

Request for Proposal Number-N00039-13-R-0001

**Question 1:** Contractor herein respectfully requests an extension of the due date for submittal of the subject proposal for an additional thirty (30) days, from 15 January 2013 to 14 February 2013.

**Answer 1:** The Government will not extend the proposal due date for an additional 30 days. However, the Government will extend the due date by 14 days, from 15 January 2013 to 29 January 2013. The date change has been incorporated into the RFP in solicitation amendment 0001.

**Question 2:** Under 5252.222-9200 WORK WEEK (a), it speaks to all or portion of work being done at NUWC, Newport, RI. Will contractor be required to establish office or have personnel permanently on site at this govt. facility?

**Answer 2:** Solicitation provision L-317, section 3.2(b)(1) identifies a small number of estimated hours to be performed at the Government site (NUWC). The contractor will not be required to establish an office nor have personnel permanently on site. However, the contractor will have to support efforts performed at NUWC as tasked in each individual Technical Direction Letter (TDL).

**Question 3:** Is the contractor responsible for maintaining Exterior Communication System (ECS) Operating Environment (EOE) software? Will EOE source code be provided upon contract award?

**Answer 3:** The contractor will be responsible for maintaining EOE software. Any developed software will be provided upon contract award. The procedures to build the EOE are located in the LA, VA, and SSGN CLASS CONFIGURATIONS, Software Version Description (SVD) and Software Product Specification (SPS) posted on the NESI site.

**Question 4:** Is the contractor responsible for maintaining ECS On-line Help software? If so, will ECS On-Line Help source code be provided upon contract award?

**Answer 4:** The contractor will be responsible for maintaining ECS On-line Help software and it will be provided upon contract award.

**Question 5:** In Section 3.2(b)(2), Other Direct Cost NTE Table, is it the customers intent that all material fall under these NTE amounts? The Contractors intent is to include computer related direct material costs as fee bearing.

**Answer 5:** It is the Government's intent that all material required to perform contract requirements fall under the NTE amounts listed in the table and that all ODC costs be non-fee bearing. To ensure submission of a responsive proposal, offerors shall follow the submittal instructions in Section L, clause L-317 Submission of Proposals with regard to ODC amounts.

**Question 6:** Clause 5252.231-9200 states that "all travel under this contract must be specifically requested in writing prior to incurring any travel costs." The Contractor will require a substantial

amount of local travel to support this program, will each trip require authorization per Clause 5252.231-9200, or will the Customer allow for blanket approval of local travel, reducing administrative costs to both parties?

**Answer 6:** Individual TDLs will include a negotiated amount of travel in support of the effort as applicable. A blanket approval of local travel may be coordinated with the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to reduce administrative efforts.

**Question 7:** Since there are existing contracts in place which provide satisfactory Cost and Schedule reporting data to SPAWAR PMW770, would SPAWAR consider a proposal based on those Cost and Schedule reporting requirements other than EVMS?

**Answer 7:** No. SPAWAR will not consider reporting requirements other than EVMS.

**Question 8:** RFP Section L, 3.2 Cost Volume, Pg 81 The RFP states: "The labor mix provided above is for bidding purposes only to establish the estimated cost for each year of contract performance. The labor mix realized during contract performance may vary from the mix set forth above." The RFP also defines the skill requirements for the labor categories to be bid. Will labor categories other than as defined on pages 82-83 of the solicitation be allowed to be bid where appropriate for the work as directed under the Technical direction Letters?

**Answer 8:** The labor mix provided in the RFP is for bidding purposes only to establish the estimated cost for each year of contract performance. The Government will allow the successful offeror to propose labor categories other than those specified in the RFP if those categories are necessary to meet the requirements of an individual Technical Direction Letter.

**Question 9:** CDRL A002, Block 16, Format 6 (Integrated Master Schedule- IMS) Tailoring Instructions states that: "SRAs shall be performed and submitted as follows: • An SRA shall be submitted as part of/in conjunction with the contractor's IMP/IMS Technical Volume proposal response." Section L does not include instructions for submitting an IMP/IMS as part of the Technical Volume, nor can a meaningful IMP/IMS be created without task definition in a TDL. Contractor recommends: Remove the first bullet following "SRAs shall be performed and submitted as follows:"

**Answer 9:** Section L does not require submission of IMP/IMS as part of the Technical Volume. The SRA and IMP/IMS referenced in CDRL A002 may be required to be submitted in support of a contractor's proposal for an individual TDL.

**Question 10:** Section L-2.1.2 states: "Type size shall be Times New Roman and no smaller than 12 point in the text, 10 point in spreadsheets, and 6 point on drawings, figures, and tables." Section L-349 states: "The type used shall be no smaller than Times New Roman, 8-point. Tables, drawings and graphics may be single spaced, with type no smaller than Times New Roman, 8-point." There is apparent conflict between these two sections. Contractor recommends: Modify Section L 2.1.2 to match Section L-349

**Answer 10:** Solicitation amendment 0001 clarifies the font size requirement by modifying Section L-349 to establish that the required font sizes be those identified in Section L-2.1.2.