

Design, Integration, Communication and Construction Engineering 2

Questions and Answers
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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER DICCE2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RELEASE DATE OF 2/1/2016

1. Final RPP Section/Sub-Section: NNS-L-2001 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOL I--OFFER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS (AUG 2015) (b)

Subject/Title: Instructions on Volume I, Tab 4 content requirements

Page Number(s): L-9 of 22

Contractor Comment/Question

Comment/Recommendation:

Section L, NNS-L-2001 (b) (page L-9) refers to “Tabs 1 through 4” however, only Tabs 1 through 3 are identified in the RFP. Further, Tab 3 wording is “Tab – 3: Tab 4 shall contain the following additional information:”

Clarification on Tab 4 contents are requested.

- a. **Response:** Reference to Tab 4 in Section NNS-L-2001 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOL I--OFFER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, (b)(4) is a typographical error and Request for Proposal is revised as follows:

From: (4) TAB - 3: Tab 4 shall contain the following additional information:

To: (4) TAB - 3: Tab 3 shall contain the following additional information:

2. Final RFP Section/Sub-Section: PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD)

Subject/Title: Rating Definitions – Criterion 3(i) only

Page Number(s): M-3 of 6

Contractor Comment/Question

Comment/Recommendation:

In Section M DE-SOL-0008449 Page M – 3 of 6, Rating Definitions – Criterion 3(i) only

As currently written, the pass/fail criteria states the following:

Pass – Does not meet mandatory requirement

Fail – Meets mandatory requirement

Recommendation:

The Rating Definitions – Criterion 3(i) only should read:

Pass – Meets mandatory requirement

Fail – Does not meet mandatory requirement

- a. **Response:** Section NNS-M-1002 BASIS OF CONTRACT AWARD, The Rating Definitions – Criterion 3(i) only, is a clerical error and are corrected in the Request for Proposal as follows:

From:

Pass – Does not meet mandatory requirement

Fail – Meets mandatory requirement

To:

Pass – Meets mandatory requirement

Fail – Does not meet mandatory requirement

3. Final RPP Section/Sub-Section

Reference: NNS-L-2002 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume II-Technical and Management Information (July 2015)

Subject/Title: Relevant Corporate Experience Form L-2b & L-2b

Page Number(s): Attachment L-2a Corporate Experience and Instructions Attachment L-2b:

Contractor Comment/Question

Question: In order to allow maximum participation and inclusion of relevant experience, will DOE delete the words; ~~“or by the host country beneficiary entity of government”~~ from NNS-L-2002, Attachment L2-a, and Instructions to Attachment L2-b?

Comment: Not allowing experience to include host country beneficiary or government sites to be included as Corporate Experience drastically limits offerors ability to provide relevant experience. Most border crossings, airports or ports are owned or operated by the host country beneficiary entity or government. At a minimum, there needs to be a clearer definition/description of what a host country beneficiary is and, more importantly, isn't for the purposes of the RFP.

Requested edits:

Attachment L-2a Corporate Experience

2. Relevance to Indicators are defined as follows:

A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) ~~or by the host country beneficiary entity or government~~. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.

Attachment L2-b

Instructions Attachment L-2b:

Note: Attachment L-2b is limited to one (1) 8 ½ x 11 page.

Experiences provided must be relevant to the work that the team member will be performing

under this contract. The Offeror shall explain how the work performed by the experience is relevant to the indicator. Relevance is defined by Indicator as follows:

A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) ~~or by the host country beneficiary entity or government~~. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.

- a. **Response:** Section NNS-L-2002 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume II-Technical and Management Information, Attachment L-2a, Relevant Corporate Experience Form, Information and Instructions for Completing the Relevant Corporate Experience Form Item 2. A., is revised as follows:

From:

“2. Relevance to Indicators are defined as follows:

A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) or by the host country beneficiary entity or government. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.”

To:

“2. Relevance to Indicators are defined as follows:

A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) or by the host country beneficiary entity for which the work is being performed; for example, if the work is being performed on behalf of the Host Country’s Customs Service, and the site is owned or operated by the Host Country’s Border Guard, then this project would be relevant. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.”

