

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 89243521RFE000017

MANAGEMENT & TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE

Questions & Answers

1. Question: We are a non-populated Pool 1 8a WOSB JV small business prime (no employees will work for the JV entity) made up of two companies that both have a TS facility clearance. Is it the government's intention to allow us to submit a bid even though the non-populated JV entity itself does not hold a TS facility clearance since all employees will work for one of the JV companies that does in fact hold the proper Facility clearance that is required?

Answer: The Joint Venture may submit a proposal. The Department of Energy (DOE) will advise the company as to what action is necessary to process the Facility Clearance and the Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence determination. Facility clearance must happen prior to contract award. Reference Section L, Paragraph L.15(b)(2)(b) for submission requirements.

2. Question: Is there an incumbent vendor or vendor(s) performing any part of the requirements under the scope of this RFP? If so, could you please provide the name of the vendor(s) and contract #(s)?

Answer: Yes. The incumbent is Infinity Technology, LLC, and the contract number is DE-DT0012003.

3. Question: What is the estimated level of effort (approx. FTEs) for this requirement?

Answer: The current number of FTEs is 33. This number of FTEs is for informational purposes only and is not a requirement under the current solicitation. Each offeror must make its own determination regarding the level of effort needed to accomplish the Performance Work Statement.

4. Question: Could the Government please share the historical or estimated mix of FTEs by LCAT?

Answer: Currently, FTEs by LCAT are as follows: Key Personnel – 2; Financial Management – 7; Technical Management – 10; and Business Management & Administration – 14.

The totals for each category include support for both Non-Life Extension 2 AND Life Extension 2. **Note that this breakout of FTEs by LCAT is for informational purposes only. Each offeror should make its own determination regarding resourcing under the current solicitation.**

5. Question: Under a JV bid, would it suffice for the mentor to hold the Top Secret/Q facility clearance, especially given there are just a few TS positions on this contract?

Answer: The mentor can not hold the Top Secret/Q Facility Clearance. In a joint venture or corporate tier parent-subsidary relationship, the parent and each subsidiary are separate legal entities and must be processed separately for a Facility Clearance. The Prime Contractor performing the work must obtain a Facility Clearance and favorable Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) determination.

6. Question: We would like to confirm that bidder companies are NOT required to hold a TS/Q level facility clearance as a requirement to be eligible to submit a bid, correct? And confirming that successful bidder contract employees will be required to hold or obtain proper DOE clearance upon award to bidder, correct?

Answer: Offerors are NOT required to hold a TS/Q level facility clearance prior to submitting a proposal. Facility clearance must happen prior to contract award. Reference Section L, Paragraph L.15(b)(2)(b) for submission requirements.

As a requirement of Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017, Paragraph 5.0, Labor Categories and Descriptions, contract employees occupying certain positions are required to hold or obtain a proper clearance upon award. Reference Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017, Page H-54, SPR-H-002(j)(11).

7. Question: Reference RFP; Page H-69; DEAR 952.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL (DEC 2000) - We believe the key personnel will be Project Manager, Deputy Project Manager, and a Budget and Finance Manager. Please confirm.

Answer: Per Attachment L-7, Note 2, Key Personnel are to be determined by the offeror but must include a Project Manager and a Deputy Project Manager at a minimum.

8. Question: Reference Attachment L-5, PPI Questionnaire Cover Letter - Attachment L-5 states that PPQs are due to the Government no later than 12PM CDT on June

30, 2021. Please extend due date for PPQ receipt to the Proposal Due Date (currently July 8, 2021).

Answer: Per Amendment 0001, the due date for PPQs is extended to 12:00 PM Central Daylight Time on July 8, 2021.

9. Question: Reference L.16.b.3, Exceptions and Deviations - Please confirm that if these are included in Volume II that they will not count toward page limitation for volume.

Answer: Exceptions and deviations in Volume II are NOT excluded from the page limitation.

10. Question: Reference Attachment L-1, Professional Development and References - Please confirm that these items do not count toward the 3 page limitation for each resume.

Answer: Per L.16(a)(3)(i), the resume is excluded from the Technical Proposal page count; however, each resume should be no more than 3 pages.

