

## PC QUESTIONS

**1. Question:** RFP P61 Evaluation Factors – we are concerned that the evaluation methodology is weighted too heavily towards a low price award leaving the Navy at risk of having to award to a vendor proposing low cost, low quality, untried and untested hardware components. Will you consider changing the four pass/fail criteria to a best value assessment?

**1. Answer:** No. We are confident, in this acquisition, that best value will result from selection of the technically acceptable proposal with the lowest evaluated price.

**2. Question:** RFP P62 Evaluation Factors – Environmental Qualification Experience: My company does not have first hand relevant experience that we can demonstrate. Our OEM partners ( Pc's, printers and mounting brackets ) have considerable relevant experience in this area. May we reference our partners experience and test reports to satisfy this requirement?

**2. Answer:** Yes, as long as the company whose experience is being evidenced is the company that will perform in this area.

**3. Question:** Technical requirements matrix – No standard warranty is listed in the minimum requirements. Is no warranty required other than the optional 3 yr warranty SLIN?

**3. Answer:** A standard one year warranty has been added to the revised Technical Matrix.

**4. Question:** Technical Requirements matrix – eg SLIN 0001AT - 3 yr warranty upgrade SLIN specifies" ( excluding peripherals ) " Can you clarify what is meant by peripherals in this context?

**4. Answer:** Peripherals are any item that is external to the CPU enclosure.

**5. Question:** May we submit more than one proposal in response to this RFP?

**5. Answer:** Yes. You may submit more than one proposal.

**6. Question: Storage Drive Bay Requirements of the High-End Workstation (SFF)**

In the December 2005 version of this RFP (N00039-05-R-0022), the following expansion bay and chassis dimensional requirements appeared.

Table 1

Expansion Bay and Chassis Dimensional Requirements (RFP N00039-05-R-0022)

Please notice at that time SPAWAR only requires the system to be able to house an internal 3.5” hard disk and DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo drive. Even with these two devices only, it was a very difficult requirement to comply with in light of the width requirement of 4” or less.

In this version of the RFP (N00039-08-R-0006), the width requirement remains the same. However, the requirement now calls for a total of five storage drive bays, namely: 3.5” External (4):3.5” floppy drive, 3.5” PCMCIA, 3.5” removable HDD, and one free 5.25” External (1):5.25” optical drive

Table 2

Expansion Bay and Chassis Dimensional Requirements (RFP N00039-08-R-0006)

Expansion Bays (Note 7)	# of Bays shall accommodate (internal devices) DVD-ROM Drive, 3.5" Floppy Drive, Removable HDD kit, 3.5" PCMCIA, and one empty 3.5" Bay
Case/Chassis	Small Form Factor
	Not to exceed 15"H x 15"W x 4"D

To date we are not aware of any COTS system in the market place that will comply with both the dimensional and drive bay requirements as they stand. It is always possible to design a chassis specifically to comply with them, but it would not be a COTS system. Is it possible that the number of drive bay requirement for the Small Form Factor system was erroneous since it is exactly the same as that for the High-End Workstation – Mini-

<b>Expansion Bays</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b># of Bays shall accommodate (internal devices) DVD-ROM/CD-RW Combo Drive</b>
<b>Case/Chassis (Note 8)</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Ultra Small Form Factor - Vertical Orientation</b>
		<b>Weight: Not to exceed 12 lbs</b>
		<b>Depth: Not to exceed 10 inches</b>
		<b>Height: Not to exceed 11 inches</b>
		<b>Width: Not to exceed 4 inches</b>

Tower and Standard Workstation? Furthermore, there is no CLIN available for a PCMCIA card reader for any of the workstations. Unless the Government plans on installing legacy PCMCIA card readers in these workstations, we cannot imagine why the requirement calls for a 3.5” bay to accommodate a reader since none is required in the RFP.

Would the Government consider requiring the Small Form Factor system to house only the following storage devices?

DVD-ROM drive and removable hard disk drive?