- b. **Response:** Section NNS-L-2002 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume II-Technical and Management Information, item A, Attachment L-2b Relevant Corporate Experience Summary Matrix, Instructions Attachment L-2b is revised as follows:

From:

“A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or

operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) or by the host country beneficiary entity or government. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.”

To:

“A. Relevance to indicator A. is defined as management of international projects with project size of \$1M to \$25M per project, on sites that are not owned or operated by the U.S. Government (such as U.S. Embassies or military bases) or by the host country beneficiary entity for which the work is being performed; for example, if the work is being performed on behalf of the Host Country’s Customs Service, and the site is owned or operated by the Host Country’s Border Guard, then this project would be relevant. More relevant sites have multiple public and/or private stakeholders; lack infrastructure; require accommodating ongoing site operations, have changing requirements, and cultural and language-related barriers.”

4. Final RPP Section/Sub-Section: Section L – Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors
Subject/Title: Reference: NNS-L-2003 Proposal Preparation Instructions: Volume III-Cost Proposal (JUL2015)
Page Number(s): Section L, Pg. 13 of 22 (a) (3) - Narrative Support & Section L, Pg. 14 of 22 (b) –Specific Cost and Format Requirements

Contractor Comment/Question

Comment: There are two paragraphs in the DICCE II RFP that we are seeking clarification regarding the instructions within. The two paragraphs listed under **NNS-L-2003 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME III--COST PROPOSAL (JUL2015)** are described as follows:

Section L Pg. 13 of 22 (a)(3) - (3) Narrative Support: The Offeror, and each team member including subcontractors, shall provide narrative support sufficient to explain the development of the proposed costs/prices. In accordance with the solicitation requirements, the narrative should describe the Offeror's supporting rationale, the estimating methodologies used, and the basis of estimate for the data provided in support of the proposed costs. Supporting narratives and other information may be submitted in Microsoft Word or compatible formats.

Section L Pg. 14 of 22 (b) - (b) Specific Cost and Format Requirements - The Offeror, including any proposed subcontractors or members of a teaming arrangement, shall format the cost proposal in accordance with the following instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the elimination of the proposal from further consideration.

We have teaming partners and planned subcontractors that will not have any pricing included in the response to the RFP for the Technical Approach to Vietnam Task Order.

Question: Are we required to provide the information referenced in the sections above if our team members will have no pricing in the proposal for the Vietnam Task Order? Our team is comprised of several organizations that will provide us with qualified advisement and consulting services in support of other Task Orders envisioned under DICCE2.

a. **Response:** No, if teaming partners and/or planned subcontractors are NOT included in the pricing for the Vietnam Task Order proposal then they are not required to provide pricing information.

5. Final RPP Section/Sub-Section: Section L – Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors
Subject/Title: NNS-L-2000 Instructions for Proposal Preparation – General (Tailored) (Jul 2015)
Page Number(s): Attachments L-2a Relevant Corporate Experience, L-2b Indicator Summary Matrix and L-3a Key Personnel Resume Elements
Contractor Comment/Question

Question: Each of the attachments referenced above were provided in table format in the Request for Proposal. Can Offerors submit these attachments in accordance with the Section L (b) PROPOSAL FORMAT, Paragraph (7) TEXT requirements for submitting a table?

a. **Response:** Yes

6. DOE-B-2012 CLINS

Question: What is the basis for pricing the CLINs? If Offerors are to take the total from pricing the Task Order and inserting it here, then what is the purpose of the Firm Fixed Price CLIN since the Task Order is being priced as a Cost Plus Fixed Fee?

a. **Response:** The Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) is to be utilized in potential future task order(s) to be awarded under the resulting Multiple Award Contracts in the event that a unit of scope can be defined adequately to allow for a FFP-type task order award. These FFP cases are a small percentage of the work and FFP is not anticipated to be used on the Vietnam Task Order.

7. DOE-B-2012 CLINS - CLIN 0001 and CLIN 0002

Question: CLIN 0001 and CLIN 0002 have the exact description though one is for CPFF and the other is FFP. Why the same description? How do the CLINs play into the evaluation?

a. **Response:** The same description applies to both Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) 0001, Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) and CLIN 0002, Firm Fixed Price (FFP) as the requirement is the same for both CLINs. A CPFF CLIN will be utilized when a Cost type task order is awarded under a resulting Multiple Award Contract and the FFP CLIN is to be utilized in potential task order(s) to be awarded under the resulting Multiple Award Contracts in the event that a unit of scope can be defined adequately to allow for a FFP-type task order award.

b. **Response:** The CLINs do not play into the evaluation of the Request for Proposal.

