

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES	
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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 19-Apr-2007	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY USA MED RESEARCH ACQ ACTIVITY 820 CHANDLER ST FORT DETRICK MD 21702-5014	CODE W81XWH	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)			X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W81XWH-07-R-0009	
			X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 20-Mar-2007	
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE			FACILITY CODE		
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.					
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).					
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:					
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)					
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.					
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) To incorporate editing corrections in the Questions and Answers on the Solicitation.					
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.					
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)			16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		
			TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 19-Apr-2007	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 30 - BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following have been modified:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The solicitation is the only controlling, binding document; responses to the questions are for guidance and clarification purposes only. The Government will only be bound by the terms and conditions of the solicitation and not to the responses to the questions. No more questions will be accepted by the Government after this amendment is posted.

Questions and Answers

1: Who is the incumbent contractor?

Answer: The incumbent contractor is L-3 Communications.

2: What is the contract number?

Answer: DAMD17-01-D-0007

3: What is the Period of Performance for the existing contract?

Answer: The POP is for one base year with four one year options.

4: What is the value of the current contract?

Answer: Approximately \$4,800,000.00.

5: There is no requirement in the RFP for providing a Capability Statement; however, in the pre-solicitation synopsis, it states that "All interested SDVOSBs must submit a Capability Statement with their proposals." If required, how many copies are required?

Answer: Capability Statements will not be required to be submitted with the proposals. A revised synopsis will be issued in Fedbizopps stating that Capability Statements will not be required.

6: What is the approximate start date, or anticipated award date for this contract?

Answer: On or about 01 June 2007.

7: The SF-33, Item 9, states that "Sealed offer in original and 4 copies..." must be

submitted; however, the RFP, Section L, page 90, states that “The Offeror’s proposals shall be submitted as 2 separate volumes, each volume on a compact disc...”.

Answer: Proposals are to be submitted in Microsoft Office format (i.e. Word and / or Excel), 4 copies of 2 volumes in hard copy PLUS a readable CD.

8: The instructions for the Cost Proposal, Section L, page 92, states that the Cost Proposal shall contain 8 Sections. Specifically, Section 3 is to include “Supplies or Services and Costs which include the offeror’s proposed contract line item prices inserted in the appropriate spaces.” An assumption that Section 3 would list prices for CLIN 0001 through 4020 for the quantities provided (i.e., 1920 or 1040 hours depending on labor category). For Section 6, should the offeror use the quantities of hours provided by the government for each CLIN, or should the hours given in Section 6 reflect the labor mix and level of effort required to accomplish the PWS (Sample Task Orders)?

Answer: For Section 6 of the Cost Proposal, the offeror shall use the quantities of hours and the labor categories provided by the Government for each CLIN in Section B.

9: Is the offeror required to submit a technical approach and/or cost proposal for any of the Sample Tasks listed in Section J, Attachment 2?

Answer: No. The Sample Tasks listed in Section J, Attachment 2 are only for the purposes of assisting offerors in addressing the Factors contained in Section M of the RFP for the entire IDIQ contract. The Government does not require separate technical approaches and/or cost proposals for these Sample Tasks nor does the Government require that these Sample Tasks be specifically addressed or referenced in offerors’ proposals. They are only for guidance purposes.

10: Under Section 8.1, page 40, of the RFP, it is stated that the government shall make available to the contractor the necessary office equipment and facility support services.

Answer: The Government does not permit ‘Non-Government’ computer access to Government controlled data bases. To meet PWS requirements, the Government will provide necessary equipment that will permit contractor access to required data, ON A CASE BY CASE BASES, after contract award for each Task Order requirement that arises.

11: The RFP has the sample task orders and the instructions are asking for the Management Approach, Facilities and Past Performance. Is the response to include a discussion of all three of these issues for each sample task and will the Government allow a generalized discussion of these issues along with specific technical discussions of each sample task?

Answer: No. The Sample Tasks listed in Section J, Attachment 2 are only for the purposes of assisting offerors in addressing the Factors contained in Section M of the RFP for the entire IDIQ contract. The Government does not require separate technical approaches and/or cost proposals for these Sample Tasks nor does the Government require that these Sample Tasks be specifically addressed or referenced in offerors’ proposals. They are only for guidance purposes.

12: Page 47 included the following DFARS clause: 252.227-7028 TECHNICAL DATA OR COMPUTER SOFTWARE PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNMENT (JUN 1995). Has the incumbent provided any proprietary software or data that the Government did not get full rights to use or assign to the successor contractor for use under this contract going forward?

Answer: No.

13: The RFP indicates on page 63 that the contractor must submit 5 copies of individual Task Order TEPs. Will the Government allow submission of a single electronic copy as an alternative as it does with TEPs on many other ID/IQ type contracts administered by USAMRAA?

Answer: Yes. This will be further addressed in detail at the time of contract award once Task Order requirements arise.

14: Language indicates Task Orders will be Cost Plus Fixed Fee. The RFP appears to indicate that labor positions will be T&M and Other Direct Cost CLINs will be Cost type CLINs.