Removable hard disk drive

3.5" floppy diskette drive

**6. Answer:** The Small Form Factor in the Technical Matrix has been modified in the following manner:

Hard Disk Drive – 200 GB Internal

Expansion Bay - one 5.25" Bay

**7. Question: Specifications for Docking Station**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <Options and Upgrades> – Row 50 [Docking Station]  
CLIN 0004AK – Docking Station (and similar CLINs for option years)

**Discussion:**

The specification is highly restrictive since it repeats verbatim the specifications of the Dell D/Dock Expansion Station that is designed to work exclusively with a number of Latitude notebook models. It is the only docking station currently available in the marketplace that would deliver each and every feature that the Government lists. No other docking stations would come close. If the requirement stands as written, Dell will be the only manufacturer who can offer a compliant COTS product, seriously harming the competitive intention of this procurement.

While we do not know for certain, we are speculating that the Government requires this docking station to equip the notebook with the ability to maintain interface to PCI network interface adapters. If this is indeed the case, would the Government please change the requirement to reduce the number of features the docking station must provide so that a wider variety of products can be considered for this procurement. Specifically, we recommend that the requirement be changed to read:

Docking Station	1 (or 2) PCI slots plus 4 USB ports
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**7. Answer:** The following changes have been made:

4 – USB                      2-PS/2                      1-Video (DVI)  
1-RJ-45                      1-Serial                      1-Audio out  
1-Parallel

**8. Question: Dimensions of the High-End Workstation – Small Form Factor**

**Reference:** TRM – Worksheet <High-End Workstation – SFF> Row 31 [Case/Chassis]

**Discussion:**

The requirement calls for a chassis with maximum dimensions of 15”(H)x15”(W)x4”(D). Would the Government consider a chassis that has a width of 15” but contains a small bracket measured 6” in length and .5” in height that protrudes approximately 1” from the rear panel acceptable? Except for this very small protruding bracket, the chassis otherwise complies with all other dimensional requirements. Please see the diagram below.

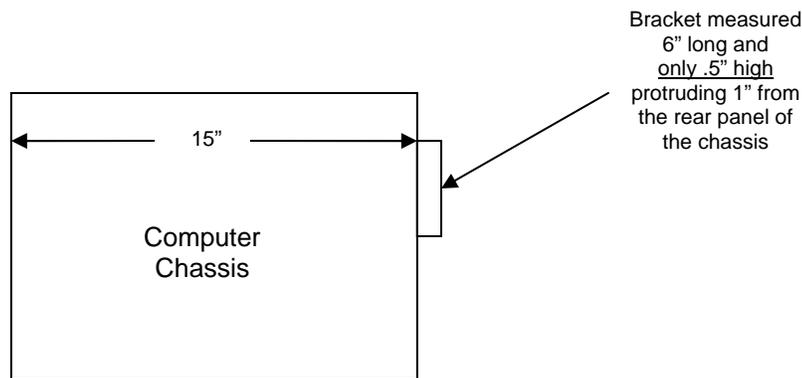


Diagram 1  
Computer Chassis with Protruding Bracket

**8. Answer:** No. The Not-To-Exceed Requirement is Firm.

**9. Question: Dimensions of Black and White Printer**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <Printer – Blk&Wht> – Row 44 [Depth]

**Discussion:**

The Government allows for this type of printer to have a maximum depth of 24”. Many models of black & white laser printer without the duplex option will easily comply with this depth and the remaining technical requirements. The widths and heights of these printers are also much smaller than the maximum measurements the Government allows for these two dimensions. However, the addition of the duplex unit makes it difficult for the printer to stay below this depth requirement partly because they are much smaller in width and height and they must use the depth dimension to incorporate the mechanism to turn the pages for two sided printing. We request that the Government allow for an increase of 2” on the depth dimension of this printer resulting in a maximum depth of 26”.

**9. Answer:** No. The Not-To-Exceed Requirement is Firm.

**10: Question: PCMCIA Card Reader**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - MT> – Row 22 [Expansion Bay]

TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - SFF> – Row 24 [Expansion Bay]

TRM - Worksheet <Standard Workstation> – Row 22 [Expansion Bay]

**Discussion:**

Although the referenced worksheets do not call out for each workstation be equipped with a PCMCIA card reader as they do for floppy, hard disk, and optical drives, the text of the “Expansion Bay” requirement appears to imply that each system must be outfitted with a PCMCIA card reader? Must a card reader be included with each system? Please clarify.

