Online Subscription for Congressional Data

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with FAR Part 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures and (FAR) Subpart 12.6 Streamlined Procedures for Evaluation and Solicitation for Commercial Items, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. This solicitation, Online Subscription for Congressional Data, is issued as a Request for Quote (RFQ). The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-72, dated 1 January 2014 and DFARS Change Notice 20131231. The associated North American Industry classification System (NAICS) code is 519130 and small business size standard is 500 employees. This synopsis/solicitation is submitted using full and open competition.

Program Background

The Office of Naval Research’s Congressional Affairs Office is seeking a comprehensive web-based access to a single point of intelligent resources on congressional news and legislative tracking; including custom search, data analysis, directories, and tools. The web-based interface needs to be compatible with ONR’s information technology platform, currently serviced by Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI).

The proposed solutions under this solicitation must provide all the following functionality for three (3) concurrent licensed users.

Requirement

Online access to the website mentioned above should include the following:

1. Congressional data, analysis, and news
2. Legislation
3. News and news search
4. Member profiles
5. Calendar schedules
6. State and district profiles
7. Directory information
8. Agency information
9. Agency documents
10. Federal Register
11. Federal Budget
12. Procurement contracts and grant data
13. Company and vendor information
14. Industry specific news and analysis with emphasis on federal impact
15. Full customization and national affairs.

The Contractor shall fill out the “Total Amount” column in the pricing table shown below and provide the table as a part of their quote. This table is provided in WORD format as an attachment to this solicitation.
**Deliverables**

Account access under this effort shall be provided within ten (10) days after award and shall include three concurrent licenses in accordance with the Requirement section listed in the order. Delivery and acceptance of all deliverables will be F.O.B. destination to an individual specified in the order at the Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22203.

**Instrument Type and Period of Performance**

The Government intends to competitively award a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Purchase Order that represents the best value to the Government in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this solicitation. The total period of performance will be five (5) years. The award will also include four (4) twelve month options.

**Payment:** The Office of Naval Research anticipates using Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) to pay invoices in accordance with DFARs 252.232-7003. Payment and invoice instructions will be provided in the award.

**Relevant Clauses**

The clauses at FAR 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Items, FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, and FAR 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items, apply to this acquisition.

The following additional clauses cited within 52.212-5 are applicable: 52.204-10, 52.209-6, 52.209-10, 52.219-28, 52.222-3, 52.222-21, 52.222-26, 52.222-35, 52.222-36, 52.222-37, 52.222-41, 52.222-42, 52.223-18, 52.225-13, 52.232-33, and 52.239-1.

The following additional FAR and DFARs clauses apply: FAR 52.204-7 System for Award Management, FAR 52.217-9 Option to Extend Term of the Contract (insert "the period of performance" in the first blank of paragraph (a), "1 day" in the second blank of paragraph (a), and "five (5) years" in paragraph (c)), and DFARS 252.204-7004 Alternate A System for Award Management.

Quote/Proposal Requirements

Offerors should submit a quote that includes the following sections: (1) Technical; (2) Price, including the pricing table attached to this solicitation (Attachment 1); (3) Completed Representations and Certification including FAR 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items and other representations and certification items, which are attached to this solicitation (Attachment 2) (4) An affirmation that it has an active registration in System for Award Management (SAM), which is at the website www.sam.gov; (5) An Acknowledgement of Solicitation Amendments; and (6) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in this solicitation. In addition to explanatory text, the format of the document(s) may include screen shots, flow charts, diagrams, or other images. Offers that fail to furnish required representations and certifications or reject the terms and conditions of this solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

Information for the technical portion should be a separate and segregable document from the price section. No price information should be included in the technical section. The length of the technical portion shall not exceed ten (10) pages. The Representations and Certifications, SAM Affirmation, and Acknowledgement of Amendments are excluded from the page count. The quote should be written and organized to be compatible with the requirements outlined in this solicitation, company’s organization and accounting structure, and proposed price. The technical section should include the Offeror’s discussion of how the Offeror’s product meets or exceeds the requirements of this solicitation. The Offeror should include information relative to previous efforts for the same or similar services provided in the past with points of contact information, particularly with customers from the federal government. The Offeror should submit a price portion of the quote that identifies separately for each of the five (5) potential years of performance.

Basis for Award/Evaluation Factors

All quotes will be evaluated on the Offeror’s ability to meet the Government’s requirement. An order will be awarded to the responsible Offeror whose offer represents the best value to the Government based upon (1) technical capability of the item offered to meet the Government’s requirements, (2) price, and (3) past performance. In order to determine which Offeror represents the best overall value to the Government, offers will be evaluated in accordance with the specific requirements stated above.

Quote Submission Requirements

Quotes must be received no later than 2:00pm Local Eastern Time on 5 MAR 2014. Any quote that is received at the designated Government office after this exact time specified for receipt of quotes is “late” and will not be considered. All offerors will be notified via e-mail once the award process is completed. The Procurement Technician must receive any questions concerning the RFQ no later than three (3) business days before the response date of this solicitation, or the question may not be answered. Questions should be emailed to Procurement Technician, Chelsea Burke at Chelsea.burke.ctr@navy.mil. The quote hard copy package or email header should be marked with the solicitation number N00014-12-
Q-0026 and the due date, and be addressed to Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Attention: Chelsea Burke– Suite 1247F. The quote may then be mailed or delivered to the above address or sent via email to Chelsea.burke.ctr@navy.mil. If the quote is sent via email, the procurement technician will respond with a receipt email. If a receipt email is not received, then the procurement technician did not receive your quote and your offer may not be considered for award. If sending an e-mail, preferred attachment formats are Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Portable Document Format (PDF). Faxed quotes will not be accepted. It is anticipated that award start date will be 7 APR 2014. As soon as the final evaluation process is completed, the Offeror will be notified via email of its selection or non-selection for an award.

The U.S. Postal Service continues to irradiate letters, flats, Express and Priority Mail with stamps for postage and other packages destined to government agencies. Due to potential delays in receiving mail, Offerors are encouraged to use alternatives to the mail, such as delivery services, when submitting the quote. Offerors may also hand-deliver their quotes at the mailing address above, provided they pre-arrange a time and date prior to the closing of the solicitation with the Procurement Technician, Chelsea Burke at (703) 696-4596.