8. DOE-B-2012 CLIN 1002 and 2002

Question: These Options are described as Base Period with three years each. Is it correct that these are actually Option Periods of 2 years each?

a. **Response:** Yes.

9. Page L-10, NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS VOLUME II-- TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, B.1.i states, "The Offeror shall provide no more than three (3) relevant experiences..."

Question: Is it correct that there is no minimum number of Corporate Experiences?

a. Response: Yes.

10. Page L-10, NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS VOLUME II-- TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, B.1.i states, "At a minimum the Offeror shall include experience of the team member(s) providing the critical DICCE2 SOW elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics.... The Offeror shall provide no more than three (3) relevant experiences..."

Question: If more than 3 team members (the Corporate Experience limit) are providing the 5 critical tasks, "design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics," how should the Offeror represent this in their proposal given the 3 Corporate Experience maximum?

a. Response: Section NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME II--TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (b)(1)(i)

From:

“(1) TAB 1 - Criterion 1: Relevant Corporate Experience.

(i) The offeror shall submit completed Relevant Corporate Experience Form(s), Attachment L-2a. Instructions for completing the Relevant Corporate Experience Forms are in Attachment L-2a. Primarily using the Relevant Corporate Experience of the Offeror (the term "Offeror" includes the entire Contractor Team Arrangement), and any other information it deems appropriate, the Offeror shall also submit a one (1) page introduction describing how the experience provided at Attachment L-2a is relevant to the indicators to accomplish the aspects of the DICCE2 Statement of Work (SOW); indicators and relevancy to the indicators are defined at Attachment L-2a. At a minimum the Offeror shall include experience of the team member(s) providing the critical DICCE2 SOW elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics. Offerors who submit relevant experience for a subsidiary, sister, parent or predecessor company, or branch office of the team member company shall fully explain how they would participate in this contract. The experience cited must be ongoing or have ended within the last six (6) years of the RFP release date and must have been in place for at least nine (9) months. Any experience submitted that occurred more than six (6) years prior to the date of RFP release will not be considered. Multiple projects can demonstrate experience and capability for multiple indicators or a single project can demonstrate multiple indicators. Do not submit a group of related jobs as one project unless all the work was done under the same contract. The Offeror shall provide no more than three (3) relevant experiences with no more than three (3) pages for each experience. Should submissions exceed three (3) pages per experience, only the first three (3) pages will be considered. “

To:

“(1) TAB 1 - Criterion 1: Relevant Corporate Experience.

(i) The offeror shall submit completed Relevant Corporate Experience Form(s), Attachment L-2a. Instructions for completing the Relevant Corporate Experience Forms are in Attachment L-2a. Primarily using the Relevant Corporate Experience of the Offeror (the term "Offeror" includes the entire Contractor Team Arrangement), and any other information it deems appropriate, the Offeror shall also submit a one (1) page introduction describing how the experience provided at Attachment L-2a is relevant to the indicators to accomplish the aspects of the DICCE2 Statement of Work (SOW); indicators and relevancy to the indicators are defined at Attachment L-2a. At a minimum the Offeror shall include experience of the team member(s) providing the critical DICCE2 SOW elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics. Offerors who submit relevant experience for themselves that was performed by a subsidiary, sister, parent or predecessor company, or branch office of the team member company shall fully explain how they would participate in this contract. The experience cited must be ongoing or have ended within the last six (6) years of the RFP release date and must have been in place for at least nine (9) months. Any experience submitted that occurred more than six (6) years prior to the date of RFP release will not be considered. Multiple projects can demonstrate experience and capability for multiple indicators or a single project can demonstrate multiple indicators. Do not submit a group of related jobs as one project unless all the work was done under the same contract. The Offeror shall provide no more than five (5) relevant experiences with no more than three (3) pages for each experience. Should submissions exceed five (3) pages per experience, only the first three (3) pages will be considered.”

b. Response: Section NNS-M-1002 BASIS OF CONTRACT AWARD (a)(i) is revised as follows:

From:

“(i) The Government will evaluate and asses the degree to which the Offeror’s (the term "Offeror" includes the entire Contractor Team Arrangement) Relevant Corporate Experience will contribute to the successful completion of the DICCE2 Statement of Work (SOW) which include but are not limited to the elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics.”