11. Question: Reference L-16.b.4.c - Past Performance - Please confirm CPARs do not count toward the page limitation for Volume 2.

Answer: Per L.16(a)(3)(i), resumes, letters of commitment for Key Personnel, and past performance information are excluded from the Technical Proposal page count.

12. Question: Reference "Task Order Solicitation, 5.0, p. 9" - Please confirm that the LCATs require the clearance indicated.

Answer: The Labor Categories and Descriptions chart in Paragraph 5.0 of the Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017 document remains unchanged.

13. Question: Reference Attachment 8, Section L, page 11 - In regard to item (c) Past Performance, can the Government please confirm that Subcontractor Past Performance Citations may be utilized?

Answer: Specific reference for this question is L.16(b)(4)(c). An offeror may submit subcontractor past performance information; however, it is not required nor is it to be submitted in lieu of prime contractor past performance information. This clarification is included in Amendment 0001.

14. Question: Reference L.16.a.3.i (page 9) - Past Performance - Does the exclusion from page count for “past performance information” specifically refer to the L-3 Past Performance Reference Information Form? If so, do the L-3 forms need to be carried as an attachment ? Or, is it permissible to insert the L-3 into the narrative portion of the volume?

Answer: Any past performance information is excluded from the Technical Proposal page count. The offeror may decide how to present the information.

15. Question: Reference L.16.b.4.c, (page 11 & 12) - Past Performance - Is use of the L-3 form in its exact form mandatory or is it permissible to customize the L-3 Past Performance Information Form (such as add colored text, row shading, adjust font size and type, adjust row height to accommodate response, etc) as long as it includes the same 13 items and order of presentation?

Answer: The offeror may decide how to present the information contained in L-3 as long as the same 13 items are included and are presented in the same order.

16. Question: Reference Attachment L-3 - The Past Performance Information is excluded from the page limitations. Please clarify whether the Past performance Reference information form (Att. L-3) is limited to two (2) pages as indicated on the form.

Answer: Attachment L-3 is limited to 2 pages as indicated on the form.

17. Question: Reference L.16.a.3.i – Font - The font size listed (i.e, 12 characters per inch avg) does not translate to Offerors using Word for proposal development. Word uses fonts based on points vs. pitch or characters per inch. Please confirm minimum font size for text in the narrative (i.e., TNR 12 point and Arial 9 point).

Answer: Minimum font size for text in the narrative is Times New Roman 12pt as clarified in Amendment 0001.

18. Question: Reference "Task Order Solicitation, 5.0, p. 9" - In the provided LCAT and Descriptions Table, the noted Minimum Qualifications for personnel seem to align with more junior personnel with minimal experience. This seems to conflict with the Section L.6 compensation plan guidance, as well as ability to meet the complexity of the contract and PWS requirements. Will the Government consider expanding on the minimum qualifications so Offeror's can accurately bid to the level of complexity noted in Section L.6??

Answer: The minimum qualifications table remains unchanged. The information shown reflects the acceptable minimum levels of education and experience; however, each offeror must make its own determination regarding what level of personnel is needed to accomplish the Performance Work Statement.

19. **Question:** Reference L.16.a.3.i, font requirement - Can text in tables, call out boxes, header/footers, exhibits, and figures be provided in a different font and font size other than TNR 12pt as long as it is readable?

Answer: Yes. This is allowable as long as it is readable.

20. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8.0 Section L, Attachment L-6, p. 21 – 22 - Notes and Instruction number 3 states "For the base contract and option periods, the indirect cost totals shown above should be assumed". Can the Government confirm that the Government provided plug numbers in Attachment L-6, reflect the Audit Services Subcontract, Travel, Training and ODCs only? Additionally, can the Government confirm that offerors shall add their indirect costs associated with direct labor, to the plug numbers provided in Attachment L-6?

Answer: The Government-provided numbers are for Travel, Training, Audit Services Subcontract, and ODCs only. A separate line for indirect costs associated with direct labor was inadvertently omitted from Attachment L-6. Attachment L-6 is corrected in Amendment 0003.

