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

Draft RFP QUESTIONS and ANSWERS SET 1

1. Question 1a: Given the past performance requirements under L.16 (b) II, it is challenging for a small business to meet the requirements of a prime contractor and a major subcontractor of up to three recent and relevant contracts each in excess of $25,000,000 and $10,000,000 average annual dollar value, respectively. Would the Government consider changing the past performance threshold from the annual dollar value to the total contract value for both the prime and major subcontractor requirements?

Question 1b: The current Draft RFP lays out a requirement for 3 contract references each at least $25M annual revenue. Would the Government reconsider the past performance requirements?

Question 1c: L.16(b)II, states that prime contractor contract average annual value shall exceed $25 million, but L.16(b)I states an average range of $25-50 million. Please clarify that the government does not intend average annual value of $50 million to be a ceiling, and that prime contractors may propose relevant contracts with an average ceiling value higher than $50 million.

Reference: DRFP dated 05/02/2018, Section L.16(b)I and L.16(b)II

Answer for 1a, 1b and 1c: In accordance with the NASA FAR Supplement 1815.304-70, NASA evaluation factors, and the NASA Source Selection Guide, the Government will modify the past performance requirements in the solicitation as follows:

From: 
I. For this RFP Recent and Relevant are defined as follows:

    Recent - Any contract under which performance has occurred within the three (3) years prior to this RFP closing date, regardless of the award date.

    Relevant - Present/past performance effort involved similar size (ranging from $25M to $50M of average annual dollar value), scope and magnitude of effort, and complexity that this solicitation requires.

II. As a minimum, the Proposal content describing Past Performance shall include the following:
(1) For the prime contractor, a list of not more than three (3) recent and relevant contracts (government and/or industry contracts), each in excess of $25,000,000 average annual dollar value. For each major subcontractor, a list of not more than three (3) relevant contracts each in excess of $10,000,000 average annual dollar value. The relevant contracts for the prime and the major subcontractors shall be completed no more than three (3) years ago, or currently on-going at least one year, similar in size, scope and magnitude of effort, and complexity to the requirements of the current acquisition. These contracts shall demonstrate the Offeror's capabilities to perform this requirement. Include the contract numbers; Government agency or industry placing the contract; Contracting Officer, telephone number, and email address; and a brief description of Offeror's part of the work and the total dollar value of the Offeror's portion. Industry contracts involving subcontracting to another company that may have a prime contract with some area of the government are acceptable.

To:
I. For this RFP Recent and Relevant are defined as follows:

   Recent - Any contract under which performance has occurred within the three (3) years prior to this RFP closing date, regardless of the award date.

   Relevant - Quantitative and qualitative aspects of each offeror's record of performing services similar in size, content, and complexity to the requirements of the ISRDS-3 acquisition.

II. As a minimum, the Proposal content describing Past Performance shall include the following:
(1) For the prime contractor and each major subcontractor, a list of not more than three (3) recent and relevant contracts (government and/or industry contracts). The relevant contracts for the prime and the major subcontractors shall be completed no more than three (3) years ago, or currently on-going at least one year, similar in size, content, and complexity to the requirements of the current acquisition. These contracts shall demonstrate the Offeror's capabilities to perform this requirement. Include the contract numbers; Government agency or industry placing the contract; Contracting Officer, telephone number, and email address; and a brief description of Offeror's part of the work and the total dollar value of the Offeror's portion. Industry contracts involving subcontracting to another company that may have a prime contract with some area of the government are acceptable.

2. Question: Would the Government extend the deadline for questions beyond May 31, 2018?
Reference: FBO Original Synopsis dated 5/2/2018

Answer: The Government now revises the deadline for submitting questions regarding the draft Request for Proposal to be June 7, 2018. If this date is changed, the updated information will be posted on FBO.

3. Question: The RFP specifies that tab indexing is required to identify sections, but physical tabs cannot be part of an electronic submittal. Did the government intend offerors include divider pages between sections in lieu of tabs, and if so, can the government confirm these are exempted from page limits?

Reference: DRFP dated 05/02/2018, Section L.13(b)(2)

Answer: Yes, the Government intend Offerors to include divider pages between Sections. These divider pages will be excluded from the page limits. This information will be clarified in the final RFP.

4. Question: Will the Government provide a reading library with current tasks?

Reference: N/A

Answer: The Government will not provide a reading library of current tasks with the solicitation.

5. Question: Page L-31 states the small business subcontracting goal as 35% of Total Contract Value. This goal appears to have been calculated by summing the overall 15% small business goal with the individual goals for each defined small business type. Please clarify how this was calculated.

Reference: DRFP dated 05/02/2018, Section L.16(a)C.I

Answer: Yes, the Total Small Business Goal of 35% was the sum of the 15% small business goal with the individual goals for each defined small business socio economic category.

6. Question: On page L-31, the DRFP states "The mission has no funding to cover the intervening 18 months of schedule slippage (requirement on hold effective March 31, 2018) but it does plan to resume funding the mission development until October 1, 2019." Please clarify if this should read, "The mission has no funding to cover the intervening 18 months of schedule slippage (requirement on hold effective March 31, 2018) but it does not plan to resume funding the mission development until October 1, 2019."
Reference: DRFP dated 05/02/2018, Section L.16.(a).B.II

Answer: No, the DRFP has stated the information correctly as "The mission has no funding to cover the intervening 18 months of schedule slippage (requirement on hold effective March 31, 2018) but it does plan to resume funding the mission development until October 1, 2019."

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