To:

“(i) The Government will evaluate and assess the degree to which the Offeror’s (the term "Offeror" includes the entire Contractor Team Arrangement) Relevant Corporate Experience will contribute to the successful completion of the DICCE2 Statement of Work (SOW) which include but are not limited to the elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics. Corporate experiences that include multiple critical DICCE2 SOW elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics in a single project may be rated higher.”

11. Page L-10, NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS VOLUME II-- TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, B.1.i states, "At a minimum the Offeror shall include experience of the team member(s) providing the critical DICCE2 SOW

elements of design, construction oversight, project management, communications software, and logistics..."

Question: Can an Offeror use the Corporate Experience of a vendor, as opposed to a subcontractor? At issue is that not all of the SLD (NSDD) CONUS Core Testing approved CAS Communications System vendors have "adequate" accounting systems. If an "adequate" accounting system is required of all subcontractors performing cost-type task orders, then the CAS companies would have to be vendors and not subcontractors. However, Relevancy D can only be met by one of these SLD (NSDD) CONUS Core Testing approved CAS Communications System vendors.

a. Response: No.

12. Page L-12, NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS VOLUME II-- TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, B.5.i states, "The Offeror shall provide the Past Performance Questionnaire, Attachment L-4, to a Project Owner Point of Contact (POC) for a maximum of five projects. At a minimum, the Offeror shall provide a completed "copy" of the Past Performance Questionnaires to each of the Project Owner POCs identified in Blocks 12a and 12b of the Relevant Corporate Experience Form...."

Question: Tab 1 limits Corporate Experience to "no more than three (3) relevant experiences."

Is it correct that, while each Corporate Experience must have a corresponding Past Performance, there can be additional Past Performances beyond the number of Corporate Experiences submitted? For example, an Offeror can submit 3 Corporate Experiences with their corresponding 3 Past Performances and then submit an additional 2 Past Performances not covered by the Corporate Experience?

a. Response: The Offeror can provide up to 5 separate Past Performance Questionnaires (PPQs) for up to 5 different activities. Offeror should make effort to provide PPQs for the Point of Contacts identified in Attachment L-2a Relevant Corporate Experience Form(s). (Reference Question #10 for detail on change in total Relevant Corporate Experience Submittal required.)

13. Page M-2, NNS-M-1002 BASIS OF CONTRACT AWARD, b.ii states, "The Government will evaluate and assess the degree to which the Key Personnel (Implementation and Sustainability Manager, Contracts Manager, Program Manager) have the education and/or experience to effectively execute the duties and responsibilities for their proposed position...."

Question: Given the importance of these positions, will the Government issue minimum educational and professional criteria for personnel to meet the requirements of the key personnel?

a. Response: No.

14. Page L-17, NNS-L-2003 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME III-- COST PROPOSAL, b.14 states, "(14) Other Financial System Information: The information in (i) and (ii) below is required for the Offeror and all participants. If the Offeror is a teaming arrangement include subcontractors. (i) Accounting and Estimating Systems: The Offeror shall

state whether its accounting and estimating systems have been reviewed and determined adequate by a Government agency."

Question: Is it a requirement that the Prime and all subcontractors have an "adequate" accounting system? Is it permissible for a Prime with an "adequate" accounting system to have a subcontractor that does not have an "adequate" accounting system?

a. Response: If the contract is a cost reimbursement, whether prime or sub, a determination of accounting system adequacy shall be made prior to award. The prime contractor is responsible for determining accounting system adequacy for each of their cost reimbursement subcontractors.

15. Page L-17, NNS-L-2003 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME III-- COST PROPOSAL, b.14 states, "(14) Other Financial System Information: The information in (i) and (ii) below is required for the Offeror and all participants. If the Offeror is a teaming arrangement include subcontractors. (i) Accounting and Estimating Systems: The Offeror shall state whether its accounting and estimating systems have been reviewed and determined adequate by a Government agency."

