

Questions and Answers for Environmental Satellite Receiver Processor (ESRP) Request for Proposal (RFP) N00039-11-R-0073

Question 1: *Page 71. RFP Section L-317 (a)(I)(D) states: “The validity period is 180 days” but Page 72 Section L-317 (b)(3)(B)(i) states: “The validity period is 12 months” Will the Government please identify which validity period is correct?*

RESPONSE 1: Section L-317 (b)(3)(B)(i) will be changed to reflect the Government’s request that offerors’ proposals be valid for a period of 180 days. See Amendment 1.

Question 2: *Pages 76 and 77, RFP Section L, Volume III – Cost Proposal 1 (ii) states: “Forward Pricing Rates Approved (FRPA) rates shall be provided”. Audit of a contractor’ Forward Pricing Rate Proposal (FPRP) is time consuming and frequently is not completed during the contractor’s fiscal year. As a result, a contractor can go many years without receiving Forward Pricing Rate Agreement (FPRA). DCMA does, however, analyze a contractor’s FPRP and issue a Forward Pricing Rate Recommendation (FPRR) for PCO’s to rely on in the absence of an FPRA. To avoid duplication of effort reviewing rate data, we recommend that FPRP and FPRR data be considered acceptable without an offeror providing the documentation requested in A through G on page 77. Does the Government concur?*

RESPONSE 2: No, the Government does not concur. The Government will modify RFP section L-317, Volume III – Cost/Price Proposal (ii), to reflect the Government’s request for a current Forward Pricing Rate Recommendation (FPRR), current Forward Pricing Rate Proposal (FPRP), or prior year Forward Pricing Rate Agreement (FPRA) as documentation establishing the accuracy of an offeror’s proposed rates when a current Forward Pricing Rate Agreement (FPRA) is unavailable. See Amendment 1.

Question 3: *Pages 76 - 78, (1)(vii) Volume III Cost/Price Proposal. Given that there could be small businesses doing a small amount of work under the contract, and putting together a full cost proposal can be burdensome for them, would the government consider a threshold of greater than 10% of the total proposed contract value as the threshold for proposed Subcontractors to provide a full Cost Volume IAW RFP Volume III requirements?*

RESPONSE 3: No, the Government will not consider the use of a threshold for determining whether subcontractors are required to complete Attachment 6B – Subcontractor Pricing Model, based on the estimated portion of work the subcontractor is estimated to perform. As instructed in clause L-317, all planned subcontractor costs should be captured in copies of Attachment 6B – Subcontractor Pricing Model, regardless of estimated size or portion of the work to be performed.

Question 4: *Page 78, RFP Section L-317 (1)(vii) Volume III Cost/Price Proposal states: All cost information shall be submitted in Then Year dollars by GFY unless otherwise noted. Attachment 6A Prime Pricing Model allows only for submission of data by “Year 1”, “Year 2”, etc, corresponding to the Period of Performance in RFP Section F of “11-JAN-2012 to 10-JAN-2013”, “11-JAN-2013 to 10-JAN-2014”, etc. Is it the Government’s intent that the Attachment 6A requirements for pricing by “Year” constitute “otherwise noted” guidance, or is it the Government’s intent that pricing be provided by GFY in addition to the format specified in Attachment 6A?*

RESPONSE 4: Yes, the requirements in Attachments 6A and 6B, to submit pricing data by “Year 1, Year 2, etc.” which correspond to the Periods of Performance in RFP Section F of “11-JAN-2012 to 10-JAN-2013”, “11-JAN-2013 to 10-JAN-2014”, etc., do constitute the “otherwise noted” guidance previously

referenced in Section L-317 (1)(vii) Volume III – Cost/Price Proposal. This instruction in provision L-317 has been updated to clarify that all cost information shall be submitted by contract year period of performance, as identified in Section F and Attachment 6A and 6B. In addition, the statement “The offeror, and subcontractor(s), shall use the same proposed fee/profit,” is being removed. See Amendment 1.

Question 5: *Page 78, RFP Section L-317 (1)(vii) Volume III Cost/Price Proposal states: Prime and Subcontractors are to submit electronic copies of the cost proposal. If the subcontractor is willing to provide proprietary cost data to the Prime as required by Attachment 6B, **can the Prime submit the entire proposal (electronic and paper copies) directly to the Government?***

RESPONSE 5: Yes, the Prime contractor may submit the entire proposal (electronic and paper copies), including any subcontractors’ cost proposal, directly to the Government if the subcontractor is willing to provide proprietary cost data to the Prime contractor.

Question 6: *Attachment 5, “Small Business Participation” is not listed as a requirement in Section L or Evaluated in Section M. **Please verify that this attachment was inadvertently included in the RFP.***

RESPONSE 6: Attachment 5 – Small Business Participation Data, was inadvertently included in the RFP. The RFP requirements for Small Business Participation are already identified in provisions L-317 and M-307. Attachment 5 is removed as an attachment to this RFP. See Amendment 1.

Question 7: *Section G, What method of contract documentation distribution does the Government plan to use for the resultant contract?*

RESPONSE 7: For contract modifications and any other contract documentation, the Government may use electronic distribution methods (including but not limited to facsimile and email) for the dissemination of files. See Amendment 1.

Question 8: *Is there a limit of how large our electronic files can be when we submit to SPAWAR website?*

RESPONSE 8: No, there is not a limit on the size of the electronic files that offerors submit to the SPAWAR eCommerce website.