

N62473-14-R-4807  
Questions and Responses  
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1. Section L4 , Vol #1 Part A.1 – Regarding the Price Proposal Spreadsheet, would it be possible to get another version of the excel spreadsheet that was provided with the RFP and that would have 1 to 2 rows at the top of the spreadsheet and 3 to 5 rows at the bottom of the spreadsheet that are unprotected. We would like to use the unprotected rows to do some quality control checks. The rows can be outside of the main spreadsheet that contains all of the ELIN's.

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for Revised Price Proposal Spreadsheet.**

2. Section L4 , Vol #2 Part B Factor 3 Exhibit G: Project Data Sheets – With the page count limited, in order to optimize the space used may we remove the “Description of Work Performed” instructions and any unused lines in the form?

**Response: Yes. You may remove the Description of Work Performed paragraph. The removal of the paragraph shall not preclude the contractor from addressing all five items, (a) through (e).**

3. Section C Annex 2 Spec Item 2.9.1 Key Personnel – It states, “The contractor shall submit a resume of its key personnel.” However, nowhere in the submittal requirements in Section L4 nor the evaluation criteria in Section M indicates where to include the resumes. Are resumes for Key and/or Non-Key required to be provided? If so, which section should the resumes be provided in?

**Response: Per Sections L and M, resumes are not required for the purpose of evaluating proposals for RFP N62473-14-R-4807. Resumes may be required at the task order level.**

4. The SF33 states the solicitation is due 10AM 08 Jul 2014; however the [www.neco.navy.mil](http://www.neco.navy.mil) where the solicitation is posted states in the Date/Reference field that the quote is to be received at 9AM 08 Jul 2014. Please confirm which is the correct time when this solicitation is due.

**Response: See Amendment 0007.**

5. Will NAVFAC accept PPQs that have previously been completed for other RFPs? If so, is there a maximum time frame (i.e., within the last X years)?

**Response: See changes to Amendment 0007. Submittal requirements for Factor 1, Corporate Experience states that Offerors shall submit up to eight (8) projects that are at least 80% complete within the past five (5) years of the date of issuance of the RFP. The submittal requirement for Factor 4, Past Performance states that Offerors shall submit Past Performance Questionnaires (PPQs) (if CPARS evaluations are not available) for each project submitted under Factor 1, Corporate Experience.**

6. We have an existing ACASS rating for an entire IDIQ that includes a TO we are submitting as a project. May we submit that ACASS or do we need to request a specific PPQ for the TO?

**Response: An ACASS rating will suffice as long of the work is relevant to the services of this RFP.**

7. The numbering in the RFP for Section 1800000 does not match what is on the provided pricing sheet. Which has the correct numbering? (Herein, we are referencing the numbering from the cost sheet.) 4. Should Davis Bacon wages be applied to the appropriate labor categories?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for revised Price Proposal Spreadsheets. Davis Bacon wages do not apply to this solicitation. See Section H of the solicitation.**

8. Do ELINs in Section 4.4 (Earth Moving) require the contractor to include surveying as may be required for the construction of vernal pools, trails, and roads?

**Response: Site surveying efforts of up to eight hours will be included in a large earth moving projects. No site survey efforts will be required in the small earth moving project. See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 1800000, Spec Item 4.3.2 Large Earth Moving Project.**

9. Is the contractor required to provide as-built drawings after plant installation, earth moving, seeding, or fencing work?

**Response: No. If an as built drawing is required it will be ordered as a separate report. See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 1800000, Spec Item 4.1.4 Draft/Final Report.**

10. Will any sites require workers to have current HAZWOPER training?

**Response: No. HAZWOPER training will not be required.**

11. Is any form of bonding required?

**Response: No.**

12. What is our liability/warranty for unforeseen impacts on plants (herbivores, vandalism, drought, etc.)? Under what conditions is the contractor responsible for replacing the plants?