Question: Is it permissible for a Prime with an "adequate" accounting system to have a vendor (as opposed to a subcontractor) that does not have an "adequate" accounting system?

a. Response: Typically a vendor is not cost reimbursement; however, if the vendor is cost reimbursement a determination of accounting system adequacy shall be made prior to award. The prime contractor is responsible for determining accounting system adequacy for their cost reimbursement vendor(s).

16. Page L-18, NNS-L-2003 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME III-- COST PROPOSAL, b.14.i.B states, "..you must assure you have an adequate accounting system in place prior to contract award."

Question: To whom does this apply? Do all subcontractors need to have an "adequate accounting system" in place before contract award? If so, and a subcontractor does not currently have an "adequate accounting system," will the Government deem that an unacceptable risk?

a. Response: If the contract is a cost reimbursement, whether prime or sub, a determination of accounting system adequacy shall be made prior to award. The government is responsible for determining accounting system adequacy of the prime in accordance with Section H Special Contract Requirement NNS-H-1045. The prime contractor is responsible for determining accounting system adequacy for each of their cost reimbursement subcontractors.

17. Attachment L-2a. 2 Relevance to Indicators states, "Relevance to indicator C. is defined as management and logistics for simultaneous deployment of design, construction, or IT systems where the total value of multiple deployments is \$50M to \$200M...."

Question: Given that this is a Small Business Set-Aside with a small business size standard of \$36.5M, would the Government reduce the minimum from \$50M to \$36.5M or some

lesser amount? This requirement seems to force small business to partner with large businesses unnecessarily to meet this high minimum threshold.

a. Response: No.

18. Industry Day PowerPoint slide 98 of 112

Question: The Industry Day PowerPoint slide 98 of 112 mentions the Civil Electrical Design Requirements (CEDR). Will this be distributed now or will it be given out once the project is awarded?

a. Response: The Civil Electrical Design Requirements (CEDR) can be found that the electronic "Reading Room" which containing technical documents applicable to this solicitation and is located at NNSA's acquisition website found at <http://nnsa.energy.gov/aboutus/ouroperations/apm/majcontrsolicitation/DICCE2>.

19. General. Final Engineering Documents.

Question: Does DOE have standard guide specifications? For example the Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) are used as guide specs by USACE, NAVFAC, AFCEC AND NASA.

a. Response: For the purposes of the Design, Integration, Construction, Communications and Engineering 2 services, various guide specifications are found in a number of different documents such as; cost table templates, Reporting Requirements Checklist, Design Requirements Documents, Civil and Electrical Design Requirements, and various other baselined Program documents.

20. General. Final Engineering Documents.

Question: What elements makeup the final documents for the DOE? For example: design plans, specifications and a Design Analysis/Basis of Design Document?

a. Response: The elements that make up the final documents are found in the Reporting Requirements Checklist.

21. **Question: We are eager to respond to the above referenced solicitation and would like to respectfully request a 2 week time extension for proposal submission.** We are committed to providing the lowest cost to the government and feel this time is necessary to provide the best value for OCONUS areas such as Vietnam. We appreciate your consideration.

a. Response: Request for Proposal due date is extended by 7 days from March 16, 2016 to March 23, 2016. Section NNS-L-2006 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION ADDRESS, DUE DATES, AND HAND CARRIED OFFERS, (a) and (c) are revised as follows:

From:

“(a) Proposals shall be submitted via the FedConnect website NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm MST on March 14, 2016....”.

“(c) In addition to the submission of the proposal via FedConnect, Offerors must also submit Hard Copies of the proposal (Volumes I, II, and III) along with the CD ROMs at the address listed below NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm MST on March 16, 2016.”

To:

“(a) Proposals shall be submitted via the FedConnect website NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm MST on March 23, 2016...”

“(c) In addition to the submission of the proposal via FedConnect, Offerors must also submit Hard Copies of the proposal (Volumes I, II, and III) along with the CD ROMs at the address listed below NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm MST on March 23, 2016.”

22. Question: - Attachment L-4 Submission Requirements

The RFP Attachment L-4 Past Performance Questionnaire is asking for a copy of the completed experience summary form (i.e. Attachment L-2a) to be included with the form when sending to the Points of Contact. In addition, NNSA is requiring that the Attachment L-4s be received by NNSA 10 days prior to the proposal due date (i.e. must be received by NNSA no later than March 4).