**10. Answer: No. It is an expansion placeholder.**

**11. Question: Trade Agreement Certificate**

**Reference:** 252.225-7020 Trade Agreement Certificate on Page 56 in the RFP Document

**Discussion:**

Recent changes in Federal statutes and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (“FAR”) have lifted the restriction formerly imposed by the Buy American Act on Government purchases of foreign commercial information technology (“Commercial IT”). Because the Buy American Act restriction has been lifted on such purchases, the Government may now purchase Commercial IT without regard to nearly all domestic source and designated country source restrictions. Further, because the Buy American restriction no longer applies for purchases of Commercial IT, the Government no longer needs to require that Commercial IT may be supplied only if the end product qualifies as a “U.S. made,” “designated country,” or “qualifying country” end product.

Also in light of the fact that the RFP does not incorporate FAR 25.225-1, Buy American Act – Balance of Payments Program – Supplies, should it not then include the referenced Trade Agreement Certificate?

**11. Answer: This issue is under review.**

**12 Question: Standard Warranty for Workstations and Laptop**

**Reference:** CLINs 0001AT, 0002AT, 0003BH, and 0004BC

**Discussion:**

Except for the referenced CLINs which require vendors to propose 3-year warranty upgrade options, we cannot find anywhere in the RFP where it defines the length of the basic warranty that must be included with the price of each workstation. Would the Government please define the length of the basic warranty that must be included in the price for a workstation (CLINs 0001AA, 0002AA, and 0003AA) or laptop (0004AA)?

**12. Answer: A standard one-year warranty has been added to the Technical Matrix.**

### **13. Question: Warranty for Printers**

**Reference:** CLINs 0006AA and 0007AA

**Discussion:**

What is the required warranty period for the Black & White and Color laser printers?

**13. Answer:** A standard one-year warranty has been added to the Technical Matrix.

### **14. Question: Exclusion from the 35-Page Limit of the Technical Proposal**

**Reference:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph on Page 59 of the RFP – Length of Technical Proposal

**Discussion:**

The Government requires vendor to reference OEM technical specification literature in providing responses to the Technical Requirement Matrix (TRM). Will the literature then be included in or excluded from this 35-page limit?

Furthermore, under “Environmental Qualification Experience” also on Page 59, the Government requires vendors to submit “copies of test reports.” Will the test reports be included in or excluded from this 35-page limit?

**14. Answer:** Technical specification literature for the purpose of responding to the TRM and test reports are not included in the 35 page limit. This data may be sent separately.

### **15. Question: Relevant and Similar in Scope**

**Reference:** 12<sup>th</sup> Paragraph on Page 59 of the RFP – Past Performance

**Discussion:**

The Government requires “the offeror to provide information for a maximum of six (6) contracts, performed by the offeror or subcontractor.” Does the Government have a required minimum number of contracts that an offeror must submit as references?

The Government went on to state that contracts “relevant and similar in scope” are defined as “contracts for the manufacture of workstations or laptops valuing \$10 million per year or greater.” Contracts of this type of equipment and values are not that abundant for medium-sized manufacturers. Would the Government consider lowering the annual contract value to a range of \$5 to \$10 million?

**15. Answer:** This issue is under review.

### **16. Question: Neutral Rating**

**Reference:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph Under “Past Performance” on Page 62 of the RFP

**Discussion:**

The referenced paragraph reads:

“In the case of an offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the offeror will be given a neutral rating, which will not have an impact on the evaluation.”

We are perplexed by this statement in light of the fact that all “non-price factors” are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. How does a neutral rating fit into the pass/fail evaluation methodology? Please explain.

**16. Answer:** A neutral rating will not be deemed either as a pass or fail and, thus, will have no impact on the final award determination.

**17. Question: PS2 Serial Port Adapter**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - MT> – Row 26 & 27 [Ports]  
TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - SFF> – Row 26 & 27 [Ports]

**Discussion:**

In both referenced instances, the Government specifies “1 PS2 serial port adapter, full (half for SFF) height, PCI.” If a proposed system provides a serial port as a built-in component as opposed to an add-on port via a PCI adapter, will it then be considered in compliance with the requirements? In other words, we believe that the Government requires a serial port for each workstation, and it does not matter whether it is delivered as a built-in component or via an add-on PCI adapter. Please confirm our understanding.

