Intelligent Systems Research and Development Support – 3 (ISRDS-3)
Solicitation 80ARC018R0012

Final Request for Proposal (FRFP) QUESTIONS and ANSWERS SET 1

1. Question: Can we use 16:9 aspect ratio for the oral presentation slides?
   Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.16

   Answer: As stated in Section L.16(b): Each slide shall be a single page of the presentation, and shall not exceed 8 1/2” x 11” format.

2. Question: In Section L.17(a)(C)(II), Commitment to the Small Business Program - Written Proposal (1) the Government has a requirement for the Offerors to briefly describe work that will be performed by small businesses. In order for Offerors to be compliant with this requirement additional information is needed. Is the Government requesting an alignment with the Statement of Work or the current and/or future Technical Directions? If by Technical Directions would the Government please provide Technical Directions issued under ISRDS 2?
   Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(C)(II)(1)

   Answer: The Government is requesting the description of the work that is aligned with the ISRDS-3 Statement of Work.

3. Question: Case Study - Written Proposal, the Government has requested a task plan for the rating renewal and upgrade of the Intelligent Systems Division Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 2 rating to a Level 3 rating. Please indicate if you will be pursuing the reaccreditation against CMMI for Development version 2.0 or 1.3. It is our understanding that the CMMI Institute will continue to allow appraisals against version 1.3 until March 2020.
   Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VI)

   Answer: The SCAMPI will be for CMMI-DEV Version 1.3, as stated in the FRFP.

4. Question: Will the Government please provide additional details on the IDIQ requirements for Flight Operations, including the specific aircraft support requirement (types and number of aircrafts) and mission operations requirements? Please clarify the scope of “build, update and maintain vehicles”. Is vehicles defined as space vehicles, space rovers and aeronautical vehicles?
Reference: Section J(a), Attachment 1 dated 4/30/2018

Answer: Section J(a), Attachment 1, SOW Section 3.3.3, version 7/10/2018, has provided additional details.

5. Question: Case Study - Written Proposal, the Government has requested a task plan for the rating renewal and upgrade of the Intelligent Systems Division Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 2 rating to a Level 3 rating. Please indicate how many basic units and the total number of people included in the organizational unit (sample size) that will be appraised. This information is necessary to adequately respond to the Case Study.

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VI)

Answer: As this is a hypothetical case study, please state your assumptions on which you base your response.

6. Question: Oral Presentation - Clarification. Does the government intend to ask predetermined questions during the past performance oral presentation? If so, would the government please release the predetermined questions as part of the final RFP? Past performance citations often require formal approval by the government agency prior to being approved for usage in a proposal. In requesting the use of past performance content that we plan to include in our proposal, a Contracting Officer has asked to review NASA’s oral presentation questions and our responses to ensure the content is approved for disclosure outside that government agency. Without the questions, relevant past performances may not be available for inclusion in the government’s oral evaluation.

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.16

Answer: The Government does not intend to ask predetermined questions during the oral presentation. No discussions, as defined by FAR 15.306(d), will be permitted during the oral presentation.

7. Question: Per Attachment 7, the majority of labor categories include multiple levels (I, II, III, IV or V) within the descriptions. Would the Government clarify the education and experience requirements for each of these levels in order to propose the appropriate staff?

Reference: Section J(a), Attachment 7 dated 4/30/2018
Answer: Section J(a), Attachment 7, dated 7/10/2018, has provided more details on the education and experience requirements of the standard labor categories.

8. Question: The RFP references Service Contract Labor Standards but does not include the SCA clause FAR 52.222-41 or reference to a wage determination schedule. Is Service Contract Act applicable to this contract?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section K.2

Answer: Service Contract Act is NOT applicable to this contract.

9. Question: Will the government allow Offerors to propose additional ODC’s beyond the amounts/categories outlined in Exhibit 3 and 4 per their estimating policies? These items would accompanied with a narrative and detailed estimate.

