

ADAMTD-II Solicitation No. FA7022-23-R-0002 Amendment 0004

Item No.	Reference	Page No.; Para. No; Issue/Comment	Offeror's Question
1	Attach 9 Section L and M	15; L.5.2.4; Subfactor 3, section c	<p>If Prime offeror submits in accordance with section c, and explains why no subcontracting opportunities exist at time of award, can this response be submitted in lieu of providing information as required by sections a-b?</p> <p>Response: All offerors must complete sections a and b per Section L. . The Government's intent is to develop Small Businesses to be competitive in future acquisitions. Offerors must complete A&B and meet the 15% minimum requirement to be found acceptable for Subfactor 3. See revised L&M (RFP Attachment 9).</p>
2	Attach 1 PWS, Attach 11 TO 01 PWS	Software	<p>Q&A #1 and 38: The Q&A states that the current NWP WMS is "non-operational", "is still actively developed and tested" and "there is not currently a formal Workflow Management Software implementation." However, TO 1 PWS Task 2.2.1, and particularly 2.2.1.2, states that the contractor "shall ensure the system is operating correctly in AFTAC unclassified and classified HPC operating environments...." Should we assume that the system will be deployed and operational (although not necessarily operating correctly) at the start of the contract in these different environments? Or will the contractor be required to finish the development and testing of the non-operational system first so it can be deployed and operational? Please clarify as this could make a large difference in the proposed level of effort.</p> <p>Response: Software produced from ADAMTD-I will be delivered before ADAMTD-II begins. It will be tested and deployed on an HPC system however it will not meet the complete requirements to be considered "operational" as it will need follow-on work to address any optimization of the code.</p>
3	Solicitation	CLIN structure	<p>Q&A #9: It says that "subcontractor labor will be added to CLIN 0001 for R&D and CLIN 0002 for O&M." Should this be the other way around, that is, CLIN 0001 for O&M and CLIN 0002 for R&D?</p> <p>Response: Yes, CLIN 0001 is O&M and CLIN 0002 is R&D.</p>
4	Attach 1 PWS	Workload Estimate	<p>Q&A #16: It says to "follow guidance given in Attach 9 – Section L&M v.1" for questions regarding the LCATS and hours. L.4.2.2 (b) refers to Attachments 2 and 3 to explain how the offeror should provide the rates and then refers to the "Government estimated workload data" in the same section. However, it is not clear whether this is referring to the hours provided in Attachment 2 and 3, which the context seems to suggest, or to TO 1 PWS Appendix B, which is not referenced at all in the section. The estimated workload in Appendix B (Attachment 11) does not align to the hours provided in Attachment 3. If the offeror were to follow the estimated workload rather than propose their own hours, which set of hours should the offeror follow, Attachment 3 or Attachment Appendix B?</p> <p>Response: Please follow the workload estimate in Attachment 3. The workload estimate in PWS (RFP Attachment 1) has been updated.</p>
5	Attach 9 L&M	Small Business Subcontracting Plan	<p>Q&A #19: It says that offerors are to submit their Small Business Participation Commitment Document (SBPCB) as part of their technical proposal "and not the Small Business Subcontracting Plan." However, Attachment 9 L.5.2.4 Subfactor 3 states that all offerors are to provide SBPCD requirements and "substantiating documentation to demonstrate how you will meet these requirements" and goes on to list requirements (a), (b), and (c). Item (c) states that all other than small business offerors "shall submit a subcontracting plan in accordance with FAR 52.219-9 OR explain why no subcontracting opportunities exist." Although it says that "small business subcontracting plans will not be evaluated for source</p>

			<p>selection purposes”, doesn’t this mean that any large business offeror must submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan unless it wants to provide an explanation why no subcontracting opportunities exist? Please clarify as this can have a significant impact on the page count of Volume III.</p> <p>Response: All large businesses must submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The Government’s intent is to develop Small Businesses to be competitive in future acquisitions. Offerors must complete A&B and meet the 15% minimum requirement to be found acceptable. See revised L&M (RFP Attachment 9).</p>
6	Attach 1 PWS	Model and Data Assimilation	<p>Q&A #41: It states that AFTAC does “not have radar assimilation and satellite assimilation specifically for this project. There may be use for this in the future, but currently the focus is on the other components.” However, TO1 PWS 2.3.1 states that the V&V study “shall at a minimum include investigation of critical meteorological model settings and data assimilation settings for satellite and radar derived data.” By saying “at a minimum”, the PWS seems to imply that model and data assimilation settings for satellite and radar derived data need to be prioritized for 2.3.1, but the Q&A seems to say otherwise. Could you clarify what is the intended?</p> <p>Response: The "At a minimum" refers to an investigation, or cursory look, of satellite and radar data assimilation and not the development/implementation of code embedded into the system.</p>
7	Attach 1 PWS	Clearance	<p>Q&A # 45: We understand that the Offeror must “have personnel cleared at the TS level with SCI eligibility at the time of contract award” as required by L.5.2.4. However, the Q&A seems to be saying that any proposed person has to “be a US citizen cleared at the TS level with SCI eligibility, in accordance with PWS paragraph 5.3 at the time of contract award.” PWS paragraph 5.3 states that “within 12 months from contract initiation Key Management personnel along with all technical personnel performing classified work on this contract, shall possess at least a SECRET clearance, unless the Contracting Officer grants an extension due to extenuating circumstances.” Could you confirm that not everyone who is proposed must be cleared at the TS level with SCI eligibility as long as they are US citizens and that those who will perform classified work must possess at least a SECRET clearance within 12 months of contract initiation?</p> <p>Response: You must be a US citizen to work on this contract.</p> <p>Key Management personnel, along with all technical personnel performing classified work on this contract, shall possess at least a SECRET clearance, at the time of contract award. This is in accordance with PWS (RFP Attachment 1) Paragraph 5.3.</p> <p>Within twelve (12) months from contract initiation, the contractor shall establish and maintain a TOP SECRET/SCI security clearance and be DCID 6/4 eligible with a current SSBI for a minimum of one (1) or more individual(s) that will be onsite at the AFTAC building to train AFTAC staff and to install software deliverables. This is in accordance with PWS (RFP Attachment 1) Paragraph 5.3.</p> <p>The language in RFP Attachment 1 (PWS) and RFP Attachment 11 (TO 01 PWS) has been updated.</p>
8	RFP Attachments 2, 3, and 5	Excel Spreadsheets	<p>There is conflicting information based on Government’s Amendment 0002 (posted 30 Jan) Q&As in particular the responses to Questions 21, 22, and 25 and the instruction in Attachment 9 Section L L.2.3 Electronic Offers.</p> <p>The Government solicitation Amendment 0002 contains four (4) Excel files - Attachments 2, 3, 5, and 7 – for Offerors to complete and submit. Attachment 9 Section L &M L.2.3 2nd sentence states “Offerors</p>

			<p>are requested to provide pricing spreadsheets in Excel (.xlsx) format showing the formulas.” whereas the answers to questions 21 (RE: Att 2), 22, (RE: Att 3), and 25 (RE: Att 5) say to submit as PDF files. Please advise which instruction Offerors are to follow for submitting these four Excel files.</p> <p>Response: Offerors are to submit PDF files. Also, please provide pricing spreadsheets in Excel (.xlsx) format showing the formulas.</p>
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