

TSETI RFP N00039-14-R-0003
Question and Answer
9 May 2014

1. Reference: Solicitation Page 1 specifies the submission time 10 AM local time. Section L-317.3 on page 90 of 122 specifies 2 PM PST. Please clarify the submission time.

Answer: See Answer to Q5 of Q&A's dated 2 May 2014.

2. Reference: Technical Proposal (Volume I), General Guidelines for Content, Page 94 of 122. As per this reference, No cost information shall be included in this technical proposal. Subfactor 2.4 Small Business Utilization requires submission of a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Our response to the small business utilization section of the technical volume may require us to include the dollar values in order to demonstrate our small business commitment/plan. Please clarify if the small business section may include cost information. Or, should the offerors provide the response to small business section (subfactor 2.4) as part of the price proposal.

Answer: The amounts provided in respond to Subfactor 2.4 are not values from this proposal or cost information. The values requested under Subfactor 2.4 are total amounts that your company allocated to small business categories under a previous contract.

3. Reference: Technical Proposal (Volume I), General Guidelines for Content, Page 94 of 122. As per this reference, No cost information shall be included in this technical proposal. Subfactor 1.3 Data Rights. Our response to the data rights section of the technical volume may require us to include the dollar values. Please clarify if the data rights table in section B-1 may include cost information. Or, should the offerors provide the response to small business section (subfactor 1.3) as part of the price proposal.

Answer: The General Guidelines identified on page 94 of 122 is pertaining to Volume I. Section B of the RFP is required for Volume III which includes completing sections B – K of the RFP.

4. Reference: L-317.8 PROPOSAL FORMAT, page 93 and General Guidelines for Content, (a) COST PROPOSAL, (c) REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION OTHER THAN COST AND PRICING DATA, page 101. Volume II Cost Proposal limitations are specified as, "Cost/Labor information compatible with Microsoft Excel 2007". Page 101 states "The offeror shall provide comprehensive narrative support for the Cost Proposal." Is there a page limit to the cost narrative? If so is the front matter (i.e. Cover Page, Cover Letter, and Table of Contents) excluded from the page count?

Answer: There is no page limitation for cost Volume II.

5. Reference: General Guidelines for Content, (a) COST PROPOSAL, (9) Wage Determination. page 99. What is the requirement for (9) Wage Determination? Is the requirement to submit the wage determinations or make a statement regarding compliance with Wage Determinations used for the cost proposal?

Answer: Propose labor rate in accordance with the wage determinations.

6. Reference: General Guidelines for Content, (a) COST PROPOSAL, (1) Costs required by Section B. page 99. Is this requirement fulfilled by completing "TSETI ATTACHMENT 9 PRIME AND SUB COST SPREADSHEETS.xls" or are offerors to include a copy of the completed Section B in the Cost Narrative?

Answer: Section B is part of Volume III, see page 93 of 122. Section B must be filled-in and submitted under Volume III. Attachment 9 must be completed with formulas and submitted under Volume II, see page 93 of 122.

7. Reference: Section B, Page 16. As part of 5252.216-9204 LEVEL OF EFFORT – FEE ADJUSTMENT FORMULA (MAR 1994) (d), will the Government provide the allowable percentage for the LOE variance?

Answer: 5252.216-9204 will be complete at time of contract award.

8. Reference: Section C, Page 21. Please confirm that the safety equipment and clothing required by 5252.223-9200 (c) will be a direct contract cost under the ODCs CLINs.

Answer: Currently the lab requires closed toed shoes. If there are other requirements, the Government will inform the vendor. Based on the only known requirement is closed toed shoes, there should NOT be any cost under the ODC CLIN.

9. Section M, Page 117. Factor 4: Cost/Price (4) states the Government will not pay for the development and building of a new contractor-proposed SCIF facility. Please confirm that a SCIF will not be required for performance of this contract.

Answer: Government SCIF is requirement per M-307. However, building and developing contractor- SCIF is not a requirement.

10. Reference: Page 104, L-328 ESTIMATED LEVEL OF EFFORT. "The quantities of labor hours for each labor category shown below, which are to be used by the Offeror for computing total labor costs..." (a) Based upon the above reference this offeror assumes that all offerors must use the Government provided hours by labor category (from the solicitation) when developing the Cost proposal. Is this assumption correct? (b) If this assumption is correct would the Government please revise the language on Page 99, (b) Cost/Labor Information: "...However, if offerors elect to propose a level of labor effort and/or skill mix different than that identified in the solicitation, the offeror shall describe in detail in its technical proposal how it intends to fulfill the Government's requirement at the changed level of effort and/or skill mix.", to closer reflect that an offeror must use the Government provided LOE when developing its cost proposal?

Answer: (a) yes. (b) No, because if the offeror can justify the alternate mix then the Government will review it and evaluate whether they will accept the alternate mix or change it back to the Government estimate for cost realism.

11. Regarding CDRL A008, will the Government please explain the relationship between CDRL A008 and the packaging, handling, storage and transportation requirements in SOW 4.3.2.2c?

Answer: Government will remove the CDRL A008 reference from SOW Section 4.3.2.2c tasking. See Revised SOW.

12. Can the Government please confirm that Attachment 7 is only required to be sent for Past Performances that do not have a current CPARS or PPIRS? If Attachment 7 is required, when does the form need to be received by the Government?

Answer: Yes, Attachment 7 is required when there is no CPARS or an offeror wants current feedback from Government point of contact. The Attachment 7's are due 19 May 2014 at 1000 PST.

13. Reference: Amendment 0001 of the Solicitation page 17 of 24, Section L, "Volume III – Section C: Security Clearance Levels as Required by DD Form 254"; Attachment 3, DoD Contract Security Classification Specification (DD254); and TSETI RFP Questions and Answer, 2 May 2014, Question #3.

The Government's response to Question #3 on the above referenced Questions and Answers document stated "Key personnel including the Lead Engineer and Program Manager are required to hold SCI clearance. Additionally 10% of employees for engineering, computer system analysis, electronic technicians, computer programmers, and training analyst labor categories are required to hold SCI clearances." As SCI access is unique to a contract and cannot be obtained without a specific contract requirement, please confirm that an Offeror may present proposed personnel for the PM, Lead Engineer, and Lead Logistician labor categories with TS Clearance that may be upgraded to SCI Post Award to satisfy the requirement identified in the response to Question #3.

Answer: For the PM, Lead Engineer, and Lead Logistician labor categories only, the Government would accept TS clearance at award, but must be able to get SCI post award.