

**Q1. SOW, Page 4, Section 6.3, what type of evidence is required, documentation?**

A1. "Evidence required" - relevant experience should be documented on the resume of the proposed candidate.

**Q2. SOW, Section 7.0 Place of Performance, onsite or offsite, please clarify. (If we find a candidate that is offsite, maybe he is willing to travel to the NPS for necessary onsite work ...?)**

A2. Offsite work is completely at the discretion of the ITACS Director of High Performance Computing. In any case, even if working offsite, the HPC System Architect must be able to be onsite if "emergencies" occur (for example, hardware failures), and for periodic maintenance and hardware upgrades. We have not defined a standard "recall time" for such incidents, but typically the architect would need to be onsite within 15-60 minutes after an incident occurs.

**Q3. SOW, Section 10.0 Travel, will there be training and conferences on this effort?**

A3. Training and conferences are only available as dictated by mission needs and under the same guidelines that apply to Federal employees. For example, conference attendance typically is only allowed for DoD-sponsored conferences. Training might be provided to learn new technologies and software (for example, Hadoop 2.0) and the preferred method of training is online training. All requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Q4. Please let us know the category of the proposed consultant – IAT Level I or II or III**

A4. At present, the category would be IAT Level II. However, reference SECNAV M-5510.3 as the documentation is controlling.

**Q5. Please let us know the certification requirements like Security+, etc.**

A5. At present, the requirement is COMPTIA Security+. However, reference DoD8570.01—M as the documentation is controlling.

**Q6. Would education, such as Masters or PhD in a related field, replace at least 3 out of the five years of related work experience for the qualification requirements listed in section 6.1 of the solicitation?**

A6. No.

**Q7. Please verify that any IATII certification and Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA) certificates would meet current certification requirements IAW 85700.01—M, as described in section 6.3 of the RFQ. If not, please list acceptable certificates.**

A7. Yes.

**Q8. Will interim secret clearance be sufficient at the time of proposal?**

A8. Yes.