

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 fonts sizes be those identified in Section L-2.1.2.

**Question 11:** What specific CSRR C&M efforts are envisioned to require a contractor TS facility?

**Answer 11:** The Top Secret clearance is required in order to gain access to Government lab facilities during certain periods of field support. The facility clearance must be Top Secret if anyone supporting this effort is required to have a Top Secret Clearance.

**Question 12:** The following statement is contained in the Organizational Conflict of Interest Clause contained in the solicitation:

“Contractors shall identify and describe any contractual support they are presently providing to PEO C4I and/or SPAWAR, and/or other organizations/agencies **that may have a relationship to CSRR** (including but not limited to OPNAV N2/N6F, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR).”

This statement is very broad and could be interpreted to include all contracts related to the design, construction, maintenance, support systems and hardware components, as well as the refurbishment or replacement of the physical structure of the Radio Room. It could also be interpreted to include all contracts related to the ship design, overhaul, repair, refurbishment and modernization. In order to comply with this requirement the respondent must provide an extensive list of NAVSEA submarine design, construction and modernization contracts that are a) not relevant to the solicitation and b) are exempt from the OCI restrictions under the design agent exemption of FAR 9.505-1 and DFARS Subpart 209.571.

It is requested that this requirement be modified to require that the respondent provide SPAWAR only with a list of contracts that are related to Paragraph 2.1.2 Design Reviews and Paragraph 2.2 Studies and Analysis of the Statement of Work and any other activities which might give the contractor an unfair advantage in future CSRR competitions.

**Answer 12:** The OCI provision will be modified in Amendment 0002 as follows:

From: Contractors shall identify and describe any contractual support they are presently providing to PEO C4I and/or SPAWAR, and/or other organizations/agencies **that may have a relationship to CSRR** (including but not limited to OPNAV N2/N6F, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR).

To: Contractors shall identify and describe any contractual support they are presently providing to PEO C4I and/or SPAWAR, and/or other organizations/agencies, **related to the CSRR C&M software** (including but not limited to OPNAV N2/N6F, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR).

The requirement will not be modified to restrict the OCI analysis to the requirements of paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.2 of the CSRR SOW. The Government's OCI analysis is to determine whether a potential or actual OCI exists on this procurement, not future CSRR competitions.

**Question 13:** Will the CSRR Simulators, currently used to support C&M software testing, that are not explicitly included in the GFE listing in the RFP be provided as GFP upon contract award? If not, will requirements for simulators be provided? Will simulator executable software programs and source code be provided so that the simulators can be modified as tactical equipment modifications are introduced?

**Answer 13:** Yes, CSRR Simulators that are not explicitly included in Attachment 7-Revision 1, and are determined to be necessary to support future TDL requirements will be provided. Yes, source code will be provided to support modifications.

**Question 14:** Do the GFE listing items 26, 27, 39, and 40 contain any software or applications? If so, what are the contents?

**Answer 14:** Item 26: Consists of Laptop Del, PP11L- Windows XP operating system and RFDACS simulation software. In addition Attachment 7, has been amended to delete GFE items 27 (Laptop Dell, Inspiron 5100), 39 and 40 (WORKSTATION, SUNBLADE).

**Question 15 :** Attachment 7 (Government Furnished Property List) of the RFP contains items 20, 21 and 41. Each is identified as being an item from the Q-70 product line. Contractor recommends: Request that the Government identify the equipment composing each of these items.

**Answer 15:** Attachment 7, has been amended to delete items 20, 21 and 41. Attachment 7 Revision 1 is included with solicitation Amendment 0002.

**Question 16:** Attachment 7 (Government Furnished Property List): Please provide a list of the GFE currently assigned to the incumbent contract.

**Answer 16:** Attachment 7 Revision 1, included with Amendment 0002 reflects the GFE to be provided to the successful offeror. Not all GFE assigned to the current contract will be required for the new contract.

**Question 17:** Many systems with which CSRR interfaces are not identified within attachment 7.: Request that the Government provide to respondents its strategy for making interfaced equipment/systems available during related development and maintenance efforts. Regarding our question, our purpose is to better understand the Government's intentions for making the full spectrum of interfaced assets available as Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) during development phases. These would principally consist of communications assets and systems already identified as GFE, but, other assets may be required for specific TDLs. We understand that the size and cost of any given asset might result in different strategies for different assets. Therefore, in referring to both "equipment" and "systems" it was our intent to reference the complete range of assets, from individual devices (e.g., a non-embedded crypto device) to larger or more complex asset comprised of multiple subsystems (e.g., equipment housed in a specific Q70 rack configuration

**Answer 17:** Attachment 7 Revision-1, included with Amendment 0002 identified the GFE to be delivered in support solicitation N00039-13-R-0001 efforts. Additional GFP will be provided as necessary to meet individual TDL requirements. In the event equipment/systems cannot be provided, ICDs, simulators, and or access to NUWC laboratory facilities will be provided.