

## Questions and Answers, Solicitation DE-SOL-0007749

### A. Questions and Responses Pertaining to the draft and final Statement of Work (Section J, Appendix A)

Note: The questions are based upon the draft Statement of Work; quotations in the questions are from the draft Statement of Work. All responses are pertinent to both the draft and final Statement of Work.

1. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter I, Section 3.1(v), the Government states

“the contractor shall: Disposition planning, preparation and execution are performed within scope and schedule. Cost of disposition is to be minimized to protect RTBF budgets. Work is to be accelerated to the extent possible to minimize out-year RTBF budgets.”

In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter II, Section 5.3 the Government states

“The Contractor shall: Manage the building preparation for the disposition of the Bannister Federal Complex.”

In Section 5.3 there is no reference to disposition execution. Is it the intent of the Government to have the actual execution of decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the Bannister Federal Complex as part of the National Security Campus Management and Operation contract statement of work? If so, will it be part of the existing CLIN or listed as a separate CLIN?”

**Response:** The Contractor will not be expected to conduct actual execution of full decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) activities at the Bannister Federal Complex. However, the contractor will be expected to manage the facility until transfer to private ownership has been completed.

2. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter II, Section 3.1 of this solicitation, the Government states the Contractor shall

“Manage the NSE Integrated Production Scheduling System;”

Under the Consolidated Nuclear Production Contract Section J, Appendix A, Chapter I, Section 3.1 (ix) which states that contractor shall

“Effectively partner with other Contractors within the NSE to manage the master schedule for all production activities and be responsible for the execution of uranium, SNM, high explosives, nuclear weapons assembly/disassembly, dismantlement, and surveillance functions in support of the Stockpile Stewardship Program. In performing this

responsibility, issues between the NSE contractor will be brought to Defense Programs management for resolution.”

Will the Government describe the difference between these two systems?

**Response:** IPSS and the Master Schedule are the same system. The terms are interchangeable.

3. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter I, Section **3.1 Mission** of the draft Statement of Work the Government states

“At a minimum the contractor shall:

...  
(iv) Effectively support requalification activities for the manufacture of electrical, electronic, electro-mechanical, mechanical, plastic, and metal components and hardware to support the NSE’s response to stockpile issues;”

Given that requalification activities are scheduled for completion by March 2015, will the Government remove this requirement from the SOW?

**Response:** This paragraph refers to the need for any qualification and/or requalification activities that are deemed necessary in support of new or ongoing stockpile issues, and does not refer specifically to the requalification activities currently in progress related to the KCRIMS move from Bannister Road to the National Security Campus. This paragraph, as it appears in the solicitation, was clarified to read:

“At a minimum the Contractor shall:

(iv) Effectively support qualification and requalification activities ....”

4. Section J, Appendix A, Chapter I, Section 3.2. This section is missing. Is this section reserved or will more content be forthcoming?

**Response:** No more content will be forthcoming. These paragraphs will be renumbered.

5. Section J, Appendix A, Chapter I, Section 4.7. The section is missing. Is this section reserved or will more content be forthcoming?

**Response:** No more content will be forthcoming. These paragraphs will be renumbered.

6. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter III, Section 2.3, the Government states

“The Contractor shall give a right of first refusal of employment for every position identified by the Contractor as necessary for completing the requirements of the contract (other than positions occupied by Key Personnel and managers who directly reported to them)...”

In order to minimize risk to mission, we encourage the Government to provide the right of first refusal of employment for incumbent employees who report to current Key Personnel.

**Response:** The flexibility to change managers reporting to Key Personnel is not intended to create any risk to mission; rather, this language is intended to enable the successful offeror to shape the managerial workforce, as it deems appropriate.

7. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter III, Section 4.4.6.2 (ii) the Government states:

“...all NNSA assets assigned to a spun-off plan shall be placed in a high-yield, fixed income portfolio until the successor trustee is able to assume stewardship of those assets.”

In a prior section, 4.4.5.5, the Government states:

“...all NNSA assets will be placed in a low-risk liability matching portfolio...”

Do these two statements refer to the same portfolio?

**Response:** Yes.

8. In Section J, Appendix A, Chapter III, Section 6.1 the Government states

“The Contractor shall annually analyze workforce requirements consistent with current mission requirements and future mission requirements identified to Contractor.”

