

**This Amendment 02 to N39430-15-R-1720 contains Requests for Information (RFI) received by the Government on 9/7/2015 and 9/8/2015 and responses, as an addition to the original solicitation. As of noon Pacific Time Zone, 9/9/2015, no further RFI have been received beyond Q5 through Q8 responded to below.**

A combined synopsis/solicitation for Coso Hot Springs Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting was posted to FBO (via NECO) on 9/1/15. The most current RFI responses are provided below, numbered as a continuation of the numbering of RFI as begun with Amendment 01 (posted last week, with Government responses to questions numbered Q1 through q4). The Government is not in a position to respond to additional RFI beyond Q8, below, before the closing date of this solicitation. The closing date and time remain unchanged from the date and time as identified in N39430-15-R-1720, as posted on 9/1/2015.

**Q5 received 1:52 PM Pacific Time, 9/7/2015** (*a federal holiday; contracts office was closed*).

I understand that you were going to post answers to questions regarding this solicitation. Specifically, we requested the following information.

Based on review of available information, we are unable to determine the volume of data that needs to be cataloged annually. Can you please indicate the volume of data the will be collected annually. Can you send me an example, or provide a link to a typical annual data set? What format will the data be provided (excel, word, pdf, other)?

**RESPONSE:**

This two-part question was addressed last week with response to Q1 (marked as 1.1 and 1.2 for in the Government response). Please refer to Amendment 01 to N39430-15-R-1720 as posted to FedBizOpps (FBO) on 9/3/2015.

**Q6 received 1:52 PM Pacific Time, 9/7/2015** (*a federal holiday; contracts office was closed*).

Would it be possible to get an extension for the 9/10/15 submittal date?

**RESPONSE:**

No; there is no extension authorized by the Contracting Officer.

**Q7 received 1:52 PM Pacific Time, 9/7/2015** (*a federal holiday; contracts office was closed*).

Please provide the link to the posted Q&A.

**RESPONSE:**

The link for the posted Q&A is the same as the link (website) where the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation is posted, and provided as follows: [www.FBO.gov](http://www.FBO.gov), or for the full URL: <https://www.fbo.gov>. (Note: because the Navy is required to use a separate portal, NECO, to input to fields used on FBO and to upload documents for access to users via FBO, the following information may be useful to new users:

When a user of FBO is viewing that website (and interested in the opportunity N39430-15-R-1720 for example), after reading the Synopsis the user can find direct linkage to further documents by drilling down and viewing any and all posted attachments such as: a complete solicitation (Request for Quotation(RFQ)), Attachments A, B, and C as referenced in the RFQ, as well as any/all amendments to the RFQ that are posted as additional attachments, with the word Amendment used in the file name to clue in the user. Once the user drills down (clicks on the linkage to solicitation in NECO), the look of the screen will change (color scheme, nautical flags and the word NECO at top of screen, etc.). A user can see the solicitation and attachments A, B, C, in close proximity to each other. Scrolling toward the bottom of the screen, the user can find Amendment(s) as posted (RFI and responses).

Users may call a Help Desk phone number as displayed on FBO, for further guidance, if direct linkage from FBO to NECO (for complete information on a Navy opportunity) is not obvious to the user while initially viewing the FBO

screen. This office cannot provide further guidance on using FBO and its linkage to NECO. As for NECO (the abbreviation for Navy Electronic Commerce Online) there is direct public access, if that portal is preferred for viewing opportunities with the Navy. As posting to FBO is required by law (see NOTE: below) for a number of opportunities the Navy publicizes, we consistently identify FBO for online postings of opportunities, such as, in this case, a Combined Synopsis/Solicitation. FBO users can then discover for themselves on the FBO screen that there is direct linkage to NECO for a Navy opportunity posted on FBO. The direct URL for NECO is <https://www.neco.navy.mil>. Please view the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on that website if seeking further information about NECO; this office cannot supply further guidance and detailed user support regarding NECO. Small businesses may also check with the Small Business Administration (SBA) for possible support with FBO and/or NECO: <https://www.sba.gov>.

***NOTE:** FBO is the correct spelling, as shown above, for the abbreviation for the FedBizOpps website. Within Amendment 01 to N39430-15-R-1720, posted 9/3/2015, FBO was inadvertently typed as FPO. The FBO is the Government-Wide Point of Entry (GPE), required by 48 CFR 2.101 and as further required with the Federal Code of Regulation (FAR) part 5.*

**Q8 received 3:24 PM Pacific Time, 9/8/15**

We are prepping our submittal for the referenced solicitation. Is there a pre-filled SF 1449 somewhere that I am missing or should we just fill out a blank one with our info and the remaining details will be filled by the Navy? Thanks!

**RESPONSE:**

We did not set up a pre-filled SF1449 as it seemed quicker to get the RFQ out without that step. You can use a blank one. We would then use a form generated by our contract writing system if we are awarding to your company and can layer your submittal with the one generated by our system. See 11.2 Submittal of Volume I (Price) in the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation posted to NECO/FBO on 9/1/2015, which states: Offerors may use the Standard Form 1449 or attach a file in MS Word or Adobe PDF with the written quote, which must be signed and dated;... Please read the entirety of instructions for submittal as posted 9/1/2015.