**17. Answer:** Your understanding is correct.

**18. Question: PS2 Serial Port Adapter as Separately Orderable CLINs**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <Options & Upgrades > – Row 40 [PS2 Serial ... Full Height]

TRM - Worksheet <Options & Upgrades > – Row 41 [PS2 Serial ... Half Height]

CLINs 0001AE, 0001AF, 0002AE, 0002AF

**Discussion:**

If a proposed workstation comes with a built-in serial port, are vendors still required to making offerings for the referenced CLINs? Can we simply indicate that the serial port is already included with the system.

**18. Answer:** Yes. You may indicate that the serial port is already included with the system.

**19. Question: Speakers**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - MT> – Row 42 & 43 [Sound/Speakers]

TRM - Worksheet <High End Workstation - SFF> – Row 43 & 44 [Sound/Speakers]

TRM - Worksheet <Standard Workstation> – Row 39 & 40 [Sound/Speakers]

TRM – Worksheet <Options & Upgrades> - Row 19 [Monitor, 17” ...]

**Discussion:**

The text in any of the first three referenced requirement clearly states that speakers must be “integrated into or attached to monitor.” Meanwhile, the fourth referenced requirements reads “when Flat Panel Monitor with Integrated Speakers is ordered with a Workstation order, the speakers that come standard with the High-End, Standard, or Small Form Factor Workstations shall not be included.” This seems to imply that the price of each workstation must include a pair of speakers, and such speakers must be delivered with the system when it is not ordered with a monitor. Please confirm that our understanding is correct.

**19. Answer:** The note has been removed from the Options regarding the monitor. The note was misleading. All monitors are to be equipped with attached or integrated speakers.

**20. Question: Specification for the Optical Drive for the Standard Laptop**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <Standard Laptop > – Row 18 [Optical Drive]

**Discussion:**

The referenced requirement calls for a “16X DVD+/-RW drive.” Drive with the 16X speed is only available for desktop computers at this time. Since notebook computers use low-profile drives, the highest speed currently available is only 8X. Please therefore change the requirement to read “8X DVD+/-RW drive.”

**20. Answer:** The specification has been changed to read “8X DVD+/-RW drive.”

**21. Question: Upgrade Optical Drive for Standard Laptop**

**Reference:** TRM - Worksheet <Standard Laptop > – Row 18 [Optical Drive]

TRM – Worksheet <Options & Upgrades> - Row 45 [Optical Drive Upgrade]

CLIN 0004AD – Upgrade Optical Drive – 16X DVD+/-RW

**Discussion:**

The Standard Laptop includes a 16X DVD+/-RW drive as a part of its configuration. We believe that CLIN 0004AD and the referenced specification for an optical drive upgrade is redundant. Please remove it from the RFP.

**21. Answer:** CLINS 0004AD, 1004AD, 2004AD, 3004AD and 4004AD have been removed from the Technical Matrix and Section B of the RFP.

**22. Question: Memory Upgrade for Standard Laptop**

**Reference:** TRM – Worksheet <Options & Upgrades> - Row 47 [RAM Upgrade – 2 GB ...]

CLIN 0004AF – 4 GB DDR SDRAM

**Discussion:**

The referenced Row 47 is the technical specification for CLIN 0004AF. However, its description does not match that of CLIN 0004AF. The CLIN calls for 4 GB upgrade, and the specification does for 2 GB. Please resolve this inconsistency.

**22. Answer:** The Technical Matrix has been changed to read “4 GB upgrade”.

**23. Question: Optical Drive Upgrade for Workstations**

**Reference:** TRM – Worksheet <Options & Upgrades> - Row 4 [Optical Drive Upgrade ...]

**Discussion:**

The referenced specification calls for an “Optical Drive Upgrade - 16x/48x24x48x EIDE DVD-ROM/CD-RW Combo Drive.” There is no CLIN associated with this specification. Furthermore, each workstation includes an optical drive of the same specifications. Please remove the referenced specification from the <Options & Upgrades> worksheet.

