

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE U	PAGE OF PAGES 1 4
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 18-Mar-2014	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. N0012415RC34000		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY NAVSUP FLC NORFOLK CONTRACTING PHILADELPHIA OFFICE 700 ROBBINS AVENUE, BLDG 2B PHILADELPHIA PA 19111-5083	CODE N00189	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. N00189-15-R-Z021	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 27-Feb-2015	
			10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE	FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.				
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)				
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.				
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).				
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.				
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) A. This modification provides another set of questions and answers on the next page. B. The closing date remains unchanged.				
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.				
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		
		TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 18-Mar-2015	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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The following have been added by full text:

AMD 0003

A. The following questions and answers are numbered in sequence with those in amendment 0001. They are intended to provide clarification of the Performance Work Statement. These Q&As do not change the requirement specified in Section C of the solicitation. Any changes to the solicitation are contained in paragraph B below:

Q17) How much flexibility does the government provide to the contractor that all contractor staff be located at Newport, Rhode Island?

A17) None.

Q18) Are Government employees or Navy personnel embedded within the wargaming center performing operations or only contractors?

A18) Government employees, Navy personnel and contractors collaborate on operations.

Q19) Are Government employees or Navy personnel instructors in addition to contractors?

A19) Both government employees and Navy personnel are instructors in addition to contractors.

Q20) The solicitation allows bidders to use 10pt Times New Roman font for past performance tables. Will you allow all tables included in proposals to use 10pt Times New Roman font?

A20) Yes

Q21) In the solicitation paragraph (2) Volume II – Price/Cost, subparagraph (d) (ii), “Material estimated above is for incidental material and special materials as defined in the clause entitled, ”Allowability of Material and General Business Expenses” and elsewhere in the solicitation”. We cannot find this clause within the Solicitation. Please clarify.

A21) There is no ‘material’ anticipated for this requirement, so the aforementioned clause is not applicable.

Q22) In the solicitation paragraph (2) Volume II – Price/Cost, subparagraph (b), “ Supporting data including labor rates and hours, burden rates, material lists and costs, travel charges, and “other direct costs” used in developing the price/cost breakdown shall be furnished. The supporting data for “other direct costs” shall include an itemization of those costs and an explanation and justification for each cost so itemized. We cannot find an ODC CLIN. Please clarify.

A22) There are no “other direct costs” anticipated for this requirement, so there is no ODC CLIN.

Q23. The solicitation implies for purposes of preparing cost/price proposal to complete schedule B the contract performance period is 7 Nov 2015. That date is a Saturday. Is the intent of the contract officer to begin this contract on a Saturday?

A23) The 7 Nov 2015 start date begins the ordering period; the actual start date for services is established at the task order level.

Q24) For planning purposes to establish a contract startup management plan should bidders use the same performance period date as 7 Nov 2015 to begin the 21 day period to assume full performance of the contract?

A24) The contractor shall be ready to provide services beginning 7 Nov 2015.

Q25) Will the contract be awarded in advance of the contract startup period to allow the awardee

to complete contract administrative activities prior to contract startup period?

A25) Yes.

Q26) When is the contract anticipated to be awarded?

A26) Award is anticipated no later than October 2015.

Q27) For planning purposes to establish a feasible contract startup plan, do weekend days count towards the 21 day contract startup period or are the 21 days considered week days, Monday through Friday excluding Federal holidays?

A27) Weekends count toward the 21 day startup period.

Q28) Our analysis shows the incumbent contract seemingly provides a lower level of effort than what is asked for in this solicitation. Is it the intent of the NWC to increase the scope and level of effort on this contract from the previous one?

A28) The level of effort is increasing for the proposed contract.

