use in the evaluation from any and all sources, including sources outside of the Government.

Notes:

1. This Sources Sought/RFI is for planning purposes, and does not constitute a commitment, implied or otherwise, that a procurement action will follow. NAVSUP WSS and NCTAMS LANT will use the information submitted in response to this notice at its discretion and will not provide comments to any submission; however, NAVSUP WSS and NCTAMS LANT reserve the right to contact any respondent to this notice for the sole purpose of enhancing NAVSUP WSS and NCTAMS LANT 's understanding of the notice submission.

2. The content of any responses to this notice may be reflected in any subsequent solicitation, except for content marked or designated as business confidential or proprietary which will be fully protected from release outside the government, which will be fully protected from release outside the government.

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