**23. Answer:** The referenced specification has been removed from the Options & Upgrades worksheet.

**24. Question: NSA Approved KVM Switch – USB**

**Reference:** TRM – Worksheet <Options & Upgrades> - Row 15 [KVM Switch – NSA ... USB]

**Discussion:**

The Government is apparently aware that a NSA-approved USB KVM switch is not currently available to meet the requirements. The Government went on to say that the “vendor shall obtain NSA/SABI approval of the item prior to providing this item. If this item is available for ordering, vendor shall also provide a USB mouse, ...”

We interpret the foregoing to mean:

Vendors are required to propose a USB KVM switch.

At this time, the switch may not be NSA approved.

Only after the manufacturer of the switch has it approved by the NSA, will the vendor be allowed to ship it under the contract.

As long as the switch does not have NSA approval, the CLIN will remain unavailable for ordering.

Please confirm that our interpretation above is indeed correct.

**24. Answer:** Your interpretation is correct. USB KVM Switch – CLIN’s 0003AN, 1003AN, 2003AN, 3003AN, and 4003AN are not currently NSA/SABI approved. When available, the vendor shall obtain NSA/SABI approval and make this item and associated peripherals available via this contract. No pass/fail criteria will be used for these items during the selection process.

**25. Question: ISO 9001:2000 Certification**

**Reference:** Technical Requirement Matrix (TRM) - Worksheet <Options and Upgrades> – Note 3 Statement of Requirements (SOR) – Section 2.1 Supplies and Services

**Discussion:**

We just want to point out the International Standardization Organization does not provide 9001:2000 certification for products. Rather, it certifies the manufacturer of the products. In the interest of stating the requirement correctly, we suggest that the Government: Rephrase the referenced text to read “OEM manufacturers of the systems to be delivered under this contract shall be ISO 9001:2000 registered.”

Furthermore, the Government may choose to require those prime contractors who are not the OEM manufacturers of the systems to be ISO 9001:2000 certified.

**25. Answer:** The text has been rephrased to read “OEM manufacturers of the systems to be delivered under this contract shall be ISO 9001:2000 registered.”

**26. Question: Linux Operating System**

**Reference:** CLINs 0001AB and 0002AB – Linux Operating System

**Discussion:**

There is a wide variety of Linux operating system versions available in the market from a multitude of vendors. Does the Government have a compatibility consideration that mandates the deployment of a certain Linux version? Please advise.

**26. Answer:** Yes, current Programs of Record that will be utilizing this contract require a particular version of Linux. That version is specified in the Technical Matrix.

**27. Question: NIC - 1000TX for Standard Workstation**

**Reference:** CLIN 0003BC – NIC - 1000TX

**Discussion:**

Each of the Standard Workstation will be delivered with a built-in 10/100/1000 Ethernet network interface. Is it the intention of the Government to purchase this CLIN to add a second network interface to the system? Except for the description of the CLIN, the Government does not provide any other specifications.

**27. Answer:** CLIN 0003BC has been removed from Section B of the RFP and the Technical Matrix.

**28. Question: Bus Interface for A Number of NICs**

**Reference:** CLINs 0004AX – NIC – 1000TX, 0004AZ – NIC – 10FL, 0004BA – NIC – ATM

**Discussion:**

In the absence of any specifications for the referenced CLINs, we can only infer from the quantities and that of CLIN 0004AK – Docking Station that the Government requires the PCI bus interface for them. Is our inference correct?

**28. Answer:** Yes, your inference is correct.

**29. Question: ST or SC Interface**

**Reference:** CLIN 0004AY - NIC - 100FX

**Discussion:**

Because of the relatively high ratio of the quantity of this CLIN over that of the Standard Notebook and in the absence of any other specifications, we assume that the Government requires a PCMCIA bus interface for this network interface card. Is our assumption correct?

Furthermore, 100FX NICs come with two different media interfaces: ST and SC. Which one does the Government require?

**29. Answer:** PCI interface is in the docking station. The Technical Matrix has been updated to state the Government requires ST for 100FX NICs.