**Response: Unless otherwise specifically stated to the contrary in the task order, the contractor will assume all responsibility for planting replacement.**

13. Are restoration plans and monitoring to be included in the contract? If so, where does restoration planning and monitoring fit in within the existing line items?

**Response: Restoration plans can be ordered as a separate report, or a work plan, depending on level of effort. See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 1800000, Spec Item 4.1.4 Draft/Final Report. Monitoring is defined as either Site Maintenance (Spec. Item 4.6) or Biological Monitoring (Spec. Item 4.7).**

14. Pricing line items A0056-A0058 - For biomonitoring, is a 10A1A permit-holder required to perform these tasks?

**Response: No. Unless otherwise specified in the task order.**

15. Is input and oversight from the Contractor's biomonitor included in the reporting and meetings tasks?

**Response: Section 4.7 requires a biomonitoring report included in the cost of the biomonitoring ELIN.**

16. ELIN 4.5.17 Small Planting Irrigation - What type of irrigation system will be used? Is it a drip irrigation, soaker line, or hand watering only?

**Response: The type of irrigation used will be project specific. It can be specified in the task order, but will commonly be at the discretion of the contractor.**

17. ELIN 4.6.3 Seed Collection, Storage, and Sowing - Are we assuming all seed is to be cleaned? Also, sowing is referred to. Does this include sowing, propagating and maintaining the nursery and plants?

**Response: Any specific requirements will be specified in the task order. This ELIN is specific to level of effort and also for sowing specifically. Propagating and maintaining plants are purchased under separate ELINS.**

18. 4.14.1 Small, Simple Weed Treatment Project –What are the weeding performance criteria? It will take much longer to treat if the goal is to eradicate a highly invasive species such as Brassica Tournafortii that is mixed in and amongst a rare or endangered plant species than it will take to knock back or control a less invasive weed that is in the same area. Even though the complexity of the work is very similar, the performance criteria are much different.

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.14. If the goal is to eradicate a highly invasive species, the idea is to order a complex weed treatment project.**

19 a. Volume 1 Price: Will NAVFAC be providing the Price Proposal Spreadsheets as indicated in the RFP (Exhibits A-E)?

**Response: Yes. See Amendment 0007 for revised Price Proposal Spreadsheets.**

19 b. Volume 2 Factor 1 Past Performance: Will NAVFAC be providing the Past Performance Questionnaires indicated in the RFP?

**Response: The Past Performance Questionnaire is included in the solicitation as an attachment.**

19 c. Volume 2 Factor 3 - Corporate Experience: Will NAVFAC be providing the Project Data Sheets as indicated in the RFP?

**Response: The Project Data Sheet is included in the solicitation as an attachment.**

20. Volume 2, Factors 1 and 3 - Past Performance and Corporate Experience: Should the Past Performance and Corporate Experience be the same projects?

**Response: See Response to Question #5.**

21. If the offeror established a new business entity, can work experience gained prior, or in conjunction with, the entities' formation be utilized? For example, a newly formed joint venture where the joint venture has minimal experience but the entities comprising the joint venture have previous experience. Likewise, can experience gained from employment prior to the formation of a business entity be utilized?

**Response: JVs are contract specific. A JV not having the experience is permitted to use experience of the JV parties. For new business entities, the experience of employees from other firms will not be permitted.**

22. Irrigation 4.5.17 and 18 – Is an irrigation system required or can hand watering be performed?

**Response: The type of irrigation used will be project specific. It can be specified in the task order, but will commonly be at the discretion of the contractor.**

23. Irrigation 4.5.17 and 18 – Is it safe to assume the number of plants to irrigate corresponds to the project size, i.e., irrigation of 100 plants is roughly 0.1 acre area, 500 plants = 1 acre area? Also is irrigation to be included in the container planted line items for the year or just at time of install?

