

Questions Generated from the Columbus Closure Project (CCP), Group 10 (July 9, 2003 –July 10, 2003)

171. Will the contractor be responsible for assessing the site to determine the nature and extent of chemical contamination and for remediation of chemical contamination above cleanup standards? If so, please identify the regulatory authority and associated cleanup standards for all contaminants of concern, other than radiological isotopes, found in environmental media.

Answer: Yes. RCRA, TSCA, NEPA, NESHAPs, USEPA, OEPA and any other applicable regulation/standards for chemical cleanup will apply. Also refer to Section I, Clause I.109.

172. Reference RFP, Section C.1.2 – End State, First Bullet, pg 2:  
The RFP stipulates demolition of buildings per the Decommissioning Plan (DP). In the DP, Section 2.1.3.4 – Decommissioning Operations which addresses the sequence of activities indicates the last step for each of the three categories of buildings implies facility reuse after being certified for free-release.

The RFP references that all D&D shall be per DD-93-19, the Decommissioning Plan approved by the NRC. The Plan notes the end states of JN-1, JN-2, and JN-3 as being decommissioned for free-release after the completion of an IVC. Is the scope of work of demolishing these facilities consistent with the Plan, as approved?

Answer: The end state is demolition as specified in Section C.1.2 of the Statement of Work. Also, see the Draft Decommissioning Plan, Rev 6 which has been posted to the RFP Web Page.

173. Reference RFP, Section C.1.4, pg 4:  
Per the RFP, “the contractor shall ensure that all new technologies and approaches to building decontamination and demolition are addressed in the project Environmental Assessment.” Will the DOE be responsible for other necessary updates/revisions to the Environmental Assessment, other than new technologies/approaches introduced by the contractor?

Answer: The contractor is responsible to conduct operations consistent with the existing, approved Environmental Assessment (EA) or revise the EA when appropriate. The categorical exclusion process has been used when new technologies were introduced to the site, when appropriate. The last revision to the EA occurred in 2001. No annual updates to the EA are required. The DOE provides the final review, approval, and submittal of NEPA documentation.

174. Reference RFP, Section C.2.1. a), pg 5:

The RFP states the fuel pool parapet and walls and transfer canal shall be removed to a depth of 14 feet below grade. Is 14 feet below grade starting from High Bay Floor elevation or from the closest contour line elevation?

In conjunction with this question, does the above statement include removal of the caisson surrounding the pool and transfer canal? This is not mentioned specifically in this line item in the RFP, but the description of the caissons is included in Exhibit 1 referenced in this RFP Section. Please clarify.

Answer: The 14 feet below grade should be measured from the floor elevation. The caissons are considered part of the pool infrastructure, and shall be removed to a depth of 14 feet below grade.

175. Reference L.16 (c), pg 10:

In submitting the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors, would the DOE make this document available in an accessible electronic version, as opposed to the current locked Adobe Acrobat version, so offerors can submit electronic Representations and Certifications with our proposals?

Answer: No. Representations and Certifications are in a locked PDF format to protect the integrity of the document. The offeror needs to complete the Representations and Certifications and provide them in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP.

176. While transition costs are not a part of the fee base, they will be in the baseline, therefore, it would be helpful to learn the DOE's concept regarding the schedule for these costs. Should proposals address, in any way, the offerors approach to transition, particularly, schedule, as well as interfaces with incumbent subcontractors, employment of incumbent Battelle staff, and the interfaces with Battelle, etc.? If so, please indicate the requirements for discussion of transition in Section L of the RFP, and evaluation criteria in Section M.

Answer: The transition costs are considered "pre-performance contract costs" and will be included in the target cost and will be used for fee determination purposes per Section B, Clause B.9. Offerors should include items they consider to be critical to their technical approach, major work elements and methods, in their proposal as required by Provision L.17(c)II(a).