**30. Question: Black & White Printer & Associated Items**

**Reference:** CLIN 1006AB

**Discussion:**

By all accounts (market research), it looks like 512MB memory is only available on printers above the \$1,000 threshold. For the sake of expanding the breadth of product offerings and also including printers with a price point under \$1,000, would the government consider revising the expandable memory requirement to 320MB?

**30. Answer:** The Government will not revise the expandable memory requirement.

**31. Question: Black & White Printer & Associated Items**

**Reference:** CLIN 1006AA

**Discussion:**

From our research, the government's specifications seem to point to certain HP printer models priced between \$1,100 and \$1,600. Again, to open up competition to workgroup printers sub \$1,000, and all other attributes being the same, would the government consider setting the standard output to 150 sheets?

**31. Answer:** The Government will not set the standard output to 150 sheets. The Technical Matrix has been updated to change the output tray from 300 sheets to 250.

**32. Question:** Page 45 of the RFP N00039-08-R-0006 provides a "List of Documents, Exhibits, and Other Attachments."

The first item listed is "Attachment 1 - Technical Matrix." However, the available downloadable Technical Matrix is labeled "Attachment 7 - Technical Requirements Matrix." Is Attachment 1 actually Attachment 7?

**32. Answer:** The Technical Matrix is Attachment 1 to the RFP.

**33. Question:** There is an omission of two of your products in *Attachment 7 - Technical Requirements Matrix*, Tab "Options Upgrades". The following two products were not included in this tab; however, the two products are included in the next tab "*Workstation & Printer CLINS*" and they are also included on the RFP. Can you clarify?

0001AP/1001AP/2001AP/3001AP/4001AP - Grade A Mounting Kit - Mouse  
0003AX/10003AX/2003AX/3003AX/4003AX - Grade B Mounting Kit - Trackball, Adjustable Mounting Kit

**33. Answer:** Grade A Mounting Kit – Mouse has been removed from the Technical Matrix. Grade B Mounting Kit – Trackball has been added to the Options/Upgrades sheet of the Technical Matrix.

**34. Question:** We registered on the SPAWAR web site to receive the announcements and all notification pertaining to N00039-08-R-006 yet we did not receive the data requested. Is here a change in the registration process that we are not aware of?

**34. Answer:** There has been no change in the registration process. Please check your procedures.

**35. Question:** Will the government consider a mono laser printer that meets or exceeds all of your requirements, with the exception of the depth measurement?

We request the mono laser printer depth requirement be increased 1.5 inches from 24 inches to 25.5 inches.

**35. Answer:** The Not-to-Exceed requirement is firm. These units must fit into existing spaces aboard ship.

**36. Question:** Attachment 8 – Training:

Can the Government provide an estimate of the number of people per year who will complete the online training in order to be authorized to perform maintenance/repair on equipment under warranty?

**36. Answer:** The estimated number of people to complete online training is four per year.

**37. Question:** High End Workstation SFF

The specification for the High-End Workstation SFF requires 5 expansion bays slots:

# of Bays shall accommodate (internal devices) DVD-ROM Drive, 3.5" Floppy Drive, Removable HDD kit, 3.5" PCMCIA, and one empty 3.5" Bay

Tier I manufacturers do not provide small form factor systems with 5 accessible drive bays. In general Tier I manufactures provide for one 5.25 inch external slot for either an optical drive or a removable hard drive and one external 3.5 inch drive slot for either floppy drive or PCMCIA card reader. In order to promote competition and so as to allow the Navy to consider Tier I products, will SPAWAR accept systems that provide the following:

- 1) Internal Hard drive and DVD-ROM Drive and either a 3.5" PCMCIA or a 3.5" Floppy
- OR
- 1) Removable hard drive kit and either a 3.5" PCMCIA or a 3.5" Floppy

37. Answer: **The Technical Matrix has been modified in the following manner;**

**Hard Disk Drive – Changed from “200 GB” Removable to “200 GB Internal”.**

**Expansion Bay – Changed from “DVD-ROM Drive, 3.5" Floppy Drive, Removable HDD kit, 3.5" PCMCIA, and one empty 3.5" Bay” to “one 3.5” Bay and one 5.25” Bay” to accommodate the DVD Drive and PCMCIA requirements. There is no need for a Floppy Drive or another PCIMCIA Slot.**

**38. Question:** High End Workstations Mini-Tower and SFF

The specifications for the High End Workstations require Red Hat Linux Enterprise:

Red Hat Linux Enterprise latest version

Tier I manufacturers do not provide small form factor systems with Red Hat Linux Enterprise. In order to promote competition and so as to allow the Navy to acquire Tier I products, will SPAWAR accept systems that provide SUSE Linux?