**Response: It is safe to assume that the number of plants roughly corresponds to project size. Density will be determined by habitat type, and will be project specific. Irrigation is not included in container plant line items, but is to be purchased separately on a year-by-year basis.**

24. Signage fabrication, and installation, what is the possible range if sign sizes, as costing of fabrication and installation is per square foot?

**Response: Size range is not defined on purpose. That is why fabrication and installation is broken out separately. Examples of typical signs include: small keep out signs, government property signs, up to large interpretive kiosk signs. Pricing is per square foot, so larger signs are more expensive.**

25. Grates, 4.13.1-4 – Is a frame to be supplied and installed with the grate?

**Response: Yes. See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.13.**

26. Least tern fencing: 4.10.6 – Is the least tern fencing exclusively for the purpose of controlling chick movement, or is a secondary role predator exclusion? This will affect the height of the chain link portion.

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Items 4.9.11 and 4.9.12.**

27. Is it correct to assume that the pricing for resource protective fencing installation and maintenance (ELINs 4.10.4 – 4.10.6.1) does not need to include biological monitoring or surveying (and assume that all monitoring will be covered under ELINs 4.8.1 – 4.8.3)?

**Response: Yes.**

28. Will task order awards be based on the pricing submitted with this contract proposal, or will contract holders have the opportunity to revise their estimate given the particular details of a specific project? In other words, will contractor selection be based solely on the pricing submitted with this proposal?

**Response: Services under Spec Item 4.0, Pre-Established Exhibit Line Item Numbers (ELINs) are firm fixed price work and are not subject to any price adjustments. ELINS A001 through A096 shall be priced in accordance with Annex 18, Spec Item 4.0.**

29. Will site maintenance (ELINs 4.7.1 – 4.7.4) require any monitoring reports performed by a qualified biologist?

**Response: No.**

30. Please provide general specifications for “Wood and Cable Fence” (similar to details provided for Exclusion and Security Fencing (ELINs 4.11 & 4.12). What gauge cable? How many lines?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.9.5.**

31. If performance objectives and other details are not sufficient, are assumptions permitted in the proposal to clarify the presumed scope and specifications?

**Response: Assumptions will not be accepted with proposals submitted for work under Spec Item 3.0 Non Pre-Established Fixed Price. If a portion of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is ambiguous, it should be clarified via RFIs. Services under Spec Item 4.0 are Pre-Established Fixed Price work, subject to Firm Fixed Price ELINS.**

32. There is a discrepancy in the unit of measure for small erosion control projects (ELINs 4.3.1 – 4.3.1.3). The Spec Item description says the unit of measure is 0.1 acres, but the price schedule uses “acre” (assumed to be 1) for the unit of measure with a quantity of 5. Is the total price for this line to be for 5.0 acres or 0.5 acres?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to the price proposal spreadsheets. The unit of measure for ELINS A007 through A010 represents 0.1 Acre. If the total quantity ordered is 5 of the 0.1 acres, the total is 0.5 acres.**

33. Similarly, for the small hydroseed project (ELIN 4.6.1), the small project Spec says 0.5 acre is one unit, but the price schedule says that one unit is an “acre” and the quantity is 11. Is the total quantity then 5.5 acres (11 x 0.5) or 11 acres?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to the price proposal spreadsheets. The unit of measure for ELIN A049 Small Hydroseed represents 0.5 acre. If the total quantity ordered is 11 of the 0.5 acres, the total is 5.5 acres.**

34. For the large hydroseed project (ELIN 4.6.2), the project Spec says 5.0 acres is one unit, but the price schedule says that an "acre" is one unit and the quantity is 2. Is the total quantity then 10 acres (5 x 2) or 2 acres?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to the price proposal spreadsheets. The unit of measure for ELIN A050 Large Hydroseed represents 5.0 acre. If the total quantity ordered is 2 of the 5.0 acres, the total is 10 acres.**

35. 4.2.6 – Meetings: Is the unit of measure 1 meeting or all meetings required for 1 task order? If the latter, how many meetings should be assumed for a given task order?

