

## Questions on Solicitation N00014-04-R-0020

1. **Question:** Section 6, page 8, last paragraph: The labor categories in the RFP do not match up well with the labor categories in our GSA Professional Engineering Services (PES) contract, and the personnel requirements are substantially more stringent than the PES requirements for comparable education and experience. Are we constrained to use the existing PES categories/rates (with a mapping to the RFP categories), or can we use categories/personnel requirements of the RFP and propose new rates?

**Answer:** You will be constrained to use the categories and rate structure under your PES contract. If some of the labor categories in the RFP don't match one-for-one with labor categories in your PES GSA contract, you will need to provide for a mapping that shows how your proposed PES labor categories can meet the personnel requirements in the RFP.

2. **Question:** Section 15.0 (5), page 13: Are resumes required for all proposed staff, or only for the Core staff?

**Answer:** Resumes are required for all proposed staff.

3. Section 10, page 11: "...the award date will be made on or about 21 OCT 2004." Section 16, paragraph 2, page 16: "... the anticipated award date of this order is on or before 30 SEP 2004". Please clarify.

**Response:** The anticipated award date of the order is on or about 21 OCT 2004. The September date was incorrect.

4. Section 11.0, page 11: Will office space be provided for all personnel at the Makaha Ridge location, or just for core personnel?

**Answer:** There will space provided at the Makaha Ridge location for all proposed personnel. However, due to the inconvenience of conducting all business on the Makaha Ridge, other office space is required. Office space on the base for the contractor is being requested, but can't be guaranteed. Due to this, contractors that do not already have office space on the island should propose office space adjacent to PMRF for the proposed personnel for this effort.

5. Section 4.7.1, page 4 and 5: Contractor is expected to maintain a core competency of personnel, 8 persons, on the Island of Kauai. Surge/Overtime operations, for periods of increased operations, may be met with additional transient Staff.

**Question:** Do the 8 core personnel need to be bid at 1.0 FTE each or can multiple on-island personnel be combined to equal 1.0 FTE (e.g. 2 SW engineers, one bid at 40% and one bid at 60%)?

**Answer:** The requirement is that the level of effort (vice number of employees) described in Section 6.0 is provided for the labor skill sets described in Section 8.0.

The description of one full time labor category in the RFP could be covered by multiple proposed personnel.

Question: Do all 8 core personnel need to reside at PMRF/Makaha Ridge during the normal work week or may some of them be able to split their time between PMRF/Makaha Ridge and local Kauai corporate offices?

Answer: It is not expected that all 8 labor categories described will be needed continually on Makaha Ridge. All categories will be expected to work either at their local Kauai corporate offices or on Makaha Ridge, depending on the task.

6. Section 4.7.2, page 5: The contractor shall coordinate with PMRF Operations Manager for logistics and transportation to and from Niihau in support of Jammer and Moving Target Simulator operations.

Question: Do the costs (e.g. helicopter costs, equipment rental, etc.) associated with the transportation to and from Niihau in support of Jammer and Moving Target Simulator operations need to be included in the ODC's included in response to this proposal or will they be provided as GFE?

Answer: These costs should be included in proposal as proposed ODCs.

7. Section 4.7.6, page 5: Provide for and maintain site communications equipment to include land mobile communications for personnel and transportation at PMRF, Niihau and local vicinity with at least one base station on site.

Question: Is the site communications equipment referenced in section 4.7.6 all GFE or is some to be included in the form of ODC's for this contract?

Answer: These costs should be included in proposal as proposed ODCs.

8. Section 7.0, page 9: The contractor will be expected to provide/propose Other Direct Costs under this effort, as shown below, which may include "Open Market" and GSA Schedule Items. The following list provides for Government estimate on the types of items that may be necessary under this effort.

Question: Are we correct in anticipating that the offeror will be required to estimate the frequency of use and duration for ODC rental equipment (e.g. Heavy Equipment) in addition to the base cost per unit time?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can classified computing requirements be addressed through the use of Government computing facilities (e.g. MHPCC)?

**Answer:** The contractor may propose to handle this requirement either by proposing to use the MHPCC Government facilities or by purchasing classified computing equipment under an ODC CLIN on the order.

9. Section 16.0, (2) b, “The contractor’s plan for outsourcing the repair of transmitter, exciter, receiver, data processing, and other specialized test bed hardware will be evaluated.” Section 4.9.1 “ Provide & maintain a sufficient supply of consumable parts and critical spares to keep the core system operating during times of Surge operations.”

Question: Does the government expect us to put ODC money into our proposal to account for this or are the repairs to be funded separately by the government. What about spare parts (4.9.1)?

**Answer:** The proposals should include costs (under ODCs) for the repair subcontracts. Also, proposals should include costs for consumable parts and critical spares (under ODCs).

10. Question: How is this work being performed today?

**Answer:** This work is not currently and has not been performed. This Test Facility is new and currently being developed.