**38. Answer:** SPAWAR will not accept systems that provide SUSE Linux. Red Hat Linux requirement will be removed for the SFF matrix.

39. Question: High End Workstation SFF Case

Is a small form factor product with the following dimensions acceptable?

4.5D x 15.5H x 13.5W in

**39. Answer:** The small form factor product must meet the not-to-exceed requirements.

40. Question: 2.5.1 Proposed Configuration Changes:

The Contractor shall notify the Government of all proposed configuration changes through the Government's Naval Change Request (NCR) process a minimum of 140 calendar days prior to any equipment configuration change. Configuration changes include all changes to the form-factor, BIOS, processor, components, and drivers.

The contractor may not have notice of changes to some of the required elements 140 days in advance. For example, advance notice of many driver changes from suppliers such as Intel, AMD, etc... happen 30 days prior to the change taking place.

Will the Government change this requirement to be a minimum notice of 30-60 days prior to a configuration change?

**40. Answer:** No, because Baseline Test Facility (BTF) Lab testing and any other certifications which must be accomplished prior to fielding any changes may take longer than 30-60 days dependent upon schedules, workload, the extensiveness of the change, etc.

41. Question: Will the Government consider extending the offer due date in light of the holiday week from Dec. 24th- Dec. 28th when several companies are shut down for a mandatory holiday closure?

**41. Answer:** The due date has been extended from 14 January to 28 January 2008.

42. Question: Printers

Can the Government please clarify if the printers need to have a 3 year warranty?

**42. Answer:** The standard one year warranty is adequate.

43. Question: High End Workstations SFF Case

Would the Government accept a High End Workstation SFF product that meets the current Expansion Bay requirements with the following dimensions?

6.6 x 17.9 x 17.7

**43. Answer:** The small form factor product must meet the not-to-exceed requirements.

**44. Question:** Standard Color Printer media weight

Requirement: 18lb to 48lb paper printing capability

The industry standard appears to be up to 42lb media for this class printer – would the Government consider changing the media weight requirement for the Standard Color Printer Media Weight to a range of 18lb to 42lb?

**44. Answer:** Yes. The Technical Matrix has been updated to reflect the change to the media weight requirement.

**45. Question: Hardware**

In reference to the PS2 serial port adapter for the High End Workstation - MT and High End Workstation - SFF: To meet this requirement, we recommend that the Government allow vendors to offer a PS2-to-USB adapter. This would free up an additional PCI slot and allow for greater future expansion. Will the Government consider modifying the specification to allow for this option?

**45. Answer:** Yes. The Technical Matrix has been updated to reflect the change

**46. Question:** In reference to the Standard Laptop resolution: A majority of manufacturers are moving to the wide screen display for laptops. The screen resolution for square displays is SXGA+ and the screen resolution for wide screen displays is WXGA+. Will the Government consider modifying the specification to better align with industry standards by allowing wide screen WXGA+ in addition to SXGA+?

**46. Answer:** Yes. The Technical Matrix has been updated to reflect the change.

**47. Question:** In reference to all of the workstation configuration video/graphics card requirements: The RFP calls for 256MB PCIe Dual Video card or integrated video. It is unclear whether this is an either/or option or if the requirement is for a graphics card with dual video capability. Is the requirement for 256MB of dedicated graphics memory or 256MB of shared memory?

**47. Answer:** The technical matrix will be updated to indicate that either a PCI Video Card or a video port can be integrated into the processor, however, whichever is chosen it must have 256MB of dedicated graphics memory to support Aero capabilities. .

**48. Question:** In reference to the laptop configuration video/graphics card: The RFP calls for 128MB Integrated Video Card. Is the requirement for a discrete graphics card with 128MB of dedicated memory or for integrated graphics with 128MB of shared memory? Would either configuration be considered acceptable?

