

236: What is the effect of the Portsmouth Cost of Living Adjustment (PORTS COLA) table that was posted?

Answer: The COLA should be added to the hourly rate in the Portsmouth PACE contract to determine the total rate for Portsmouth employees. This adjustment is not applicable to the Paducah PACE contract.

237: Re: Amendment 4. What impact, if any, does the recent change to the transition period from 90 days to 45 days have to the 2 month fixed fee period? It was assumed that the 2 month fixed fee period was intended to bring the contract up to the beginning of FY2005. After which, the successful Offeror would enter into the CPAF phase through to completion of the contract.

Answer: The change in the length of the transition period does not impact the two-month fixed fee period. All offerors should propose using a 45-day transition period and a two-month fixed fee period.

238: Is it correct to assume that the government wants costs to be separated as follows: 1) Transition Period (45 days), 2) Fixed-Fee Period (2 months), 3) Remaining FY2004 (approximately 1 month) as CPAF, and 4) the remaining years (as CPAF) up through completion on May 19, 2009?

Answer: The offeror shall submit its cost proposal(s) in accordance with the instructions in L.15 and summarize the proposed costs and fees in order to complete section B.2 per the instructions therein. Also, see question 237 above. The cost proposal needs to be broken down by fiscal year as well as WBS breakdown although the periods are slightly changed from the facts in your question due to extensions of proposal due dates and, therefore, extensions of projected award date. However, if offerors make appropriate adjustments for the extension, your assumption is basically correct.

239: Reference Amendment 0004 item 11, is the 45 day transition period based on calendar days?

Answer: Yes.

240: Reference C.2.V.B.2, is the automated maintenance management systems an existing BJC system which complies with DOE O 430.1B?

Answer: As DOE has previously indicated, the system currently in use is not being provided. Therefore, whether or not the system complies

with the requirements of the specified order is not relevant to submission of proposals for this solicitation.

241: It is unclear to us how the payroll will be administered considering the requirement for us to enter into an administrative agreement with BJC. Will BJC provide payroll services, or are we just to pay into the MEPP sponsored by them? If the latter, what acceleration factor should we use for the pension contribution for eligible employees?

Answer: Payroll will be handled by the infrastructure contractors not by BJC. The infrastructure contractors will pay into the MEPP sponsored by BJC. For projected contribution rates see the posted benefits information. Copies of sample administrative agreements have been posted to the Website under Referenced Documents - General Information. The agreements are examples only and will need to be modified to be consistent with the responsibilities of the infrastructure and remediation contractors under the respective contracts.

242: [Clarification of answer to question 151] Will all the vehicles required for this contract be provided to the successful offeror at no cost, as GSA vehicles (GFE), eliminating the need for us to include them in our cost proposals?

Answer: Available vehicles, both GSA leased and DOE owned, will be allocated between the infrastructure and remediation contractors at each site. In addition, at Portsmouth some vehicles are and will continue to be allocated to DOE onsite personnel. Vehicles allocated to DOE personnel at Paducah are leased directly by DOE from GSA and, therefore, these costs should not be included in offerors proposals. All vehicles must be maintained and fueled. These costs should be included in the offeror's cost proposals. There is also a monthly and per mile charge which includes fuel and maintenance for vehicles leased from GSA. Those costs should be included in the offeror's cost proposals. Please see the posted document entitled BJC Historical Data II for detail concerning costs.

243: I am in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves and have been told that I will most likely be recalled to active military duty under Title 10 orders probably around Feb 01, 2004. What happens to me and others like me that may possibly be on military orders when the transition takes place? Following the guidelines of the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Act, who will owe me a job?

Answer: The applicable statute is United States Code, Title 38 (Veteran's Benefits, Readjustment and Related Benefits, Chapter 43, Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services). Any current employee whose position is affected by the award of the contract and is entitled to a right of first refusal and preference in hiring as stated in the solicitation shall receive the right of first refusal and preference in hiring even if on active duty. The new contractor(s) and BJC shall coordinate and cooperate to ensure that the above occurs and that any disadvantage to such individual's civilian career and employment is minimized. The new contractor(s) as well as the incumbent contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the above statute.

244: The breadth of scope for sections C.1.V.N.3 and C.2.V.N.3 is unclear. Will the contractor be required to provide records just associated with employees on their (or their team's) payroll or records associated with all employees previously or currently employed by DOE prime contractors at Paducah and Portsmouth, including the remediation contractor and UDS. This not only affects the scope of the infrastructure contract, it also affects the handoff of records from Bechtel Jacobs to the successor contractor(s)?

Answer: The referenced statement of work paragraphs apply to the records of all current and former employees at the Portsmouth and Paducah Sites which are in the possession of the infrastructure contractor.

245: What is the anticipated duration of the technical and administrative support to DOE related to Cold Standby plant status at Portsmouth?

Answer: Cold Standby efforts are currently slated to be discontinued at the end of FY 2006. For the purposes of cost proposals, offerors should consider that the effort will not continue after that time.

246: Should cost proposals include estimates for bridge and culvert repairs?

Answer: Offerors should not include costs for bridges and culverts in their cost proposals.

247: How many people will offerors need to support at Lexington for computing effort?

Answer: The contractor shall provide support for 18 federal personnel. The solicitation will be amended.

248: Could you provide information on the extent of effort required for the gifts and donations program under the Real and Personal Property section of the statements of work? Are auctioneers typically utilized for property sales?

Answer: A gifts and donations program has not been utilized for several years. If a gifts and donation program were established, an indoor area would be needed to stage excess property so that the state representative can screen it. In the past this program has utilized the part-time labor of a supervisor, a materials handler, and a radiological technician. Offerors should exclude costs for this program from costs proposals. Auctioneers have not been used in the past to conduct property sales at Portsmouth or Paducah.

249: What are the requirements for personal dosimetry in the accomplishment of work in the infrastructure statements of work?

Answer: The personal dosimetry requirements will be determined not only by the nature and scope of the work defined in the solicitation, but by the number of people the offeror assigns to work under a Radiological Protection Plan in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR835. Dosimetry and PPE requirements are outlined in a number of DOE regulatory documents referenced in the solicitation.

250: Will the infrastructure contractor be required to support site-wide environmental reporting activities?

Answer: The infrastructure contractor may need to support site-wide environmental reporting activities. The approximate hours provided in the past for this activity is 24 to 40 hours per year.