21. **Question:** Reference Solicitation Paragraph 5.0, Labor Categories and Descriptions - In a previous answer, the Government stated, "As a requirement of Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017, Paragraph 5.0, Labor Categories and Descriptions, contract employees occupying certain positions are required to hold or obtain a proper clearance upon award." Since the contractor has no control over the clearance process, please confirm that if the affected employees do not have the proper clearance, that eligibility to obtain the required clearance meets this requirement.

Answer: Eligibility to obtain the required clearance does meet the requirement.

22. **Question:** Please clarify that this RFP is for management and technical support for NNSA and not oversight of the Tier 1 contractor.

Answer: This RFP is for Management and Technical Support Services for the DOE SPRPMO – NOT NNSA. There is no oversight of a Tier 1 Contractor; support will be provided to DOE.

23. **Question:** Is there any inherent conflict if an offeror has current work supporting Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LLC (FFPO)?

Answer: DOE does not make any predeterminations regarding actual or potential conflicts of interest. Offerors shall refer to L.15(b)(2)(a) which requires an Organizational Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement as required by DEAR 952.209-8 to be included in Volume I of your proposal.

24. **Question:** Reference Section L.15(b)(1): Is the offeror to fill in Section 2.0 CLINs and include this pricing in Volume 1? Or does Volume 1 only include the DPLH hours in Section 2.1?

Answer: As indicated in L.15(b)(1), both 2.0 overall pricing and 2.1 DPLH should be included in Volume I.

25. **Question:** Can the Government clarify what is to be included in Attachment L-8? Are we to include all indirects, including Fringe, Overhead, and G&A to build up the Base Labor in Attachment L-7 to the final pricing in Attachment L-6?

Answer: Attachment L-8 should contain a breakdown of the indirect line in L-6 which is being added in Amendment 0003. Reference Question 20 above.

26. **Question:** Given the Independence Day holiday and also the recent and continuing spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we request that proposal due date be extended one week to Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Answer: The proposal due date & time of 12:00 PM Central Daylight Time July 8, 2021, was changed to 12:00 PM Central Daylight Time July 15, 2021, in Amendment 0002.

27. **Question:** Reference Q&As - The Government's answer to Question #17 in the Q&A changed the previous requirement for font size (12 characters per inch avg.) to "*Minimum font size for text in the narrative is Times New Roman 12pt as clarified in Amendment 0001.*" The previous requirement mandated a 10-pt. font size, which has now been changed to 12.

In light of the impact this has on the 25-pages allowed for Volume II, will the Government consider raising the 25-page maximum to 30 pages to adjust for this change and allow Offerors to submit the best possible proposal response compliant with all requirements of the RFP?

Answer: The 25-page maximum remains unchanged.

28. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8.0 Section L, Subsection (3)(b) - The requirements allow for a Table of Contents and List of Tables and Exhibits excluded from page limitation for Volume II, Technical Proposal. Will the Government allow, in addition, a List of Acronyms excluded from the page limitation?

Answer: Per Amendment 0003, a list of acronyms is excluded from the Volume II page limitation.

29. **Question:** Reference Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017 Section 5.0 - The government has identified 5 labor categories as SCA Wage Rate applicable. However, the titles do not relate to any existing SCA Wage Rate title in wage determination files. This is required per how Department of Labor guidance works for SCA Wage Determinations are applied. The GSA equivalent rates are helpful but are not the same as SCA Wage Determination titles.

Please provide the associated SCA Wage Determination title in use for each of the following so bidders can ensure compliance with DOL guidelines: Security Administrative Assistant, Information Publisher, Budget Assistant, Mail Assistant, Reproduction Assistant.

Answer: The wage determination states that "The duties of employees under job titles listed are those described in the "Service Contract Act Directory of Occupations" Fifth Edition (Revision 1) dated September 2015 unless otherwise indicated." The publication may be found at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/legacy/files/SCADirectVers5.pdf> Offerors should review and make this determination.

30. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8 Section L, L.16 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume II, Technical Proposal, (a) General, (3) Technical Proposal Page Limitation - Can the Government please confirm that CPARs required for the past performance response of Volume II are considered "past performance information" and are excluded from the 25 page limit for the Technical Proposal?

