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

Final Request for Proposal (FRFP) QUESTIONS and ANSWERS SET 3

24. Question: The government’s response to a previous question regarding the total small business goals clarifies how the 35% Total Goal is calculated. However, it is unclear if 35% is the total goal (and an additional 20% small business goal to be met) or if the total goal is 15% (and thus the 35% figure is just intended to sum up all the individual goals), especially in light of the fact that many small businesses qualify for more than one socioeconomic status.

Understanding that each individual socioeconomic class goal must be met, is the total small business subcontracting goal 35% of total contract value or 15% of total contract value?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.17(a)(C) and Draft RFP Questions and Answers Set 1, Question 5.

Answer: The total Small Business subcontracting goal is 35% of total contract value. The goal solely for the Small Business (SB) category is 15.0% out of the total 35%.

In accordance with the electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) Quick Reference Recommendation for Federal Government Contractors, dated June 15, 2017, if a small business qualifies for more than one socioeconomic categories (i.e., a $10,000 subcontract to a small business owned by a woman that is certified by SBA as an SDB), the subcontracted amount should be counted for three socioeconomic categories: $10,000 under “Small Business”, $10,000 “Small Disadvantaged Business”, and $10,000 “Women-Owned Small Business”. However, the dollars are counted toward the “Total Small Business Subcontracting Goal” only once ($10,000), and not three times (not $30,000).

25. Question: We are contemplating bidding as an unpopulated JV, with multiple member companies. Would you please clarify how the JV members should populate the cost sheets, including the indirect build-ups? Should we each populate sheets as the prime, each populate sheets as “Major Subcontractors”, or something else?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Attachment Jb1

Answer: Each unpopulated Joint Venture (JV) member company shall submit its own Cost/Price Template Workbook (Attachment Jb1) representing the effort that
the JV member company is anticipated to be performed on the contract. If the JV member company subcontracts out its work to another company and the amount of that subcontract meets the definition of a Major Subcontractor in the solicitation, then that subcontractor needs to submit its own proposal to be incorporated into the JV member company’s Cost/Price Template Workbook. All JV member company Cost/Price Template Workbooks will then roll up into the Cost/Price Template Workbook for the unpopulated JV entity. Any JV related costs to administer and manage the JV will be proposed in the Cost/Price Template Workbook for the unpopulated JV entity. Please refer to DCAA’s guidance, Chapter 37 – Joint Ventures and Teaming Arrangements.

26. Question: The footers in the final version of Attachment Jb6_ISRDS-3_Past_Performance_Questionaire imply that the document should have seven pages (Page X of 7), but the PDF document has only six pages. Is this an error, or should there be an additional page in this document?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Attachment Jb6

Answer: This is a clerical error. Attachment Jb6 has only six pages. An updated version of this Attachment with the corrected footers will be posted on FBO.

27. Question: Paragraph (c) of L.9 states that “Title pages, table of contents, list of figures and tables, and acronym list are excluded from pages counts specified in paragraph (a) of this provision.....” Does this also apply to the Oral Presentation? More specifically does the title slide in the Oral Presentation count against the 40 slide limit?

Reference: FRFP dated 7/10/2018, Section L.9(c)

Answer: Paragraph “(c) Title pages, tables of contents, list of figures and tables, and acronym list are excluded from the page counts specified in paragraph (a) of this provision. Tables and graphics will be included in the page/slide count” applies to both Written Proposal pages and Oral Presentation slides. Therefore, title slides in the Oral Presentation are excluded from the slides counts specified in paragraph (a) of Section L.9.

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