

Answers to Questions
Collaborations for Commercial Space Capabilities 2
Announcement for Proposals NASA-CCSC-02

QUESTION 1: Is NASA considering ordering LEO Transportation services separate from the Comm LEO Destinations services?

Answer: This is not relevant to CCSC2.

QUESTION 2: What roles does NASA see for LEO National Lab and will they purchase services via NASA or directly with the CLD partners? What will it cover? OGE, DoD, NASA, NIH, NSF – what about company funded commercial interest?

Answer: This is not relevant to CCSC2.

QUESTION 3: What might NASA do to avoid a gap between CDFE SAAs/CDISS contract and the new solicitation CLDs Certification and Services contract?

Answer: This is not relevant to CCSC2.

QUESTION 4: Is the CCSC2 strictly limited to LEO (crewed and uncrewed) or is their scope/room for deeper space commercial intent?

Answer: All CCSC2 capabilities must primarily benefit the development and growth of a robust and competitive U.S. commercial economy in LEO.

QUESTION 5: What is NASA's role in this CCSC2 and can a company get through certification and demonstration of a system capability?

Answer: See announcement Sections 1.1-1.3 and 2.7.

QUESTION 6: Is there access to GFE in the CCSC2?

Answer: No. See announcement Sections 1.1-1.3 and 2.7.

QUESTION 7: Does the CCSC2 opportunity extend through IOC or some earlier development milestone?

Answer: See announcement Sections 1.1-1.3, 2.7 and draft Space Act Agreement.

QUESTION 8: How many SAAs are expected to be awarded?

Answer: See announcement Section 4.2

QUESTION 9: What is criteria NASA is looking for selection beside synergy to NASA LEO initiative. What maturity is expected in technology?

Answer: See announcement Section 4.1

QUESTION 10: Can a company form a team and partner with other companies in response to the CCSC2?

Answer: Yes subject to eligibility requirements in 2.2 and compliance requirements in 2.3.

QUESTION 11: Can all the data be proprietary or will NASA need to share data. What data rights are envisioned? During execution – data rights.

Answer: The data rights are explained in more detail in the language of the draft SAA found in the Appendix of the Announcement.

QUESTION 12: Is NASA interested in ground safety also?

Answer: Yes. See announcement Sections 1.1-1.3 and 3.2.5

QUESTION 13: Do you have an example reference we can examine? High level is still useful. Thank you!

Answer: NASA will not provide an example of a proposal. Actual SAAs from the first round of CCSC partnerships can be seen at <https://www.nasa.gov/content/collaborations-for-commercial-space-capabilities-ccsc>. Note that the template SAA provided in the CCSC2 Announcement has differences from those used in the first round.

QUESTION 14: Has NASA defined a budget available for CCSC2?

Answer: NASA is not publicly announcing the CCSC2 budget.

QUESTION 15: Will NASA write strengths and weaknesses and share these with each offeror at the due diligence meeting like comp range?

Answer: Yes.

QUESTION 16: Will all submission results, including strengths and weaknesses be published publicly?

Answer: NASA will publicly issue a selection statement which will state the basis for portfolio section. This typically includes a summary of strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION 17: When you announce the winner(s) will all participants be published along with their strengths/weaknesses.

Answer: NASA will publicly issue a selection statement which will state the basis for portfolio selection. This typically includes a summary of strengths and weaknesses.

QUESTION 18: Should we EXCLUDE capabilities here that are covered under other Agreements, such as CLD? Or repeat them.

Answer: See announcement Section 1.2.

QUESTION 19: How does NASA define a good partner for CCSC2?

Answer: See announcement Section 4.1.

QUESTION 20: This may have been asked, what resources and help can NASA provide will that be shared in more detail to input into proposals? Thank you!

Answer: NASA plans no further information to assist with CCSC2 proposals. However, participants may contact NASA Center Partnership offices to learn about center resources, but those offices are not allowed to help prepare the participant's proposal.

QUESTION 21: How is NASA planning to assist companies with potential issues such as access to talent (increased access to foreign talent) and ITAR/EAR regulations of the companies product in the commercial space, despite dual-use capabilities?