Answer: Correct. CPARs are considered past performance information and are excluded from the page limitation. Reference Questions 11 & 14 above.

31. Question: Reference Attachment 8 Section L, L.16 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume II, Technical Proposal, (b) Format and Content, (3) Exceptions and Deviations - Can the Government please confirm that the “Exceptions and Deviations” required with Volume II are excluded from the 25 page limit for the Technical Proposal?

Answer: Reference Question 9 above. Exceptions and deviations in Volume II are NOT excluded from the page limitation.

32. Question: Reference Attachment 8 Section L - Can the Government please confirm that Offerors can include an acronym list that is excluded from any established page limit across all three volumes?

Answer: Reference Question 28 above. Per Amendment 0003, a list of acronyms is excluded from the Volume II page limitation.

33. Question: Reference Section J Attachment 5 U.S. Department of Energy Reporting Requirements Checklist - Attachment 5 of Section J indicates the “Management Plan” is required “Once After Award” and “As Required.” Can the Government please confirm that the “Management Plan” listed in the Reporting Requirements Checklist is equivalent to the “Project Management Plan” required in Volume II?

Answer: The Project Management Plan required in Volume II would be similar to – and likely contain elements of – the Management Plan required in Section J; however, the plan in Section J would be more detailed due to the page limitation on Volume II of the proposal.

34. Question: Reference Section J Attachment 5 Reporting Requirements Management Plan - Attachment 5 provides a “Management Plan Outline.” Can the Government please confirm that this outline should be used to provide Offerors responses to the “Project Management Plan” required in Volume II?

Answer: Offerors are not required to use the outline in Section J for their Volume II response.

35. Question: Reference Section J Attachment 5 U.S. Department of Energy Reporting Requirements Checklist; Attachment 3.0 Section C, 4.0 Quality - Attachment 5 of Section J indicates the “Quality Control Plan” and “Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan” are required “Once After Award” and “As Required.” Section 4.0 indicates that the “finalized QCP will be accepted by the Government at the time of the award of the Task Order.” Can the Government please clarify if the Quality Control Plan and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan are due with Offeror proposal submission? If

so, can the Government please confirm that both deliverables should be provided with the Technical Capability response in Volume II?

Answer: The Quality Control Plan and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan are NOT due with proposal submission. These items are to be submitted after award. Per Amendment 0003, the Performance Work Statement is revised to correct this.

36. Question: Reference Attachment 8 Section L, L.16 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume II, Technical Proposal, (c) Past Performance - If an Offeror expects to receive CPARs that reflect higher ratings for a past performance reference around the time of proposal submission, would the Government consider accepting a past performance questionnaire for this past performance reference to provide the Government with the most recent and accurate performance assessments?

Answer: Yes, this is acceptable.

37. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0 Section L, Attachment L-7 Direct Labor Price Summary - Can the Government please confirm if that the Labor Categories listed in Attachment L-7 can be revised to reflect the offeror's proposed labor categories?

Answer: These categories are meant to reflect the general performance areas outlined in Paragraph 3.0 of the Performance Work Statement.

38. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Direct Labor Total (Non-LE2 and LE2) - Please clarify the term “Direct Labor” is meant to be “fully burdened labor without profit” costs as there is not an additional line for Indirect costs relating to labor.

Answer: “Direct Labor” is raw labor only. A separate line for indirect costs associated with direct labor was inadvertently omitted from Attachment L-6. Attachment L-6 is corrected in Amendment 0003.

39. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Indirect Cost Total - Travel, Training, Audit Services Subcontract, ODCs (Non- LE2 and LE2) - Please clarify contractors should not add ODC burdens to the pre-populated ODC estimates in the price proposal.

Answer: Complete costs for these categories – excluding fee - are included in the pre-populated amounts. Per Task Order Solicitation 89243521RFE000017, Para 2.0. CONTRACT LINE ITEMS NUMBERS (CLINs) AND CONTRACT TYPE

BY CLIN, Note 1, Costs will be paid on actual expenses incurred with no fee. If required, the NTE estimates may be increased and the task order value will be appropriately adjusted.

40. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Notes & Instructions No. 2: Amounts for the cost elements of direct labor, indirect costs, and other should be extracted from the corresponding attachments provided herein.