In order to give the Points of Contact a realistic timeframe to complete and return this document, which is secondary to their regular job, the offerors must give them ample time to fit the response into their schedules, and get them returned to NNSA. This means that each offeror must have a completed (and content locked in place) all Attachment L-2a forms well ahead of completion of the rest of the document. Most proposers have interim and final reviews of this document throughout the process, which means that this Attachment L-2a could be modified or even replaced part way through the proposal development process. It is not realistic to ask offerors and/or the points of contact to adhere to this significantly shortened schedule for completion and locking down of our Attachment L-2a forms.

Further, final questions are due to NNSA 15 days prior to proposal due date, and then answers will come some days later. This requirement also then means that any potential changes or clarifications to the requirements for these forms will come after the Attachment L-2a forms will have already been locked down and sent to the Points of Contact, and the Attachment L-4 form will have already been completed and returned to NNSA. Any changes or clarifications to final questions could potentially require an offeror to have to make changes to or completely replace the Attachment L-2a, causing conflicts with the previously submitted Attachment L-4 forms or at the very least, confusion with the Points of Contact and/or NNSA as to which version is the correct version, and which Attachment L-4 received by NNSA is correct. It will also be extremely difficult to get these already very busy reviewers to take the time to redo reviews if projects need to be modified and/or replaced adversely affecting proposers or even possibly making the offeror non-compliant because more than the allowed number of Attachment L-4 forms could possibly be received.

We respectfully request that the requirement to include a copy of the Attachment L-2a with the Attachment L-4 sent to each point of contact to be removed. Or alternatively, allow the points of

contact to return the L-4s after the proposal due date, when content has been finalized in accordance with all answers to questions.

a. Response:

The Request for Proposal is revised at Section NNS-L-2002 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOLUME II--TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, (b)(5)(i) as follows:

From:

“(i) The Offeror shall provide the Past Performance Questionnaire, Attachment L-4, to a Project Owner Point of Contact (POC) for a maximum of five projects. At a minimum, the Offeror shall provide a completed “copy” of the Past Performance Questionnaires to each of the Project Owner POCs identified in Blocks 12a and 12b of the Relevant Corporate Experience Form, Attachment L-2a, with a request to return the completed Past Performance Questionnaires via e-mail to the Contracting Officer, Maria D. Vasquez at DICCE@nnsa.doe.gov no later than 10 business days prior to the RFP due date. Receipt of the questionnaires by NNSA is not subject to the provisions of FAR clause 52.215-1, "Instructions to Offerors-Competitive Acquisition," related to late proposals. The Offeror shall be responsible for assuring, to the extent possible, that the completed Past Performance Questionnaires are returned to the Contracting Officer. Offerors are advised that past performance information received more than 7 days after the closing date of this solicitation may not be considered in the evaluation process at the sole discretion of the Contracting Officer. If the Offeror is a newly formed legal entity that has no past performance information, the Offeror shall submit past performance information relating to its team members. The Government will consider the past performance of predecessor companies or affiliated if the contractor can demonstrate that the assets or resources of the predecessor or affiliated company will be brought to bear in performance under this contract

Note that Government evaluators may utilize any and all sources of Past Performance Information including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local past performance databases as well as the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). Government evaluators reserve the right to contact any of the provided references to solicit additional information or clarification regarding the Offeror's past performance. The Contracting Officer and/or technical evaluators may research Offeror's performance on any federal, state, local, and commercial contract performed by the Offeror that is known to the Contracting Officer, but not included as a reference on a submitted quotation. Additionally, personal experience and evaluator knowledge of particular past performance may be utilized by the technical evaluation Team Members.”

