

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT

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SOLICITATION NO. 246714	SOLICITATION DATE July 24, 2012	AMENDMENT NO. 1	AMENDMENT DATE August 6, 2012
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DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT

- Pursuant to Solicitation Section 2.5, the attached (Attachment 1) Questions submitted by various Offerors, and the corresponding Answers, are hereby disseminated to prospective Offerors.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENT

Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment in writing, by the date and time specified for proposal submissions or the revised Due Date above (if revised), whichever is later. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATION BY THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If, by virtue of this amendment you wish to change your offer, such change must make reference to the solicitation and this amendment.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR	NAME OF SIGNER
	TITLE OF SIGNER
	DATE
OFFEROR <i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>	

Solicitation Number 246714, Amendment 1

On-Site Engineering Support Services

Questions and Answers

August 2, 2012

1. To receive the maximum pricing adjustment of 15%, is "the Offerer" defined as a single entity? Or, is "the Offerer" defined as a team of companies that includes the HUBZone and the other a SDVOSB? If teaming is acceptable, does it matter which company is the prime?

Answer: WRPS will determine the pricing preference based upon the socioeconomic status of the entity that will hold the Subcontract with WRPS. In order to receive the maximum 15% pricing adjustment, the Prime contractor (the entity that holds the Subcontract directly with WRPS) must be registered as either a small, woman-owned, veteran-owned, **or** disadvantaged small business concern **and** a HUBZone or service disabled veteran-owned small business.

2. Are all team members required to "have and maintain" a local office within Benton, Franklin, and Yakima counties?

Answer: The Prime contractor is required to have a local office. Teaming partners working with the Prime contractor are not required to have a local office.

3. Will the preselected contractors provide identical pricing to each and every one of the bidders?

Answer: Please contact the Pre-Selected Contractors provided in Section 4.1.2.1 of the Solicitation and work with them directly.

4. Our company has ZERO leverage to negotiate rates and pricing with the preselected contractors. It would be more appropriate if we offered a "markup" instead of a "special rate" for the preselected contractors.

Answer: We are only accepting fully burdened labor rates for the purposes of this Solicitation.

5. Will the preselected contractors provide liability insurance coverage on their preferred personnel?

Answer: Please contact the Pre-Selected Contractors provided in Section 4.1.2.1 of the Solicitation and work with them directly.

6. Will the preselected contractors provide the training, benefits, certifications, taxes, fringe, etc. for their preferred personnel?

Answer: Please contact the Pre-Selected Contractors provided in Section 4.1.2.1 of the Solicitation and work with them directly.

7. Are any of the labor categories subject to the prevailing wage determined by the SCA?

Answer: Yes. The SCA will be included as part of this Subcontract.

8. Will additional resumes, other than the 14 categories in Table 1, be accepted (such as alternates, or other categories, etc)?

Answer: No. Please provide resumes only for the categories requested.

9. Does the title page, table of contents, and/or appendices count in the 35 page limit?

Answer: No. It is expected that the technical part of the Offeror's proposal (separate from the proposal pricing) shall not exceed 35 pages (excluding resumes, cover page, table of contents and appendices).

10. Given the environmental significance of the WRPS scope, would you consider including the NAICS Code 562910 (Remediation Services – Environmental) for this solicitation? (Doing so would allow WRPS to take full advantage of our Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business status.)

Answer: No. WRPS strongly feels the NAICS code chosen is the most appropriate for this Subcontract.

11. Just for verification, the eSource bidding is done “before” any of the companies are judged to be technically qualified?

Answer: Yes, that is correct.

12. Regarding the local office requirement, would a Subcontractor in a teaming arrangement having an established local office in Richland be acceptable even if the Prime did not have a local presence?

Answer: No. The Prime contractor must have a local office established.

13. Given the environmental significance of the WRPS mission, would you consider including the NAICS Code 562910 (Remediation Services – Environmental) for this solicitation?

Answer: No. WRPS strongly feels the NAICS code chosen is the most appropriate for this Subcontract.

14. (Reference 3.1.3 on page 6) We do not have a physical local office near Hanford, we are willing to set one up. Is that acceptable?

Answer: The physical local office of the Prime contractor must be established at time of proposal.

15. (Reference 3.1.5 Page 6) We have over 5 years of excellent past performance in the private sector; however the owner of our company has a history working on the Hanford site as she placed 60 people on a project about 10 years ago. Will this suffice as sufficient past performance?

Answer: The Offeror must have at least five (5) years experience placing staff augmentation engineering services.

16. We have an extensive Database of over 15,000 engineers; will we need to have our database certified by WRPS?

Answer: WRPS will not be certifying any subcontractor databases.

17. Is this intended for the provision of engineering personnel via an engineering services solicitation or are they actually wanting engineering services as well?
Answer: This Solicitation is for staff augmentation Engineering services to be provided for temporary periods of time.
18. Will the 3 engineering companies listed in the solicitation be subcontracting through the MSA awardees?
Answer: The Prime Contractors are expected to contact the Pre-Selected Contractors and work with them to provide pre-selected staff augmentation support. The decision as to how the subcontract should be set up is between the Prime and Pre-Selects.
19. Section 4.1.2.1 Compensation Schedules states that "The Offeror shall insert fully burdened labor rates as indicated in the Labor Rate/Compensation Schedule(s) (Exhibit 1) With respect to proposing alternate/special pricing for the three named entities, will WRPS be providing rate structures from each of the pre-selected entities for inclusion in our pricing strategy. In essence, how do we ensure that each of the companies is providing consistent information to those that may contact them for inclusion in the proposals?
Answer: No. It is the responsibility of the Offerors to work with the Pre-Selected Contractors regarding pricing.
20. Will WRPS consider extending the Proposal submittal due date. Based upon the release schedule and questions & answer period, each vendor must consider responses and the impact for responses to their bid. Give these factors and consideration for constraints to WRPS timeline schedules, this time allowance supports an appropriate question & answer period and significantly improves each responders ability to mitigate and reduce risk to WRPS by allowing vendors time to incorporate all Q&A variables.
Answer: No. WRPS is unable to accommodate an extension to the proposal deadline.
21. Section 3.2 notes a 5% and 10% price adjustment factor based on a company's small business classification. If a company is a veteran owned concern (5%) and a SDVO (10%) is the maximum pricing adjustment factor 10% or 15%? Is the only combination of HUB Zone/SDVO the only way to achieve 15% pricing adjustment?
Answer: In this instance, the adjustment would be the full 15% because the Offeror is classified as both a veteran-owned small business and a service disabled veteran-owned small business. In order to receive the maximum 15% pricing adjustment, the Offeror must be registered as either a small, woman-owned, veteran-owned, or disadvantaged small business concern and a HUBZone or service disabled veteran-owned small business.
22. Section 4.1.1 Resumes – This section states “The Offeror shall provide resumes for individuals who will be proposed to perform work under the resultant contract for each labor category.” Is WRPS requiring resumes to be submitted for each labor category indicated, or only resumes for those personnel presently on-board and currently available?
Answer: WRPS is requesting a total of 14 resumes for each labor category indicated in Section 4.1.2.4 of the Solicitation.