

 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICE		<h2 style="margin: 0;">PRE-PROPOSAL INQUIRIES</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Solicitation 75H701-23-R-00014</h3>		PROJECT:	Lawton Indian Hospital Emergency Department, Imaging Services & Laboratory Expansion & Renovation
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Amendment A00001 dated 05/26/2023					
1.	RFP	Volume 1 – Factor 1 specifies a range of \$5 million - \$15 million for project experience. We respectfully request that this be designated as a minimum of \$5 million and/or the government consider projects greater than \$15 million, given they are similar in scope and complexity. Stipulating a minimum value, rather than a narrow range, is standard on federal government RFPs, as the issues that would be navigated on complex multi-disciplinary active hospital renovations exceeding \$5 million are very similar.	CO	While the \$5m-\$15m is a general range noted for relevancy purposes and projects do not “have” to be within this range to be determined relevant as the projects’ size, scope and complexity are all taken into account for an overall relevancy per the definition provided in this factor. With that said, the Government understands this appearance of restrictiveness and has therefore revised this Factor under Section L.11 and Section M.4.1.	
2.	RFP	Referencing RFP Section L, page 62 - We respectfully request a page limit increase to 40 pages, or a reduction in the solicitation requirements. It is not possible to address all information required by Factors 1,2, and 3 in the page limits. This will mitigate risk.	CO	Currently the page limit is 30, but the Government will extend the page limit to 40 for Factors 1, 2 and 3 submission). The Government also wanted to add (Section L revised as such) that the tabs, table of contents, cover pages or indexes and proof of relevant certificate will not be included in this page limit. Lastly, the Government wanted to provide a very general example of how to meet all requirements of the submission requirements within this page limit restriction. Please note this is for example purposes only. EXAMPLE: Factor 1 requires a submission of at least 3 but no more than 5 projects. If each project submitted was 2 pages, that would be at least 6 but no more than 10 pages for Factor 1. If each project submitted was 4 pages each, that would be 12 but no more than 20 pages for Factor 1. Factor 3 requires the submission of 3 key personnel. If each resume was 2 pages each, that would be 6 pages total. This means that Factors 1 and 3 would absorb at least 12 but no more than 26 pages in this example, leaving at least 14 to 28 pages for Factor 2 in submission in this example.	

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3.	RFP	Referencing RFP Section L, Factor 3, page 64 - Proof is requested for the relevant certification for the safety officer. If the government requests an actual safety certificate, we respectfully request that this be removed from the page limit.	CO	As stated in the Answer to Question No. 2 proof of relevant certificate does not count against the page limit.
4.	RFP	Please confirm tabs, table of contents and cover page do not count against the page limit.	CO	As stated in the Answer to Question No. 2 above, tabs, table of contents and cover page do not count against the page limit.
5.	RFP	Please advise if it is acceptable for Contractors to use their own format for the Subcontracting Plan, as long as it is compliant with FAR 52.219-9 and includes the required information.	CO	The attachment is the required HHS Subcontracting Plan and cannot be revised. The following has been added to Section L.11, Volume II, Price Proposal, 2(f) to assist in filling out the form: “When filling out this form, please use the following additional instructions: Block 1: Individual is to be checked Right Column (% of Total Contract \$) does NOT need to be filled in. Please leave this blank (or 0). Blocks 2a through 2h: The dollar (\$) and percentages (%) are to be filled in.”

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6.	RFP	With the design-bid-build nature of the procurement, typically qualified subcontractors will not receive vendor pricing for major components until the last minute. The Subcontracting Plan cannot be started until the bids are in and all proposals can be evaluated to assess qualifications and pricing. This will require the offeror to exclude many qualified bids that would otherwise benefit the government with a more cost-competitive price in an effort to complete and return these administrative deliverables in time to meet the deadline. Because of this, many government entities instead either allow offerors to submit this type of data within 24 hours of bid submission. Others do not require this until after source selection but prior to final award. Therefore, with these circumstances, and the mutual interest of securing a best value, cost competitive pricing for the government, we respectfully request the government either allow these deliverables to be submitted within 24 hours of the proposal, or as a condition preempting award as the successful offeror.	CO	The subcontracting plan submitted at the time of award is to reflect anticipated subcontracting goals. Reference paragraphs (c) and (d) of FAR 19.705-4 for further information on reviewing and approval of a subcontracting plan in a negotiated procurement.
7.	RFP	Please identify any minimum small business goals.	CO	Reference Attachment J05 Subcontracting Plan bottom of 1st page.
8.	RFP	The Contractor is responsible to pay all applicable tribal fees and/or taxes, or applicable requirements that may be incurred as a result of the project? Please advise what tribal fees and / or taxes are applicable to this project outside the standard State or City tax costs.	CO	There is no tribal fees/taxes applicable outside of standard State or City taxes.