Q29) The current limit to a maximum of 35 pages in length (inclusive of resumes, contingent offer letters and corporate experience/past performance forms) is not adequate to enable non-incumbent bidders to provide a thorough response. To allow a fair and equitable evaluation between incumbent and non- incumbent offerors we request that key personnel resumes and contingent offer letters not be included in the 35 page limit for Volume 1 – Non-Price Proposal in response to Section L requirements. Will the contracting officer adjust the solicitation to reflect key personnel resumes and any associated contingent offer letters for qualified staff that are currently not employed by offerors be excluded from the 35 page limit as instructed in the solicitation?

A29) The page limitation currently established is of adequate length for all contractors to create a technical proposal. Please note the page limitation placed on resumes and contingent offer letters.

Q30) Is it permissible for an offeror to propose innovative technical approaches (e.g. technologies, processes and cost savings) used in other DoD wargaming centers?

A30) No.

Q31) For scenarios generated to conduct wargames, which Geospatial tools and feeds are used to generate visualization? The PWS identifies FalconView/PFPS and Google Earth as examples. Does NWC also use Esri GIS mapping software to enhance simulations?

A31) NWC does not use ESRI.

Q32) Are ArcGIS and/or RaptorX also used for visualizations?

A32) No.

Q33) The PWS requires the contractor to design, develop, install, integrate and support C4ISR technologies to meet war game requirements. Does NWC follow Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC) methodologies for integration and use of systems and tools into the architecture? If SDLC methods are used are they currently documented as an engineering best practice or will that be required for this contract?

A33) NWC expects that products developed by the contractor for NWC follow the general process of an accepted SDLC process but NWC does not intend to specify or limit the contractor as to what process the contractor uses.

Q34) The PWS states in Task/Requirement “Provide Technology Support for War Gaming Department” 1) Research and perform C2 systems integration on advanced decision support systems, simulations and information technology tools and 2) Design, develop, install, integrate and support C4ISR technologies to meet war game requirements.

Does NWC have a Battlespace Visualization Model (BVM) that can quickly be configured to integrate multiple modeling and simulation data sources and produce visualizations and if so

what does this capability consist of?

A34) Joint Semi Automated Forces is the Navy's Program of record battlespace model and visualization system. Global Command and Control System Maritime is the Program of record system for display and dissemination of the Common Operational Picture.

Q35) Is it acceptable to introduce external DoD-approved data sources that have been used to enhance current simulations in other DoD wargaming centers?

A35) No.

Q36) Does NWC apply best practices for IT service management? If not, is it acceptable to introduce a set of practices such as ITIL to improve the management of the IT environment?

A36) IT Service Management for NWC is broadly addressed from of the CIO's office here at NWC and is not a required capacity for this solicitation.

Q37) What type of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) or performance metrics are used to assess performance of help desk services provided to the Wargaming Department?

A37) Help desk services required for war gaming events are generally assessed from first call resolution rate, average resolution time, average end user satisfaction rate, technician utilisation,

Q38) What trouble ticketing system does NWC use to track help desk trouble tickets?

A38) Not applicable.

Q39) How does the advantage of using existing C2 and C4ISR Capabilities get reflected in our estimate?

A39) The general knowledge and use of existing DOD and Navy specific C4ISR Capabilities is a requirement. Therefore, that is a business decision for the offeror to make.

Q40) How does the NWC weigh the advantage of the dramatically lower lifecycle cost of using a configuration-based interoperability approach?

A40) At this time lifecycle management planning and finance process are executed according to prescribed government requirements and is an inherently governmental function. As such, this not a required or desired provision for the solicited contract services.

Q41) All positions identified in section B of the solicitation under level of effort are designated at 1,920 hours per year except for SME (Joint Military Operations). Should that labor category also be designated as 1,920 hours?

A41) No.

Q42) Are offerors encouraged to offer alternative methods of course curriculum delivery as provided at other successful DoD/Defense Executive level education programs?

A42) No.

Q43) Because of the seemingly increased scope from the previous contract and the importance of this contract to NWC will the contracting office extend proposal delivery date one week beyond 30 March?

A43) No.

(End of Summary of Changes)