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(c)(III), Exhibits 3 and 4

Answer:

For Exhibit 3, as stated in the FRFP: For evaluation purposes, no Other Direct Costs (ODCs) shall be proposed for Core Technical. All ODCs shall be accounted for in IDIQ Task Orders (see Exhibits 4 and 4a).

For Exhibit 4, as stated in the FRFP: For evaluation purposes, this exhibit already includes the amounts shown in the table below for estimated Other Direct Costs (ODCs). These amounts represent the Government’s current best estimate of contract requirements. Offerors shall not deviate from the amounts in the exhibit, though the amounts may be divided among Offeror and Subcontractors.

10. Question: The Cost/Price Template Workbook includes the tab labeled Exhibit 9 which shows the government defined hours for IDIQ task orders, and Exhibit 4 sums these hours with the total labeled as Total Cost Plus Fixed Fee. Is the labor allocation in Exhibit 9 intended to be for just the IDIQ CPFF CLINs (0004, 0008, 0012, and 0016), or all IDIQ CLINs (0004, 0005, 0008, 0009, 0012, 0013, 0016, and 0017)?

Reference: Section J(b), Attachment 1 dated 7/10/2018

Answer: The labor allocation in Exhibit 9 is intended to be for just the IDIQ CPFF CLINs (0004, 0008, 0012, and 0016).

11. Question: For submissions by a small business and wherein the RFP states a small business utilization plan is not required for small business Offerors, how
will small businesses be scored for this sub factor? Do they automatically receive the full 100 points?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(C)

Answer: No, small businesses do not automatically receive the full 100 points. Please refer to the evaluation of Small Business Subcontracting and Commitment to the Small Business Program in Section M.3(a)(C) of the FRFP.

12. Question: Section E.3 states that quality requirements will be defined in Technical Directives (TD) and/or Task Orders (TO) as needed. Quality certification processes take time, and may not meet the TD or TO response time specified in I.18 Task Ordering Procedure. Can the government define not to exceed quality standards?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section E.3

Answer: Quality standards will be provided with Technical Directions/Task Orders on an as needed basis. The contractor will address the quality standards in their Technical Direction Implementation Plan or their Task Order Plan.

13. Question: Instructions state to provide a Total Compensation Plan for all subcontractors meeting the threshold set in the clause. Would the government consider TCPs only from major subcontractors?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VII)

Answer: In accordance with Section L.10, the Offeror shall require all service Subcontractor(s) with proposed cost reimbursement or non-competitive fixed-price type service contract, having a total potential value expected to exceed the threshold for requiring certified cost or pricing data ($2,000,000) as set forth in FAR 15.403-4 (Class Deviation 2018-O0015), to provide as part of their proposals the information identified in (a) through (c) of NFS provision 1852.231-71, Determination of Compensation Reasonableness.

14. Question: In preparing elements and justification of costs, are labor rates also required? If so, may the response use rates as submitted in the Cost Volume of the proposal (even though the period of performance for this Case Study begins in an earlier fiscal year than the ISRDS contract period of performance)?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VI)

Answer: Only types and justification of costs are required. Labor rates are not required.
15. Question: Will the SCAMPI involve a joint civil servant/contractor team? If so, what civil servant resources are available for this effort?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VI)

Answer: As this is a hypothetical case study, please state your assumptions on which you base your response.

16. Question: Will the SCAMPI cover all of the projects in the Intelligent Systems Division?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(A)(VI)

Answer: The scope of the SCAMPI will be all Class B flight software projects in the Division.

17. Question: All of the tasks called out in the example are pre-launch, probably Phase D. Is the Offeror also contracted to provide operational support during Phase E in this scenario? Please clarify the hypothetical technical direction timeline: when precisely does contractor funding end and then begin again? Does funding resume at previous levels?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(B)(II)

Answer: As stated in Section L.17(a)(B)(II): The planned launch date for EOSE is mid-2020, and the project is currently in Phase C/D, with the next key reviews being the Systems Integration Review (SIR) and the Mission Operations Review (MOR) in preparation for the project transitioning to Phase E (operations).

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