

CONTRACTOR QUESTIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE

8. QUESTION: Does a University of California Masters of Art degree in Marine Biology equate to a Masters of Science for the Dive Supervisor Key Personnel minimum qualification? A MS degree was not offered until recently at UC Santa Barbara.

RESPONSE: Yes, a Masters of Art degree in Marine Biology will suffice as a Masters of Science was not offered. Please see Amendment 1 to the solicitation.

9. QUESTION: Can experience substitute for a Masters degree for Key Personnel? For example, would an appropriate Bachelors degree and over 15 years pertinent experience equate to a Masters of Science degree?

RESPONSE: Yes, experience can substitute for a Masters degree for Key Personnel. A Bachelor's degree in biology with at least ten years of experience can be used to substitute for a Masters Degree. Please see Amendment 1 to the solicitation.

10. QUESTION: Regarding Non Key Personnel for a Marine Scientist, under minimum qualifications, must all five qualifications be met by one individual? This is an unusual combination of skills for a single person.

RESPONSE: No, the minimum qualifications for the Non Key Personnel Marine Scientist can be met with more than one individual. For example, one designated Marine Scientist can meet minimum qualifications a-c and a different Marine Scientist can meet minimum qualifications d and e.

11. QUESTION: Can the Dive Supervisor and Dive Safety Officer be the same person, which is normal practice on many marine dive projects?

RESPONSE: Yes, as long as that one person satisfies all minimum qualifications for both the Dive Supervisor and the Dive Safety Officer.

12. QUESTION: Are resumes for Key Personnel allowed as attachments in addition to the page limitations listed for key personnel and the overall page limitations for the management approach?

RESPONSE: Resumes are not prohibited, however they are not desired. In addition, offerors must address all elements of Factor 2 Management Approach as stated in Sections L and M. Furthermore, resumes must not be a substitute for the required information on the Key Personnel Qualifications Sheet(s) as the resumes may not be reviewed. Offerors must stay within the total page limitations of Factor 2.

13. QUESTION: Can more than 5 projects be submitted for corporate experience section as long as we stay within the section's page limitations?

RESPONSE: Offerors are to submit 5 projects.

14. QUESTION: Are the project data sheets (attachment 1) included as part of the 10 page limit for corporate experience?

RESPONSE: Yes.

15. QUESTION: If we propose to use a sub-contractor as part of our team, does that automatically mean we need to provide a teaming agreement? Alternately, is it possible to propose a non-legally binding team arrangement and therefore not have to include a legally binding teaming agreement?

RESPONSE: Please see Section L Clause L3 Joint Venture, Team/Partnering and Major Subcontract Agreements.