Please clarify what attachment should the cost element be extracted from for Direct Labor.

Answer: Attachment L-7

41. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Notes & Instructions No. 2: Amounts for the cost elements of direct labor, indirect costs, and other should be extracted from the corresponding attachments provided herein.

The term, Indirect cost, does this reference Attachment L-6 Total - Travel, Training, Audit Services Subcontract, ODCs (Non-LE2 and LE2) and not indirect cost such as fringe, overhead & G&A?

Answer: The term means indirects such as fringe, OH, and G&A. A separate line for indirect costs associated with direct labor was inadvertently omitted from Attachment L-6. Attachment L-6 is corrected in Amendment 0003.

42. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Notes & Instructions No. 3: For the base contract and option periods, the indirect cost totals shown above should be assumed.

The term indirect cost, can it be assumed this is Other Direct Costs such as Travel, Training, ODCs, Audit Services and not fringe, overhead & G&A?

Answer: Correct. The indirects to be assumed are the pre-populated fields for Travel, Training, ODCs, Audit.

43. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-6, Cost Element – Direct Labor Total (Non- LE2 and LE2) - Should the prime's subcontractor labor cost go in Direct Labor Total (Non-LE2 and LE2) or in the Indirect Cost Total - Travel, Training, Audit Services Subcontract, ODCs (Non-LE2 and LE2)? Or should Prime's Subcontractor cost go in Attachment L-9 Other Price Summary? The prime subcontractor costs referenced in this question is other than the Audit Services provided by Alpiger.

Answer: You may add a new line to L-6 if needed for subcontractor labor.

44. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-7, Labor Category - Please confirm labor categories listed in this table are referencing functional areas in the PWS Section 3.0.

Answer: That is correct.

45. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-7, Average Salary - Please confirm average salary is the unburdened average salary.

Answer: That is correct.

46. **Question:** Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-7, Subcontractor Pricing - Please clarify it is acceptable for the subcontractor to submit their unsanitized pricing for Attachment L-7 Average Salary directly to the Government.

Answer: Please do not have subcontractors submit pricing to the Government. If the average salary is not known for the subcontracted labor, please provide the average loaded labor cost.

L-7 may be edited to reduce the employee count for the prime contractor and include a count for subcontracted labor. You must identify which labor category is being subcontracted. Please footnote if the information provided is the average loaded labor cost in lieu of the average salary. See sample below:

Labor Category	FTE	Average Salary	Total
Business Management	5	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Financial Management	2.5	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Technical Management	1.5	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Administrative Management	4	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Key Personnel	2	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Subcontractor 1 – Technical Management	5	*\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Subcontractor 1 – Financial Management	7	*\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX
Total	27	\$ XXXX	\$ XXXX

*Average loaded labor cost in lieu of Average Salary

47. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-8, Cost Element/Base RATE and \$ - Please confirm the entry required in the columns labeled \$ should be the total dollars estimated for the cost element.

Answer: That is correct.

48. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-8, Subcontractor Pricing - Please clarify it is acceptable for the subcontractor to submit their unsanitized pricing for Attachment L-8 directly to the Government.

Answer: Reference Question 46 above.

49. Question: Reference Attachment 8.0, Attachment L-9, Other Price Summary - If required, where should these costs included in Attachment L-9 be included on Attachment L-6?

Answer: You may add a new line to L-6 if needed.

50. Question: Reference Section L - The Government is requesting Attachment L-6 – Price Proposal Summary, Attachment L-7 – Direct Labor Price Summary, Attachment L-8 – Indirect Price Summary, Attachment L-9 – Other Price Summary, and a Total Compensation Plan to determine reasonableness. As this is a competitive procurement, the expectation is that there will be adequate price competition in accordance with 15.403-(C)(1) Adequate price competition, as prescribed by the referenced 15.403-1(b)(1). Under the determined 15.403-3 Requiring data other than certified cost or pricing data, the exception for Adequate Price Competition under (a) (1) (iii) and (iv) exists.