Answer: The final contract award will be an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contract with only Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) type Task Orders to be issued. The CLIN contract type descriptions contained in Section B of the RFP are the best ones that the Government could utilize in our PD2 system given how the overall CLINs are structured. Notwithstanding the Section B CLIN contract type descriptions in the RFP, the awarded contract will be IDIQ. Section A of the RFP states the contract type.

15: The RFP asks offerors to provide price estimates for 16 specific positions in the base year and each option year based on a fully burdened T&M rate per hour. The RFP also indicates, however, that upon award of the contract, individual Task/Delivery Orders will be issued (on a CPFF basis) and the RFP includes a number of sample Tasks. The sample tasks potentially require the effort of multiple personnel on a given task. Assuming these sample tasks are representative of the Tasks/Delivery Orders that ultimately will be issued, does the Government expect the contractor will invoice the Government for services based on the T&M rates per CLIN/Position or under separate CLINs established at the time each Task is awarded based on a CPFF structure?

Answer: The final contract award will be a Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contract with only Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) type Task Orders to be issued. The CLIN contract type descriptions contained in Section B of the RFP are the best ones that the Government could utilize in our PD2 system given how the overall CLINs are structured. Notwithstanding the Section B CLIN contract type descriptions in the RFP, the awarded contract will be IDIQ. Given this, the offeror's proposed fully burdened rates for each labor category contained in Section B of the RFP should be based on the performance of only Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) type Task Orders. Once the IDIQ contract is awarded, it is the Government's intent for these proposed fully burdened rates to be utilized in the CPFF Task Orders that are to be issued. In proposing the fully burdened rates, offeror should disregard the Section B RFP CLIN contract type descriptions (i.e. T&M, Cost) and instead factor in the use of CPFF Task Orders only for the proposed fully burdened rates.

16: The Solicitation Synopsis states: "The place of performance is primarily to take place at the WRAMC..." This conflicts with Page 38, 1. Background: The contractor will support two separate US Army organizations located in Frederick, MD: USAMMDA and MITS-JPO.

Answer: Data gathering will be primarily at WRAMC. Section C, 1, Background, remains as stated in the solicitation, Page 38.

17: On Page 49, paragraph (c), the solicitation requires offerors to provide details regarding the qualifications of their personnel, including their CVs. This seems to conflict with statement immediately below paragraph (a) on Page 49 that "Key personnel are to be identified at time of award." Please clarify whether all proposed personnel must be identified in the proposal or can be at the time of award of individual Tasks/Delivery Orders? If all Key personnel are not required to be identified at the time of the proposal, what specific information is required for each position? Is it acceptable to submit resumes of sample qualified personnel that could perform the work provided the information contains a letter of consent?

Answer: All proposed personnel must be identified in the proposal based on the quantities of hours and the labor categories provided by the Government for each CLIN in Section B.

18: Have all 16 positions previously been filled by incumbent? If not, do any of these positions represent new positions the Government does not expect to request services from in the very near future? Is the Government able to estimate the approximate date it expects to need the positions not currently filled by the incumbent?

Answer: All proposed personnel must be identified in the proposal based on the quantities of hours and the labor categories provided by the Government for each CLIN in Section B. After IDIQ contract award, once specific requirements arise, the Government will issue Task/Delivery Order Requests for Proposals (RFP) that will dictate the specific labor mix that will be required to meet specific Task Order requirements.

19: Will the Government consider having multiple Part-time positions combined into few full-time positions (i.e., combine the Clinical Data Manager and Clinical Data Coordinator responsibilities to allow performance by a single individual) to make a single FTE rather than requiring 2 Part-time employees?

Answer: All proposed personnel must be identified in the proposal based on the quantities of hours and the labor categories provided by the Government for each CLIN in Section B. After IDIQ contract award, once specific requirements arise, the Government will issue Task/Delivery Order Requests for Proposals (RFP) that will dictate the specific labor mix that will be required to meet specific Task Order requirements.

20: Should secure storage of documents include off-site archiving?

Answer: Electronic archiving is not a requirement.

21: Is the requirement for a 3100 linear foot storage facility for documents a valid statement?

Answer: Yes. The storage facility must meet the local, county, state, and federal government documents storage applicable fire codes and requirements to ensure the documents safety and security.

22: On Page 92 of the Solicitation, under Volume 2, it states, "Section 2, SF33...with blocks 12 and 13 completed by the offeror." Shouldn't the Offeror complete Blocks 12 through 18 of the SF33?

Answer: Yes, all necessary Blocks of the SF 33 should be completed by the offeror.

23: Is this solicitation intended to be covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements?

Answer: No.

24: Other Direct Costs, it appears that Offerors are to bid the stipulated amounts included in Section B, the CLINs for ODCs, Travel, and Storage Facility for Records.

Answer: Yes.

25: Page 93 of the Solicitation under Volume 2, 6(d), states "provide a copy of the consultant agreement for each." During the proposal phase for proposed subcontractors, the Offeror shall have a signed teaming agreement up through award. Does the Government intend for the signed Teaming Agreements to be submitted with the proposal, since the subcontract and consultant agreements will be negotiated after any resultant award?

Answer: See Section L, Volume 2, Section 6, (d) of the RFP.

(End of Summary of Changes)