

CTII Question & Answers  
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1. Will resumes be included in the page allocation of the RFP response?

*Yes. Each Key Personnel resume is limited to two (2) pages. Accordingly, the Key Personnel Subfactor is limited to Ten (10) total pages.*

2. Will Past Performance [be included] in the page allocation of the RFP response?

*Section L-317.8 states past performance 3 pages per reference and no limitation on CPARS or PPIRS.*

3. The key personnel requirements all state an education specification with the words "or equivalent", what is meant by the term "or equivalent?" For example; what would be the equivalent of a MS in Business or Engineering?

*MS in Business equivalents – MBA, MS in administration, MS in Operations Management – e.g. a Master's degree from a regionally accredited university in a business related field; NOT an art major.*

*MS in Engineering equivalents – MS in Electrical Engineering, MS in Industrial Engineering, MS in Naval Architecture, MS in Civil Engineering, MS in Physics etc. from a regionally accredited university; NOT an art major.*

4. Item 0002 in Section B is a CLIN for FFP orders. Section L-328 provides the level of effort to be used for proposal purposes. Section L-328 does not designate which hours are for Item 0001, the CPFF CLIN and which hours are for Item 0002, the FFP CLIN. Solicitation Attachment 10, the Prime and Subcontractor Cost Spreadsheets appears to be only for Item 0001, the CPFF CLIN. Will the government confirm that no cost information is required from the offeror for proposal purposes for Item 0002, the FFP CLIN.

*The Attachment 10 spreadsheet is to be used for all contract costs to include CPFF, FFP and cost only CLINs. It does not identify CLIN 0001 or CLIN 0002, but rather identifies the Government requirement to submit the proposal in excel with the formulas intact.*

5. Volume III, Contract Documents, Section C requires that offerors document that all facilities and personnel proposed to perform the contract possess at a minimum the security clearance levels required by the RFP (DD Form 254). Would the government please provide clarification as to what documents are required to support this requirement. Since the only facility specifically required by the solicitation is in Charleston, SC, please confirm that is the only facility that requires documentation of a Top Secret clearance. Also, is a statement that all personnel that will work the contract will have the required security clearance sufficient to meet this requirement in regards to the proposed personnel?

*Top Secret GENSER personnel clearances and facilities are not required. Personnel should have the minimum security clearance required to perform the work. Only Ship Signals Exploitation Spaces (SSES) personnel will require TOP SECRET SCI access, but the contractors facility is not required to be certified for storage or use of TOP SECRET or TOP SECRET SCI material.*

6. The solicitation identifies labor categories and hours by geographic areas. The PM hours are only listed in the Charleston area. Is it the government's intent that this position be staffed in Charleston?

*Yes, the Government intends the management team be closely associated with the project, able to provide in person leadership and available for consultation.*

7. The solicitation identifies 28,105 hours for the PM which equals approximately 13 man-years for a five year contract. Is there a requirement for more than one PM?

*The hours are for Program Management overall, not for the salary of one Program Manager.*

8. There is no mention of the 5 Platform managers in the programmed hours in the solicitation. How many hours would be allocated for each Platform Manager and where will those hours be allocated?

*Platform managers would fall under Program Management engineering and should bill their time accordingly.*

9. Will resumes be counted in the page allocation of the RFP response?

*Yes. See Answer to Question 1.*

10. Will Past Performance be counted in the page allocation of the RFP response?

*Yes. See Answer to Question 2.*

11. The key personnel requirements all state an education specification with the words "or equivalent", what is meant by the term "or equivalent?" For example; what would be the equivalent of a MS in Business or Engineering?

*See Answer to Question 3.*

12. The RFP documents include a Past Performance Questionnaire/Survey (Attachment 8), but there is no information in Sections L or M regarding requirements for its submission, or how it will be evaluated. Will the government clarify its intent with respect to Attachment 8?

*The RFP under Section L identifies the Attachment 9 Relevant Experience Form to provide experience information on current contracts. Then in Section M it states the Government will assess the past performance of each offeror. It goes in great length to detail what areas will be assessed.*

13. Para 1.2.2 of the PWS indicates that the contractor's permanent support facility shall be ready for use no later than 60 days after contract award; while Section L-317.4 requires that this facility be established within 45 days of contract award. Will the government clarify this requirement?

*No more than 60 days. See Amendment 1.*

14. Section L pages 90 and 91 of 120 state: "Using the format provided with Attachment 9, offerors (prime and/or significant subcontractors) are to provide relevant experience information... This data shall be submitted for (3) three of the most current and relevant contracts." This implies only 3 Relevant Experience Forms for the entire proposal. If we have three or more subcontractors with over 10% participation, and if only three Relevant Experience Forms were allowed for the entire proposal, the Prime would not be able to submit a Relevant Experience Form. In combination with the table on page 82 of 120 the requirement for Relevant Experience Forms could be interpreted as three for the prime and three for each significant subcontractor. Please clarify the number of Relevant Experience Forms required for the Prime and each significant subcontractor and if there is a limit on the total number of Relevant Experience Forms. The table on page 82 only specifies the page limit for each Relevant Experience Form.

