

### Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** The RFP cover letter states “This acquisition is being solicited through full-and-open competition in accordance with FAR Part 15 – Contracting by Negotiation.” Please confirm that this solicitation is a small business set aside under NAICS Code 562910.

**Answer:** The original Cover Letter issued in the final RFP incorrectly stated that this acquisition is being competed via full and open competition. A Cover Letter (Revision 1) was posted to the acquisition webpage and an email was sent to all the Subscribers highlighting this error. To clarify, this acquisition is being solicited as a total small business set-aside. If an amendment is issued to the final RFP the Cover Letter in FedConnect will be updated with the Revision 1 document.

2. **Question:** Under Section NNS-L-2002, Page L-15, item (ii) (A) requires that we describe “The development and application of conceptual geologic source term and groundwater flow and transport models...” In the UGTA program, there is participation from different entities (national laboratories) that perform portions of the work. We assume that since the RFP asked us to describe the approach, we can describe the approach to modeling without having to distinguish in the description of each element if an aspect of that specific element is performed by a laboratory vs. the EPS contractor. Is that correct?

**Answer:** The Offeror shall describe its proposed technical approach for accomplishing its own portions of the work and how it will interact with the other entities. The EPS contractor will be responsible for some UGTA work scope that is currently being performed by the national laboratories. The national laboratories will continue to provide laboratory-controlled data to support model development as needed, but the EPS contractor will be responsible to define, develop, and implement source term models as necessary to meet conceptual model needs. Provision NNS-L-2002 (b) (1) (ii) (A) of the RFP will be amended as follows (see bolded items):

(A) The development and application of conceptual **geologic, source term** and groundwater flow and transport models to aid in the characterization of deep underground contamination (700 to over 4,000 feet below ground surface) for radiologically contaminated groundwater in complex geologic settings covering areas larger than 100 square miles. This includes the collection and utilization of data **to define, develop, and implement the source term models.**

Also, see the answer to question #61 in the Draft RFP Questions and Answers for additional information.

3. **Question:** The RFP requires that 20 facility evaluations be conducted for the RWAP scope (PWS 3.2.4.4). Can you please clarify how many audits and how many surveillances are in these 20 FEs?

**Answer:** For proposal purposes, of the 20 annual facility evaluations, assume 5 are audits and 15 surveillances. Provision NNS-L-2002 will be amended to incorporate this information.

4. **Question:** The RFP does not state how many waste profile reviews will be performed. Can you please provide the number of annual waste profile reviews required?

**Answer:** For proposal purposes, assume approximately 180 waste profile reviews annually. Provision NNS-L-2002 will be amended to incorporate this information.

5. **Question:** In reference to Section L NNS-L-2000 Instructions for Proposal Preparation - General (b)(9) (p. L-11) and Section L NNS-L-2002 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume II--Technical and Management Information (b)(3) TAB 3 (p. L-15): Clause NNS-L-2000 states: "Corporate Experience (Attachment L-3 and Narrative)" are excluded from the Volume II 50 page limitation. Clause NNS-L-2002 states: "Attachments L-3 and L-4 are not part of the Volume II 50 page limit." Please clarify that *all* of the Corporate Experience, including Attachments L-3 and L-4 and the three-page narrative summaries for each team member, are excluded from the Volume II 50 page count.

**Answer:** Correct, the Corporate Experience submission is NOT part of the Volume II 50 page limit. However, Attachment L-3, L-4 and narrative have their specific page limitations in accordance with provision NNS-L-2002. Provision NNS-L-2000 will be amended to include Attachment L-4 in the page count exceptions.

6. **Question:** In reviewing the final RFP (including all attachments) and comparing that against the EPS WBS Scope Statement, Revision 1, there are inconsistencies regarding the scope. For example, the PWS Attachment 1 does not discuss Low Level Waste and PA/CA maintenance and modeling. Conversely, the EPS WBS Scope Statement, Revision 1 clearly calls this scope out under WBS 1.4.3.3, page 85. Which document is to be used to propose on this work? Will these documents be updated so both match the intended scope?

**Answer:** The RFP and the PWS identify the scope for the EPS contract proposal. The documents in the acquisition's electronic "Reading Room" provide additional detailed information in support of this scope. WBS elements 1.4.3 Waste Management, 1.4.3.3 Low-Level Waste, and 1.4.3.3.05 Waste Acceptance Program on page 85 of the WBS Scope Statement are the upper level (parent) WBS descriptions above the working level (child/control account) WBS Scope element 1.4.3.3.05.01 Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) on page 86 - which is consistent with the PWS. The PWS will not discuss Performance Assessment/Composite Analysis (PA/CA) activities (under WBS element 1.4.3.3.09 Disposal Operations) because these activities are not within the scope of this procurement. Offerors should also see the EPS Contract Baseline Schedule (FY 2015 – FY 2019) for confirmation of those activities within the contract scope and the associated WBS elements. See also the answer to question #122 in the Draft RFP Questions and Answers for additional information.

7. **Question:** If we are proposing one person to fill two key positions, can we provide two separate resumes so that the candidate's qualifications for each position can be highlighted?

**Answer:** A resume can be submitted for each key position identified in Section H, NNS-H-2013, Key Personnel. It is the Offerors determination whether the individual's qualifications should be separated or combined as long as the page limitations are adhered to for each resume/position.

8. **Question:** We assume that the resumes are to be submitted in the table format shown on Attachment L-2. Is that correct? If resumes are to be submitted in the table format, can they be in a font smaller than 12 point?

**Answer:** No, that is not a correct assumption and the Government is not requiring a specific format. In accordance with NNS-L-2002 (b)(2)(i) it states that "The proposed resumes shall address the elements described in Attachment L-2 entitled "Key Personnel Resume Elements."

See Section L, Provision NNS-L-2000 (b)(7) for information related to acceptable font size.