To:

“(i) The Offeror shall provide the Past Performance Questionnaire, Attachment L-4, to a Project Owner Point of Contact (POC) for a maximum of five projects. At a minimum, the Offeror should provide a completed “copy” of the Past Performance Questionnaires to each of the Project Owner POCs identified in Blocks 12a and 12b of the Relevant Corporate Experience Form, Attachment L-2a, with a request to return the completed Past Performance

Questionnaires via e-mail to the Contracting Officer, Maria D. Vasquez at DICCE@nnsa.doe.gov no later than 7 days prior to the RFP due date. Receipt of the questionnaires by NNSA is not subject to the provisions of FAR clause 52.215-1, "Instructions to Offerors-Competitive Acquisition," related to late proposals. The Offeror shall be responsible for assuring, to the extent possible, that the completed Past Performance Questionnaires are returned to the Contracting Officer. Offerors are advised that past performance information received more than 7 days after the closing date of this solicitation may not be considered in the evaluation process at the sole discretion of the Contracting Officer. If the Offeror is a newly formed legal entity that has no past performance information, the Offeror shall submit past performance information relating to its team members. The Government will consider the past performance of predecessor companies or affiliated if the contractor can demonstrate that the assets or resources of the predecessor or affiliated company will be brought to bear in performance under this contract

Note that Government evaluators may utilize any and all sources of Past Performance Information including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local past performance databases as well as the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). Government evaluators reserve the right to contact any of the provided references to solicit additional information or clarification regarding the Offeror's past performance. The Contracting Officer and/or technical evaluators may research Offeror's performance on any federal, state, local, and commercial contract performed by the Offeror that is known to the Contracting Officer, but not included as a reference on a submitted quotation. Additionally, personal experience and evaluator knowledge of particular past performance may be utilized by the technical evaluation Team Members. ”

23. Section L, Tab 5, page L-12, and Attachment L-4 Past Performance Questionnaire Instructions at top of sheet. The instructions for Tab 5 require the offeror to provide PPQs (Attachment L-4) for a maximum of 5 projects, 3 of which must be for the POCs identified in the (Attachment L-2a). However, the top of Attachment L-4 instructs the POCs receiving the PPQs that a copy of the completed Relevant Corporate Experience Form (Attachment L-2a) should have been provided to them.

Question: Please clarify the number of contracts for which we should provide PPQs (Attach. L-2). Should the offeror provide PPQ responses only for the 3 relevant experiences provided in Tab 1?

a. Response: The Offeror can provide up to 5 separate Past Performance Questionnaires (PPQs) for up to 5 different activities but at a minimum should provide PPQs for the Point of Contacts identified in Attachment L-2a Relevant Corporate Experience Forms.

24. **Question:** If PPQs for 5 contracts are required, we suggest that you remove the statement at the top of Attachment L-4 regarding “Contractors should have provided you with a copy of a completed relevant experience form” as 2 of the 5 projects will not have this completed form.

a. Response:

Attachment L-4 Past Performance Questionnaire Instructions has been revised as follows:

From:

The Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is interested in your assessment of the named company's performance on your contract for the purpose of utilizing this information to evaluate the contractor's probability of successfully performing a federal government requirement that is currently being advertised. The contractor should have provided you with a copy of a completed Relevant Corporate Experience Form for your contract so that you may more readily identify the contract in question and verify the accuracy of information provided therein.

Please return the questionnaire to the DOE/NNSA by March 6, 2016 (see pages 3 & 4 for method of submittal)

To:

The Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is interested in your assessment of the named company's performance on your contract for the purpose of utilizing this information to evaluate the contractor's probability of successfully performing a federal government requirement that is currently being advertised.

Please return the questionnaire to the DOE/NNSA by March 16, 2016 (see pages 3 & 4 for method of submittal)

25. Section L, Volume I, Paragraph (4), Page L-10: The heading for this Paragraph is Tab 3, however the instructions say "Tab 4 shall contain..."

Question: Please confirm that the information required under this paragraph should be under Tab 3, and that there is no Tab 4 in this volume.

a. Response: Reference to Tab 4 in Section NNS-L-2001 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: VOL I-OFFER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, (b)(4) is a typographical error and Request for Proposal is revised as follows:

From: (4) TAB - 3: Tab 4 shall contain the following additional information:

To: (4) TAB - 3: Tab 3 shall contain the following additional information:

26. Section L, Page Count, Page L-7: The page limitations for Tab 2 specify that an organizational chart is limited to 1 page, and the Organizational Structure Narrative is limited to 5 pages, for a total of 6 pages for Organizational Structure.

Question: We request that the limitation for the organizational chart (1 page) be merged with the narrative (5 pages) to allow the total 6 pages to be used as necessary to better respond to the requirements of this Tab.

Response: No, the requirement will not be changed.