Answer: NASA does not plan to assist companies in these ways. CCSC2 Partners are required to adhere with all applicable U.S. laws, regulations and policies. See announcement Section 2.3.

QUESTION 22: Who is the Selection Authority?

Answer: Phil McAlister, Director, Commercial Space Division for Space Operations, Space Operations Mission Directorate.

QUESTION 23: Yes, please provide the source selection statement for CCSC2 #1.

Answer: The Source Selection Statement #1 will be posted via sam.gov (Solicitation ID: "80JSC023CCSC2") and available at the CCSC2 procurement website:
<https://cms.nasa.gov/jsc/procurement/ccsc2>

QUESTION 24: Will NASA use GTA (Government Task Agreements) on this agreement and can the offeror contact them directly. Are signed GTAs required for submission.

Answer: GTAs will not be used.

QUESTION 25: Is part of 'other' capabilities beyond what is described within the announcement extends to Network/Communication management?

Answer: Proposals on communications capabilities are not sought by NASA under this Announcement and should be worked through the Communications Services Project at NASA's Glenn Research Center.

QUESTION 26: I read in your announcement for proposals that eligibility requires that "an entity must be organized under the laws of the United States or of a State and be more than 50 percent owned by United States nationals." I wonder if you have some standard process by which one could establish the majority ownership of a publicly traded corporation? Something I could reference as I go digging for information? Any guidance would be appreciated.

Answer: NASA relies on the participants to ascertain eligibility based on the following, to be included in their proposals:

- In Section I Executive Summary to confirm whether the Participant meets the eligibility requirements of Announcement section 2.2, and
- In Section III Business Approach to describe compliance with the eligibility requirements specified in section 2.2.

QUESTION 27: Is NASA willing to consider allowing Partners to make modifications to heritage NASA software, if in the benefit of the commercial LEO ecosystem?

Answer: Software Usage Agreements, which must be obtained outside the CCSC SAA, would govern rights to make modifications.

QUESTION 28: If a participant proposes more than one integrated capability area for a SAA, does that mean there is a 10-page limit PER capability area in the proposal or is the limit for ALL items proposed together?

Answer: Participants proposing multiple Capabilities may either propose them in one proposal or multiple proposals. In either case, the per-proposal page limits of the Announcement will apply.

QUESTION 29: What is meant by "integrated LEO space capabilities?" Is NASA expecting a proposal that offers an integrated solution across multiple capabilities A through G defined in Section 1.2?

Answer: By "integrated," NASA means that the Capability includes all systems needed to function. For example, this could be a free-flying spacecraft, a module that could be added to a destination, etc. A single system, e.g. a guidance system, is not solicited under the Announcement.

QUESTION 30: Please confirm that a participant can work with NASA to add and adjust NASA resource involvement based on the scope, needs, and availability.

Answer: CCSC SAAs offer the flexibility to Partners to request a Government resource. We request an estimate in the proposal of resources to be requested. The actual requests occur during the term of the SAA.

QUESTION 31: Is NASA considering placement of NASA personnel on-site at partner's facilities as part of NASA provided resources?

Answer: No. NASA expects that most resource requests will be fulfilled by NASA personnel at their normal duty stations. NASA will consider travel of its personnel to partner facilities for technical exchange meetings and potentially longer periods if it would be more efficient for the Government.

QUESTION 32: Can information from the Comm Services Program be provided under the CCSC2 program?

Answer: Yes.

QUESTION 33: Recognizing that CCSC2 seeks to avoid overlap with other existing NASA contracts, what happens if a contractor's scope under CCSC2 ends up overlapping with a FUTURE contract awarded to the company (e.g., CLD services)? Is it assumed that the Space Act Agreement would be modified in the future to resolve any overlap?

Answer: See Announcement Section 1.2 and 3.2.7.

QUESTION 34: What are the areas of interest for proposal submittals (example project areas of interest)? And what the criteria for papers?

Answer: See Announcement Section 1.2 and Section 4.

QUESTION 35: As it relates to the CCSC RFP, is there an expectation that a company should be a 'primarily commercial' company in order to be competitively assessed for this opportunity? In other words, does it factor into the scoring criteria whether a company does primarily commercial business?

Answer: No. See Announcement Section 4.