**Response: The unit of measure EA represents one meeting.**

36. Spec. Item 4.5 calls out Plant Sizes of 6"x 15" or 4"x12". These are not standard size designations used by growers. Please specify the planting materials as follows: on site cuttings, Liner (a liner is 49 - 2" plants), 4" potted plant (pp), 6" pp, 1gal, 5ga, 15gal, 24" Box, or 36" Box.

**Response: The plant sizes shall be at the Contractor's discretion, but should be chosen to meet performance objectives. Spec Item 4.4 has been modified to remove specific plant size requirements.**

37. In Section L, Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Bidders, p. 146, it says to use 8.5" X 14" sheets for the price proposal. Can 'z-folded' 11x17 sheets be used? This is a more suitable size for the spreadsheet layout.

**Response: Yes.**

38. Planholders list on FedConnect/FBO site does not list any names. Can you please provide planholders list or and SDVOBE companies you know are interested.

**Response: Please contact FBO help desk.**

39. Do you have a list of planned projects, or examples of planned projects, for which you intend to execute under this contract? How does the government have budgeted for Year-1 projects?

**Response: The Offerors are welcome to contact the installations and inquire about their individual programs. This contract will be among those used in support of Navy and Marine Corps installations in the Southwest region.**

40. If there will be 3 – 5 FFP multiple award service contracts will the awardees compete for individual task/work orders, or will the government assign a maximum contract value to each awardee?

**Response: All task orders will be competed. For Spec Item 3.0, Request for Proposals will be issued to all contract awardees under the Multiple Award Service Contract. For Spec Item 4.0, projects will be competed using the firm fixed ELIN prices.**

41. In regards to item A073: Can you please provide some specifications as to the materials needed for this work. There are a myriad of options for wood and cable fencing. Especially important is if the cable system has multiple cables or just one across the top and if NAVFAC is looking for large circular wood posts with a single cable on top (which is what we are familiar with seeing around military bases) or something else.

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.9.5.**

42. ELINs A089-A092.

I have reached out to multiple fabricators of grates and they have all told me they need more specifications on the grate design and use in order to provide a realistic price. I was hoping the Navy could provide these details, such as estimated dimensions of items (hopefully there is a standard size usually used), whether it will be weight bearing or not and for the heavy duty grate, the manufacturers have all asked how far apart the load bearing surfaces would be.

If this information is not readily available (as I imagine it will be dependent upon the project the ELIN is applied to) then I fear it will be very difficult for contractors to provide prices with any level of certainty as to whether or not they can provide the services as described, with the price provided.

**Response: For Spec Items 4.13 through 4.13.4, the heavy duty welded grate must be able to support a loaded dump truck. The grate manufacturer should be able to provide information on how far apart the load bearing surfaces should be to support that weight. The dimensions of the grates shall be specified in the task order, but the pricing shall be provided as a function of square footage.**

43. Reference: Page 25 of 160, 2.9.1.2 Project Manager. Can habitat management experience and a high level science/engineering degree be used to qualify a PM in lieu of a BS degree in wildlife biology, ecology, or botany? For example, a PM with a PhD in science and engineering and over 20 years of direct project management experience in managing habitat restoration related projects.

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 02, Spec Item 2.9.1.2. The key personnel requirements have been modified to allow for extensive experience to be used in lieu of a BS degree in wildlife biology or other similar degree.**

44. Numerous ELINs include ambiguous verbiage like "additional requirements may be specified in the Task Order and/or Work Plan", "methods and materials shall be included in the Task Order and/or Work Plan", "procurement and installation ..as specified in the Task Order", "..installed according to Task Order/Work Plan requirements", "..and any requirements or constraints shall be specified in the Task Order", "..material to be included in Task Order". Since these ELIN costs are based on specific task descriptions that will be presumably included in Task Orders that have not yet been issued, these ambiguities make estimating costs difficult since we do not know what we need to include in the costs. This is obviously critical since costs will be a primary component in Contract award. Will additional details be provided so that all bidders can assume equitable level of effort for these ELINs and the Government is assured that costs provided have included similar assumptions?