*It is three for the entire effort. Whether a prime offeror chooses to submit all three from it or all three from its subs or a combination, is up to the prime offeror that is submitting its proposal.*

15. Reference solicitation page 91 of 120, Factor 4 Cost Proposal (Volume II), item (4). This reference states, "Offeror and any proposed significant subcontractors shall provide a copy of the Cost Proposal in Microsoft Excel 2007 or compatible format, to the cognizant DCAA office. This is in addition to the copies to be provided to the PCO per L-317.7. (A significant subcontractor is defined as a subcontractor that will be performing at least 10 percent of the total of the prime contractor's cost.)"

Question: Please confirm that subcontractors who have less than 10% of the offerors total cost do NOT submit cost information.

*Yes, this would be an additional copy that would be sent to the cognizant DCAA office and yes, subcontractors with less than 10% of the primes total cost do not have to submit cost information. However, the prime still needs to identify all subcontractors and total cost that are under the 10% of the prime cost.*

16. Reference solicitation page 91 of 120, item (4) requires submittal of the Cost Volume in Microsoft Excel 2007 format; and page 108 of 120, item (b)(1) contains the statement that the Cost Volume shall be MS Excel with formulas intact. Within the Volume II Cost Proposal preparation instructions, page 102 includes the following requirement, "The cost breakdown shall indicate the offeror's total estimated proposed price for each year and the cumulative proposed price for all years." This can be interpreted as the requirement to include a pdf version of the MS Excel Cost Model in the Volume II narrative, which adds a substantial number of additional pages to this volume.

Question: Offeror respectfully requests that the government confirm the Cost Proposal Volume II consists of a narrative response to the Factor 4 requirements and does not require insertion of a pdf version of the MS Excel Cost Model data.

*The Government does not want a PDF version of the MS Excel data. As stated in the RFP, the Government requires MS Excel with formals intact for Volume II.*

17. Reference solicitation page 91 of 120, item (4) requires submittal of the Cost Volume in Microsoft Excel 2007 format; and page 108 of 120, item (b)(1) contains the statement that the Cost Volume shall be MS Excel with formulas intact.

Question: Please confirm the Cost Proposal Volume II also includes a separate electronic file for the MS Excel Cost Model, with no paper copies required for submission."

*See L-317.8 Proposal Format in the table under Volume II, "two (2) hard copies of Factor 4 Cost Proposal, cost/labor information compatible with Microsoft Excel 2007.*

18. Reference solicitation page 89 of 120, Section L 317.9, Subfactor 2.4 Small Business Utilization; and page 108 of 120, Section L-349 Submission of Electronic Proposals, item (3). The reference on page 89 provides instruction for submission of small business information within the Volume I Technical Proposal, stating, "Offerors... shall, in accordance with FAR 19.7 and FAR 52.219-9, submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan." However, the reference on page 108 states, "All information relating to cost and pricing type data shall be included only in the section of the proposal designated by the Contracting Officer as the Cost Proposal. Under no circumstances shall cost and pricing type data be included elsewhere in the proposal."

Question: Given that a Small Business Subcontracting Plan will contain cost and pricing type data expressing subcontracting dollar goals and percentages, and so that the offeror may clearly show subcontractor participation, please confirm that the subcontracting dollar values included in the subcontract plan are not considered cost or pricing data and therefore, this data is permissible for inclusion in this plan which is included in the Technical Volume.

*No, the total dollars attributed to specific subsection (e.g. Hubzone) of the Small Business is not considered cost or pricing data. FAR 2.101 Cost or Pricing Data definition: "...Cost or pricing data are more than historical accounting data; they are all the facts that can be reasonably expected to contribute to the soundness of estimates of future costs and to the validity of determinations of costs already incurred. They are also...vendor quotations, nonrecurring cost, information on changes in production methods..., data supporting projections..., unit cost trends..., make or buy decisions..."*

19. Reference Solicitation page 18 of 120. This page is left blank.

Question: Please confirm that this is the case for this solicitation.

*Yes, the page is blank.*

20. Reference solicitation page 79 of 120, clause 252.211-7001. This reference states, "Offerors may obtain the specifications, standards, plans, drawings, data item descriptions, and other pertinent documents cited in this solicitation by submitting a request to:"

Question: Following the instruction to submit a request, the contact information fields are left blank. Offeror respectfully requests the contact information for submission of these requests.

*See Amendment 1. The DFARS clause 252.211-7001 was deleted since there are no specifications, standards, plans, drawings, data item available.*