

3: Effective November 14, the SBA will increase the size standard for Base Maintenance from \$23 million to \$30 million. Will this same new standard apply to the Portsmouth infrastructure procurement?

Answer: The \$30 million standard will apply to both Portsmouth and Paducah infrastructure procurement.

4: (a) Is there electrical/dat/fiber/security on this project? (b) Where can I obtain more information on the project?

Answer: The requirements are contained in the solicitation, including the Statement of Work. The DOE is in the process of posting more information to the website. Sources of information regarding the two sites can be obtained at: http://www.ohio.doe.gov/pppo_seb/infrastructure/index.html by clicking on the left side button for information centers and reading rooms.

5: How can I start obtaining security clearances?

Answer: The process of obtaining security clearances cannot be started until after contract award.

6: The cover letter states that the Offeror shall propose "fixed fee for the first four months after the transition period," while Section B.2(c) requests "fixed fee for the first two months or performance of the contract...." Please clarify whether the fixed fee period is for two months or four months.

Answer: As stated in the cover letter, "In the event of any conflict between this letter and the RFP, the RFP will prevail." The RFP is correct in stating two months.

7: Section B.2(e) discusses award fee determinations "for the period." Section B does not state what the fee determination period is scheduled to be. Is this a quarterly fee determination?

Answer: The award fee period will be determined by the administering office, Paducah Portsmouth Project Office. Normally, an award fee period is either six months or one year.

8: Section B.2(e) states that "Should the anticipated scope per fiscal year increase or decrease by an estimated 10% or greater from the scope as priced in the contract for that year, the Contractor and Government will enter into good faith negotiations to reduce the fee pool for that year (and subsequent years as

may be appropriate) accordingly.” Wouldn’t the fee pool be increased if the scope increased by 10% or greater?

Answer: You are correct. An amendment will be issued to correct the wording.

9: Will DOE consider providing a Line of Credit to fund contract operations? This would result in a lower cost to the government than including cost of money as a Facilities Capital Cost of Money line item.

Answer: DOE does not plan to allow a Letter of Credit to fund contract operations. However, in accordance with paragraph (c) of FAR 52.216-7, Allowable Cost and Payment, “a small business concern may receive more frequent payments than every 2 weeks.”

10: Section C.1.V.A, Human Resources Management, is not present in the Portsmouth Statement of Work. Likewise, Section H.20, Work Force Transition and Human Resources Management, is not present. In both cases, the RFP states “To be provided later”. When can we expect to receive this information in these sections?

Answer: These sections of the RFP were issued as Amendment 1 A.

11: Section C.1.V.N.7 of the Portsmouth Statement of Work discusses LAN and network administration support for Portsmouth and the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office. The WBS line item for this activity (N.06), however, also includes Paducah. Should we assume that full support to Paducah is required in all of the Section C.1.V.N.7 scope activities?

Answer: No. The Portsmouth offeror shall support the DOE Portsmouth site office and the DOE PPPO Lexington office. The cost WBS will be amended. Further the solicitation SOW for the Paducah will be changed by adding a section N.7 to clarify that the offeror for Paducah will operate that site’s LAN and support the DOE Paducah site office.

12: For IT support to the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (and to Paducah, if required), what response time is expected for any required on-site support?

Answer: Telephone Help Desk support is anticipated to be available during normal business hours with a response time of less than one hour. No specific time limit has been established for onsite support response; however, reasonable support is two hours from the report of a problem.

13: Section C.1.V.N.1 states that the offeror “... shall provide onsite office space and furniture for approximately 21 DOE personnel and DOE’s support service contractor(s), as currently established in various buildings.” Can we assume that office space and furniture is currently available to be used for this requirement, or

must we provide new facilities (such as office trailers) and furniture to meet this requirement?

Answer: Existing facilities and furniture will be utilized to the extent practicable. No new facilities or furniture are envisioned with this solicitation.

14: Section C.1.V.D.2 refers to “emergency-only utilities system surveillance.” Can you clarify what this reference applies to and the extent of surveillance required?

Answer: Non-routine utilities system surveillance in DOE retained facilities will be provided by the infrastructure contractors whenever there is an emergency situation involving a utility system. The appropriate operating personnel will assist with the isolation of the system as needed and notify the appropriate facility custodian. Historical data indicates there has been approximately 10 man hours per month for this type of activity.

15: Section C.1.V.F implies that this contract will have full responsibility for all elements of the computing and telecommunications systems (including that which USEC currently performs). Is this correct?

Answer: No. USEC will continue to maintain its own secure communications and computer systems. However, the offeror will be required to ensure compatibility/connectivity can be achieved with existing onsite equipment (i.e. T-1 lines, etc.).

16: H.11 calls for development of a Quality Assurance Program in conformance with NQA-1 while the Section J Deliverables List states that the offeror must submit a Quality Assurance Plan in conformance with 10 CFR 830.120 and DOE O 414.1A. Please clarify.

Answer: The 10 CFR 830.120 is met by DOE O 414.1a. Attachment 1 to DOE O 414.1a, Contractor Requirements Document, section 1.d. references DOE G 414.1-2. This guide in turn references NQA-1. Therefore, by implementing the ASME standard of NQA-1, the DOE order and the 10 CFR are met.

17: Section J, List of Attachments, provides a comprehensive list of Portsmouth and Paducah Applicable DOE Directives. This list seems to be much more extensive than is necessary for the identified scope of work. For example, many of the directives are applicable to nuclear facilities and the facilities list provided in the RFP does not appear to include nuclear facilities. Can you clarify?

Answer: The list of applicable DOE Directives as stated in the RFP is correct. The scope of work does include working in, around and with nuclear facilities.

18: Section L.12(d) states that "All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered, and identified with the name of the offeror, the date, and the solicitation number." Section L.12(f)(1) states "The solicitation number, page number, and the legend at FAR 52.215-1(e), "Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data," as appropriate, shall be provided on each page and is the only information that can be displayed within the one inch top, bottom, and side margins." Based on the instructions in L.12(d), may the name of the offeror and date also be allowed in the one inch margins?

Answer: Yes. L.12(f)(1) of the RFP will be amended accordingly.

19: Section L.12(p) requires that information be provided on proposed joint ventures and/or LLC organizations, including roles and responsibilities of each joint venture and/or LLC member. Section L.14, Technical/Business Management Proposal Preparation Instructions, does not appear to ask for this information. Where should this information appear in the proposal?

Answer: The information should be included in Volume I as additional information. Section L shall be amended to clarify.

20: Section L.12(i) states "The offeror shall complete the cross-reference matrix attached to this section ...," but there is no cross-reference matrix included as a Section L Attachment. Is a cross-reference matrix required?

Answer: The solicitation will be amended to delete reference to an attached matrix; however, a cross-reference matrix generated by the contractor will still be required.

21: Section L.12(d) requires submittal of electronic media versions of the proposal. In what format should this requirement be met (CD-ROM?) and how many copies are required?

Answer: Either a CD-ROM or disc is acceptable. Only one copy of the electronic media is required.

22: Section L.12(f) provides for pages at 11"x17" for spreadsheets, charts, tables, diagrams, or design drawings. Will these 11"x17" pages be counted as single pages?

Answer: The 11"X17" pages will be counted as one page. Eight is the minimum font size for charts or tables. The RFP will be clarified through amendment.

23: Section L.13(b)(5) states that offerors should identify any subcontracts that they may wish to have assigned and states that the existing list of subcontracts may be found on the procurement web site. We have not been able to find this list. Can you clarify where we can find this information?

Answer: DOE is in the process of obtaining a listing and will post it on the website when it is available.