

**N00189-16-R-2005: Questions and Answers (March 9, 2016) – Amendment 0004**

Question 1: In the Level of Effort section on page 8, the RFP states “If all options are exercised by the Government, the level of effort for the performance of the contract resulting from this solicitation will be increased by an additional 155,100 estimated manhours of direct labor, for a total level of effort of 193,875 estimated manhours of direct labor.” It is unclear which labor categories the 155,100 hours will be applied. Are these hours in addition to the hours indicated in the estimated level of effort chart?

**Answer 1: The 155,100 estimated hours refers to the hours in addition to the base estimated hours of 38,775 for a total estimated 193,875 as stated in the Level of Effort clause.**

Question 2: One labor category’s name does not match the description provided. Operational Research Analyst III is listed in the Level of Effort table, but the LCAT description is for Operational Research Analyst. Are these meant to read the same?

**Answer 2: Addressed in Amendment 0004.**

Question 3: Regarding Section 1.4.5 (Hours of Operation) will the contractor be authorized to telework or work at contractor facility if the government, for whatever reason, is closed for normal operations e.g. inclement weather, budget shutdown?

**Answer 3: The Government will not authorize telework during facility closures. The contractor will not be required to work during such events.**

Question 4: Page 24 4.4.2 Specific Wargaming, Analytic and Technical Support Requirements includes the following two tasks:

“Provide administrative and technical support to assist the Deputy Director J-8’s evolving role as a Wargaming Quad chair member, J-8 SAGD’s role as a core member of the Wargaming Quad Chairs and providing direct support to the Defense Wargaming Alignment Group (DWAG).”

“Provide administrative and technical support to assist J-8’s oversight, alignment, and coordination of wargaming within the near-term (N/T) time horizon and synthesis and integration of wargame findings across three time horizons (near-, mid-, and long-term).”

Question 4a: Will the technical and administrative support called for in these two tasks require full-time, onsite support?

**Answer 4a: The Government does not have specific task order requirements defined at this time.**

Question 4b: Can you define or elaborate on the nature of the “administrative and technical” support required in the two tasks above?

**Answer 4b: The Government does not have specific task order requirements defined at this time.**

Question 4c: Does the last task refer to internal J8 wargaming efforts, or the broader DoD effort to align, integrate and synthesize wargaming findings across the Department via the wargaming database, the Quad Chairs, and the DWAG?

**Answer 4c: The Government does not have specific task order requirements defined at this time.**

Question 5: In section L III (c), Past Performance, offerors are required to include a “Past Performance Information Form” for each reference submitted, but this form was not included with the solicitation. Could the Government furnish the form offerors should use?

**Answer 5: Addressed in Amendment 0004.**

Question 6: To demonstrate past performance relevance, would the Government consider evaluating offerors’ up-to-three past performance references in the aggregate in order to allow offerors who may not have the entire scope, magnitude, and complexity of the requirement under one individual contract/task order to still be considered relevant if past performance with the full scope, magnitude, and complexity of the requirement can be demonstrated within the aggregate up-to-three allotted number of references?

**Answer 6: The Government will not consider this approach.**

Question 7: Section L, III, Volume II, Subparagraph (c) (page 60) states, “For pricing purposes, the following ratios of Contractor facility and Government facility labor performance are established for all labor categories: Contractor facility: 0%; Government facility: 100%. Section 1.3 the RFP states “Other places of performance may be specified within the individual task orders.” Section 1.4.2 the RFP states “The primary place of performance for this effort is the Pentagon, Washington D.C.” Based on the statement in section L will all “other places” be government facilities?

**Answer 7: The solicitation is clear on its face for place of performance, otherwise the government does not have specific task order requirements defined at this time.**

Question 8: Section M, page 64 states, "The offeror shall include a copy of its policy addressing uncompensated overtime with its proposal." Is the submission of this policy required if the offeror doesn't intend to use uncompensated overtime in the delivery of services under this contract?

**Answer 8: The solicitation is clear on its face. See FAR 52.237-10 Identification of Uncompensated Overtime at pages 45-46 of the solicitation.**

Question 9: On page 11, could the Government explain the context for the first complete sentence at the top of the page?

**Answer 9: The sentence in question is included within 5252.237-9401 clause language, there is no explanation.**

Question 10: If an offeror has a government-approved commercial subcontracting plan, will that satisfy the requirement for both a Socio-Economic Plan and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan?

**Answer 10: No. The solicitation is clear on its face. As stated at p. 58 of the solicitation: "Note: The Socio-Economic Plan is a non-cost evaluation factor and is separate and distinct from the separate requirement, set forth elsewhere in the solicitation, for the offeror to submit a "Small Business Subcontracting Plan." While obtaining approval of the offeror's Small Business Subcontracting Plan is required prior to any contract award, the Small Business Subcontracting Plan is not a component of the comparative evaluation of Proposals; rather, it will be treated as a matter of contractor responsibility."**

Question 11: If a commercial subcontracting plan is not acceptable for satisfying the requirement for both the Socio-Economic Plan and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan, will the government please clarify what is expected for those two documents? For example, section (d) Socio-Economic Plan states : "The solicitation, however, does not require participation by such entities" in regard to small businesses. That is followed by the statement, "If the offeror fails to provide targets for the contract and/or any of the seven socio-economic factors, the offerors Proposal will be evaluated at zero percent and/or zero dollars for the contract and/or any socio-economic factor for which a target is not provided." And then follows "a offeror that provides no socio-economic plan in response to this factor may be considered ineligible for award."

**Answer 11: The solicitation is clear on its face.**