NNSA Management and Operation contracts support the development and publication of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Plan (SSMP). Will the requirement in Section 6.1 be incorporated into the SSMP or is this a separate requirement?

**Response:** No, the requirement in Section 6.1 will not be incorporated into the SSMP. It is a separate requirement.

## **B. Questions and Responses Pertaining to Sections B - H and Section L of the Solicitation**

1. Section B- H, page 3, paragraph B-2 (c): Table 2 CLIN 0002 – Work For Others is all TBD’s while CLIN 0002 – Work For Others in Section L-16, page 21, is fully populated with estimated costs. Volume III requires the Offeror to complete the table for cost evaluation. Should the Offerors use the estimated costs outlined in Section L-16, page 21 to complete the CLIN 0002 table?

**Response:** Yes.

2. Section B-H, page 26, paragraph H-13: The RFP states, “The annual National Secure Manufacturing Center GSA lease payment is \$1,148,124.” Will the Government confirm if this is the monthly lease cost, or the annual lease cost?

**Response:** This is the NSMC monthly GSA lease payment, and the RFP will be amended accordingly.

3. Section L, page 15, paragraph L-14 (d): The RFP states the Offeror shall submit the last three annual reports for the parent organization(s) providing the Performance Guarantee Agreement(s). Three years of annual reports will amount to over 400 pages of hard copy submittal. In order to reduce that amount of paper to review, will the Government accept the annual reports in the electronic submittal rather than hard copy attachments?

**Response:** Yes. The RFP will be amended to provide for this.

4. Section L, page 16, paragraph L-15 (a): The RFP states, “The Offeror should submit all PPIFs and performance assessments 15 calendar days prior to the date for receipt of proposals. Barring any proposal extensions will the Government confirm this date as being 26 JAN 2015?”

**Response:** Yes, that is the current date, assuming that no changes are made to the February 10, 2015 due date for receipt of proposals.

5. Section L, page 17, paragraph L-15 (a): The RFP states, “PPIFs, performance assessments and information concerning terminated contracts shall be included as a separate Appendix to Volume II.” Is this in addition to the same submittal 15 days prior to the proposal due date, or is it the intent of the Government to have two copies of the same information submitted?

**Response:** It is not the intent of the Government to have two copies of the same information submitted. The intent is that these documents be included in Volume II as a separate Appendix. If these documents are submitted prior to the proposal due date (e.g., 15 days prior to the proposal due date), the intent is that they be labeled as a separate Appendix to Volume II.

6. Section L, pages 20 and 21, paragraph L-16: The totals provided in Table 1, CLIN 0001 – Management and Operation of NSC, and Table 2, CLIN 0002 Work for Others are incorrect. The totals in each table appear to be the sum of the Option Terms 1 through 5. Will the Government correct the tables?

**Response:** Yes. The RFP will be amended to correct this.

7. Section L, Attachment H, Letter of Commitment: The Letter of Commitment requires the inclusion of base salary. Will the Government consider rewording the Letter of Commitment to remove compensation costs from Volume II? We propose the following language: From “My proposed total annual compensation (“compensation” is defined in 41 § U.S.C. 1127(a)(3)) as the [INSERT KEY PERSONNEL POSITION] for [NAME OF OFFEROR] is

[insert value], which includes a base salary of [INSERT VALUE].” To “My proposed total annual compensation (“compensation” is defined in 41 § U.S.C. 1127(a)(3)) as the [INSERT KEY PERSONNEL POSITION] for [NAME OF OFFEROR] is included in Section L, Attachment G in Volume III.”

**Response:** The Letter of Commitment at Section L, Attachment H will not be modified. The Letter of Commitment must reflect the Key Person’s total compensation, comprised of reimbursable and non-reimbursable compensation components. The information requested in the Management Team Cost Sheet, Section L, Attachment G, includes only the reimbursed compensation components.

The information in the Letters of Commitment has been requested to be included in Volume II of the proposal because it is required for evaluation of proposals under Criterion 2: PLANT ORGANIZATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF KEY PERSONNEL. The solicitation also recognizes that information such as that contained in the Letters of Commitment may be considered in evaluating management team costs. As stated in M-4 Cost Criterion, Volume II information submitted in response to Section L-15, Criterion 2, Plant Organization and Qualifications of Key Personnel, may be considered in the Government’s evaluation of Management Team costs.