Would the Government consider modifying this requirement based upon adequate price competition and that this procurement is FFP Labor and Cost Reimbursable ODCs? Would the government consider only requiring Section 2 Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs)/Contract Type By CLIN, and Section 2.1 Level of Effort (Direct Productive Labor Hours (DPLH) for determining reasonableness for a competitive procurement of this type?

Answer: The forms are required to support the pricing proposed in Section 2.

51. Question: Reference Section 2.1 Level of Effort (DPLH) - The Solicitation states that the offerer must fill in the DPLH for the Base and Option Periods. Section 2 CLIN and Contract By Type has a Base start date of 10/1/21 and Section 2.1 Level of Effort (DPLH) has a Base start date of 11/1/21. Should the start date for both sections be consistent with 10/1/21?

Answer: The solicitation is correct as is. The period of performance (POP) for each year starts on November 1 and ends on October 31; therefore, the DPLH will be for that same period. October 2021 is the 31-day transition period prior to the start of the POP and is included in Section 2.0 in the event the offeror proposes transition costs.

52. **Question:** Reference Period of Performance for Section 2, Section 2.1, Attachments L-6, L-8, L-9 - For consistency of pricing could the Period of Performance on Section 2, Section 2.1, Attachment L-6, Attachment L-8 and Attachment L-9 reflect the same Periods? Base start dates vary from 10/1/21, 11/1/21, Transition, 2 Year Base, 1st Year Base/2nd Year Base.

Answer: The solicitation is correct as is. The period of performance (POP) for each year starts on November 1 and ends on October 31. Section 2.0 contains the actual Contract Line Items (CLINs), and the POP on them is correct. Section 2.1 requests the breakout of the proposed Direct Productive Labors Hours upon which the Firm-Fixed Price CLINs are based (Items 00001, 00004, 00007, 00010, 00013, 00016, 00019, and 00022). The format may be slightly different in Attachments L-6, L-8, and L-9; however, the totals in the different categories should support the total overall pricing submitted in Section 2.0.

53. **Question:** Reference Section L, Attachment L-8 and Attachment L-9 – Attachment L-8 and Attachment L-9 contain a Phase-Out Column. The Phase Out period is not referenced in the CLIN structure or within any other documents. The Government may want to consider removing.

Answer: The forms remain unchanged.

54. **Question:** Reference Section L.17 Proposal Preparations instructions - Volume III, Price Proposal and M.5 Factor 4: Price - Section L states that no other information is required or desired in connection of the Volume II Price Proposal other than a Total Compensation Plan and Attachments L-6 through 9. Section M.5 Evaluation states that the government will evaluate the offeror's price proposal, supporting Data and assumptions. Should Section L be updated to include supporting Data and assumptions?

Answer: M.5 is updated to delete “supporting data and assumptions” in Amendment 0003.

55. **Question:** Reference Section L, Attachment L-6 - Is the expectation that the "Direct Labor Total (Non-LE2 and LE2)" Cost Element on Attachment L-6 will be inclusive of Direct Labor and applicable Indirect Rates (i.e.. OH, G&A, Fringe) but exclusive of

fee/profit? If utilizing subcontractors and receiving fully burdened rates the Prime will be unable to extract the fee/profit from this Cost Element. Please consider removing this requirement.

Answer: Attachment L-6 is revised to provide a line for indirect costs associated with direct labor in Amendment 0003. You may add a new line to L-6 if needed for subcontractor labor.

56. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-6, Notes and Instructions, #1 - The Solicitation states "Supporting details shall be provided in a separate attachment for all transition activities in Offeror's own format." Please clarify what level of detail is required to meet the requirement?

Answer: There is no specific required level of detail.

57. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-6, Notes and Instructions, #2 - The Solicitation states "Amounts for the cost elements of direct labor, indirect costs, and other should be extracted from the corresponding attachments provided herein." Please clarify exactly which attachments each cost element should be pulled from to avoid non compliance. Example: If the expectation is that Direct Labor Total (Non-LE2 and LE2) be extracted from Attachment L-7 Direct Labor Price Summary there would be a discrepancy in price to Section 2 due to Attachment 7's Average Annual Salary vs. Section 2's Productive Hours Salary.