**Response: Services order under the pre-established ELIN prices are to be fulfilled as specified in each spec item. As an example, if Spec Item 4.4 requires that weed cover is less than 20% of the site, or unless otherwise specified by the Task Order. A Task Order may state that 30% weed coverage is satisfactory, or it may say that 10% weed coverage is satisfactory if the site conditions are such that this will not increase the cost of the work.**

45. Spec Item 4.3 (4.3.1 and 4.3.2 ) specify moving material for the construction of berms, basins, ditches etc. How far is material to be moved from the place of excavation?

**Response: These items refer to earth moving within contiguous project footprint.**

46. Spec Item 4.3.3 Soil Transportation - Does this include the cost of loading, stockpile management and other associated tasks? Or is this limited to only the transportation?

**Response: This includes all tasks necessary to transport material.**

47. Spec Item 4.4 specifies that the Contractor shall provide replacement planting to achieve 90% survivorship. Are there any survival criteria for replacement plantings? Or can replacement plantings occur at the completion of the year of maintenance? Also, for sites with >50% weeds, is this limited to invasive weeds? Or is this all non-native vegetation? And how will weed cover be determined? Is this overall cover or relative cover? For example, if a riparian site has >50% willow canopy cover but has a 75% Conium under story cover, will additional ELINs be purchased for weed abatement?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 for changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.4. Replacement plantings shall be installed within 1 month of plant mortality. "Weeds" refers to all plant species not desired at the site. Cover refers to absolute ground cover.**

48. Spec Item 4.5 - To equitably compare costs for this item, will materials (hydromulch type and rate, tackifier type and rate and especially seed species and rates) be provided? These costs can vary enormously and the Government will be unable to compare costs if additional details are not provided. Also, if the Performance Standard is not met, will the site need to be re-hydroseeded at the Contractor's expense?

**Response: Hydromulch type shall be determined and purchased by Contractor, although only biodegradable (i.e., non-plastic) materials are to be used. Seed shall typically be seed of plants native to the surrounding area. Additional seed-collection ELIN(s) (Spec Item 4.5.3) shall be purchased if seed is not available off-the-shelf. If the performance criteria are not met, the Contractor will bear the expense of re-hydroseeding.**

49. Spec Item 4.6 - Are there any success criteria associated with site maintenance other than those listed for erosion control? Are there any plant survivorship success criteria? Or should the Contractor assume the minimum (less than or more than 6 site visits as stated)?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.6. Site maintenance criteria include planting survivorship of 90% (or as otherwise stated in the Task Order) and weed cover of less than 20% (or as otherwise stated in the Task Order).**

50. Spec Item 4.11 - Will security fencing consist of 11 or 9 ga chain link? Will posts be driven or concreted? Also, will the fence be 6 feet or 8 feet? And will structural components be schedule 40?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 changes to Annex 18, Spec Item 4.11. The security fence shall be 8 feet high using a 9ga chain link. Posts will be driven, not concreted. Structural components will be schedule 40.**

51. Spec Item 4.14 - How will the Pesticide Application Plan be ordered? Is this included in this ELIN or will a Work Plan ELIN be ordered? Will biomonitoring be ordered separately or should this be included in the ELIN costs?

**Response: See Amendment 0007 changes to Annex 18, Spec Items 4.1.2 and 4.14. The Pesticide Application Plan will be a component of the Work Plan when weed control is required as part of the Task Order.**

52. Spec Item 4.14.1 - If more than 6 maintenance visits are required to reach the <20% of original site condition success criteria, will additional ELINs be ordered?

**Response: Yes, if the site is identified to require more than 6 maintenance visits at the time of award, additional ELINs will be ordered. Additional ELINs will not be ordered to account for inefficient Contractor services.**