**48. Answer:** Yes, either configuration will be acceptable.

**49. Question:** In reference to the expansion bays called out for the high end workstation (MT) and standard workstation, can you explain the requirements for the 3.5" PCMCIA and empty 3.5" bay? Can these requirements be satisfied with the additional PCI slots available in the MT configuration? In lieu of this, would it be acceptable to substitute a USB floppy drive or USB PCMCIA card? Current systems in the fleet have 2 x 5.25" bays (CD-RW/DVD and removable HDD) and 1 x 3.5" bay (floppy).

**49. Answer:** MT and Standard WS Technical matrix will be modified in the following manner;

Expansion Bays – # of Bays shall accommodate (internal devices) DVD-ROM Drive, 3.5" Floppy Drive, Removable HDD kit, and 3.5" PCMCIA Bay

**50. Question:** In reference to the expansion bays called out in the high end workstation (SFF), there is not enough physical space on the chassis to have 2 x 5.25" bays and 3 x 3.5" bays. Are there other acceptable expansion options (i.e. USB devices) that could substitute for physical bays?

**50. Answer:** SFF Technical matrix will be modified in the following manner;  
Hard Disk Drive – 200 GB Internal

Expansion Bay – one 3.5" Bay and one 5.25" Bay

**51. Question:** In reference to the power supply called out for the high end workstation (MT) and standard workstation, is the requirement to not exceed actual power draw of 300W? Due to the large number of expansion options available in the mini-tower configuration, a larger power supply is required for a fully loaded system. Normal power draw for the configurations the Navy uses is less than 100W. Can you either increase the power supply to 305W or allow an alternative test to spec out the maximum power draw based on the ordered configuration? Current systems in the fleet have 305W power supplies.

**51. Answer:** The Government has changed the maximum power to 325W and the Technical Matrix has been updated.

**52. Question:** DFARS 2523.225-7014 (Dev) Alt I is incorporated by reference. Is this the clause called out in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense letter DAR Tracking Number: 2007-O0011 dated October 26, 2007?

**52. Answer:** Yes. The USD memorandum of 26 Oct 07 provides an updated version to the Alt I Deviation provided in the 06 Dec 06 memorandum.

**53. Question:** In order to allow for lower cost COTS printers to be bid, would the Navy consider a 250 sheet output capacity instead of a 300 sheet capacity?

**53. Answer:** The Technical Matrix has been updated to reflect a 250 sheet output capacity.

**54. Question:** For both the monochrome laser and color laser printer, does the requirement for IPv6 printing mean IPv6 ready out of the box or IPv6 capable with upgrade ordered and installed when IPv6 is implemented or as needed?

The benefit of the IPv6 capable alternative is it avoids or delays the purchase of IPv6 printer upgrades until they are required. Most, if not all, laser printers supporting IPv6 are more expensive than the IPv4 equivalent. Upgrading to IPv6 with a card option when implementation occurs could be a large savings to the Navy.

**54. Answer:** The units must be IPv6 capable when delivered. The cost of installing an upgrade at a later date exceeds the cost of buying it now.

**55. Question:** Company A understands that this solicitation is designated for manufacturers only under NAICS code 334111, and the government would not be interested in seeing proposal from a reseller such as Company A? Can you please confirm our interpretation at your convenience?

**55. Answer:** This question is under review.

**56. Question:** Why has the Government included a size standard of 1000 on the cover page of the SF1449 when the procurement is a Unrestricted competition open to companies of any size?

**56. Answer:** The size standard is included, even in unrestricted competitions, so that the company can certify their status as indicated in Section K of the RFP, FAR 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (NOV 2007) ALTERNATE I (APR 2002), which states the following:

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

**57. Question:** Will you consider changing the software tool selected for benchmark testing?

#### **Discussion**

An objection has been raised to the choice of a third party software tool, Sisoft Sandra 2007, to conduct certain benchmark testing. The concern was that this placed one processor manufacturer at a disadvantage over another.

A. We will not change the software tool. We are confident that competitive processors are available and we have no preference as to the processor chosen. The benchmark tests are necessary to verify tht the proposed configurations meet our requirements.