Answer: Attachment L-6, Note 2, is revised in Amendment 0003 to remove the words "direct labor." Indirect costs would be pulled from Attachment L-8 and other costs would be pulled from Attachment L-9.

58. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-6, Notes and Instructions, #3 - The Solicitation states "For the base contract and option periods, the indirect cost totals shown above should be assumed. The current subcontract for audit services is with Alpiger. The subcontract expires on October 31, 2021. Other Direct Costs includes postage machine and FedEx/UPS services. Any travel amounts for the transition and phase-out periods should be determined by the Offeror". Please clarify the reference to "Indirect Cost Totals" is in reference to Other Direct Costs (ODCs) and not financial Indirect costs (i.e.. OH, G&A, Fringe)?

Answer: That is correct. A separate line for indirect costs associated with direct labor was inadvertently omitted from Attachment L-6. Attachment L-6 is corrected in Amendment 0003.

59. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-7 - Attachment L-7 requires the FTE and Average Salary of bid labor categories. Is the understanding that this will only reflect the Primes Average Salary and not Subcontractors Salary due to proprietary data?

Answer: Correct. Reference Question 46 above.

60. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-8 - Please confirm that Attachment L-8 is only requiring the indirect price summary of the Firm Fixed Price Management and Technical Support Services CLINs.

Answer: That is correct.

61. Question: Reference Solicitation, DOE-H-2047 Federal Holidays and other Closures - The Government may want to consider a solicitation update within Section DOE-H-2047 Federal Holidays and other Closures to incorporate the newly incorporated federal holiday of Juneteenth.

Answer: As Juneteenth is a brand new federal holiday, there have been no clause updates. An update will be incorporated at the appropriate time.

62. Question: Reference Solicitation, Section I Additional Clauses - As FAR 52.222-41 (Service Contract Labor Standards) is required as part of this opportunity, this also requires the incorporation of Executive Order (EO) 13706 (Paid Sick Leave) for contracts awarded after January 1, 2017. EO 13706 is incorporated via FAR 52.222-62 (Paid Sick Leave under EO 13706). This EO also dictates the applied hourly Health and Welfare amount, \$4.18 per hour under EO 13706 or \$4.48 without the EO. Please add FAR 52.222-62 to Section I Additional Clauses.

Answer: FAR 52.222-62, "Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706," is incorporated in Amendment 0003.

63. Question: Reference Section J - Documents, Exhibits, Attachments 4 Service Contract Labor Standards Wage Determination - The System for Award Management (SAM.gov) has released an update to WD No. 2015-5189, Revision No. 17, dated 12/20/2020. Should the Offeror use the WD No. 2015-5189, Revision No. 18, dated 12/20/2021?

Answer: The wage determination is updated in Amendment 0003.

64. Question: Reference Solicitation, 31 Days Transition Period - The solicitation includes a 31 day Transition Period commencing on October 1, 2021 within CLIN 0001. The 31 day period indicates that the government would want a Initial Operating Capacity (example: 50% of the staff) priced. Can the government provide rationale for the inclusion of the Transition Period requirement and subsequently provide clarity on the pricing expectation of the Transition Period requirement?

Answer: A determination regarding what is required for successful transition is to be made by the offeror. If there are costs associated with the offeror's transition plan, the Government would like details on those costs.

65. Question: Reference Section L, Attachment L-6 (Note #5) - Attachment L-6, Note 5 instructs offerors to exclude fee/profit from Transition Costs. Will the government consider removing this requirement of exclusion since these costs are encompassed within the Base Period CLIN 00001 and CLIN 00004? Or move the Transition Costs into its own CLIN?

Answer: Note 5 remains unchanged.

66. Question: Reference Solicitation, DEAR 952.209-8 paragraph (c)(1) - The Solicitation states "For contractual interests....services were rendered to the Government or any other client (including a foreign government or person) respecting the same subject matter of the instant solicitation, or directly relating to such subject matter." Can the government please clarify if they are looking for similar work done just for Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office (SPRPMO) or all DOE customers within the last 12 months?

Answer: It is not similar work, it is the same work or related work performed for any other entity. The successful offeror cannot handle matters related to this contract for any other organization, whether it be government or private industry.