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<input type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended. <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
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The purpose of this Amendment is to accomplish the following:

- (1) Replace General Decision Number (Building):SC20220023 with Current General Decision Number (Building):SC20230023 01/06/2023 in Section J.1. [SC20230023](#)
- (2) Replace General Decision Number (Heavy):SC20220004 with Current General Decision Number (Heavy):SC20230004 01/06/2023 in Section J.1. [SC20230004](#)
- (3) Replace General Decision Number (Heavy):SC20220041 with Current General Decision Number (Heavy):SC20230041 01/06/2023 in Section J.1. [SC20230041](#)
- (4) Include "Environmental and Permitting Documentation - March 2023" in [Section J.6](#) of the solicitation.
- (5) Include "NOAA IT Security Manual 212-1301 - March 2022" in [Section J.6](#) of the solicitation.
- (6) Include NOAA Acquisition Manual (NAM), Acquisition Policy (Master Copy) Version 2023.1 (2023) in Section J.8. [NAM](#)
- (7) Section C: The Statement of Work, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, Optional Contract Line Item Number 0004: Warehouse Construction is changed as follows:

FROM:

OPTIONAL CLIN 0004: Warehouse Construction

For this OPTION, complete the following tasks:

1. All construction and procurement services for the new warehouse per the IFC plans and specifications. All design work is covered in CLIN 0001.
2. Excavation and removal of existing soil required for the warehouse structure and/or foundations; including sewer, water, storm, electrical, communication. The DBT shall also include all shoring, trenching, and dewatering as required to construct the project, including any utility installation and removal.
3. All imported soils/rocks, backfill, and rip rap as required to construct the warehouse in its entirety per the DBT's IFC plans and specifications.
4. Plan to terminate the pier connection in the warehouse IT Room
5. Plan to have a local ISP connection box outside the IT Room
6. Plan that NOAA will want to install 4G networks and Starlink to all for redundant network capability.
7. The IT Room and office areas are to be Air Conditioned
8. The IT Room will also require a fire protection system and an uninterruptible power system (UPS).
9. The open office area will house 4 cubicles and will require power and 4 EthernetLan cables and a wall junction box cabled to the IT room

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10. The warehouse will also require (2) ceiling or wall mounted 4 port ethernet junction boxes to be installed on the 1st floor, and (1) wall mounted 4 port ethernet junction box to be installed on the mezzanine level that are spaced to provide Wireless Access point installation to cover all areas within the warehouse.

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- (8) Section C: The Statement of Work, 5.0 DBT Responsibility, 5.3 Other Services, 5.3.1 Construction Phase Requirements, E. Security and Site Access: Please add the following after paragraph 2. Temp Fencing and Signage:

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3. Signage

a. Project Funding Signage

- i. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish all the materials, labor, and equipment necessary to construct and install the two (2) temporary project funding signs.
- ii. The CONTRACTOR shall provide a submittal detailing temporary project funding sign dimensions, letter heights, colors and signage materials, for review and approval by the GOVERNMENT at least fourteen (14) Days prior to ordering the fabrication of the temporary project funding signs. The GOVERNMENT reserves the opportunity to add additional federal, state, local and other graphical logos and/or alter the temporary project funding signs prior to fabrication at no additional expense to the GOVERNMENT.
- iii. Materials: The signs shall be fabricated from a minimum one-eighth inch (1/8") thick commercial grade aluminum plate that is five feet (5') high and seven feet (7') wide. The sign shall have a white background with black lettering and display the project logos as shown in the Plans. The GOVERNMENT shall provide the CONTRACTOR with digital graphic files for the project logos to be used in the sign construction. Posts and Hardware: Posts shall be in accordance with South Carolina Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, latest edition,
- iv. Signposts and mountings shall be constructed as to hold the sign in proper and permanent position and to resist swaying under wind loads or displacement by vandalism. All nuts, bolts, and washers shall be hot dip galvanized. Nylon washers shall be installed at both ends of all bolts.
- v. Installation: The GOVERNMENT shall observe temporary project funding signage installation and may alter proposed locations of signage prior to installation. The temporary project funding sign shall be installed subsequent to the demolition or construction.

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- vi. The temporary project funding signs shall be maintained in good order for the duration of the project. Maintenance includes but is not limited to readability of lettering, vegetative clearing around sign for visibility, condition of sign materials and installation of sign in vertical position. If at any time, the GOVERNMENT finds the temporary project funding signs are damaged, require maintenance or require replacement, the CONTRACTOR shall be required to replace the temporary project funding signs at their own expense.
 - vii. Payment: Material, fabrication and installation costs related to all project funding signs shall be included in the Contract Lump Sum Price for Signage (CLIN 0001, Base Proposal Cost).
- b. Exterior Waterfront Signage
- i. The contractor shall provide a minimum (6/EA) waterfront signs (4'x 6'). Signs will be posted on either side of the main pier and small boat floating pier. There will, 2 signs per side for a total of 4 signs along the main pier, and one side per side for a total of 2 signs on the small boat floating pier..
 - ii. Submittals. Government approval is required for signage prior to fabrication. Submit detailed drawings showing elevations of each type of sign, dimensions, details and methods of mounting or anchoring, mounting height, shape and thickness of materials, and details of construction. Include a schedule showing the location, each sign type, and message.
 - iii. WARRANTY. Provide manufacturer's warranty to repair or replace defective interior signage materials and workmanship for a period of 2 years from date of final acceptance of the work.
 - iv. Signs must be Flat Aluminum Sign Panels. Aluminum sign panels must conform to ASTM B209, alloy-temper 6061-T6 or 5052-H38. The blanks must be free from laminations, blisters, open seams, pits, holes, other defects that may affect their appearance or use. The thickness must be uniform and the blank commercially

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flat.

- v. Extruded Aluminum Sign Panels. Conform to ASTM B221, alloy 6063-T6. The maximum allowable deviation from flat on the face is 0.05 inches per foot.
- vi. Retroreflective Sheeting. All background sheeting applied to flat sheet and extruded panel signs must be in accordance with ASTM D4956, Type III, IV, VII, VIII, IX or XI retroreflective sheeting and must have Class 1, 3, or 4 adhesive backing. Retroreflective sheeting must be high intensity that is an unmetallized micro prismatic reflective material. Retroreflective sheeting must have sufficient adhesion, strength and flexibility such that the sheeting can be handled, processed and applied according to the manufacturer's recommendations without appreciable stretching, tearing, cracking or other damage.
- vii. Legend and Border. Apply retroreflective sheeting as legend and border in accordance with ASTM D4956, Type IX, XI, or AASHTO M 268 Type C or D, Class 1. Retroreflective sheeting must be an unmetallized cube corner microprismatic reflective material. Retroreflective sheeting applied as legend and border for specific signing applications, without a datum mark on the surface of the sheeting, must be evaluated for rotational sensitivity in accordance with AASHTO M 268, Section 3.3.1 and fabricated in accordance with AASHTO M 268, Section 3.3.2.
- viii. Screen Printed Transparent Colored Areas. For screen printed transparent colored areas or transparent colored overlay films on white sheeting, the coefficient of retroreflection (RA) must be no less than 70 percent of the original values for the corresponding color.
- ix. Adhesive Performance. Adhesive performance for retroreflective sheeting must be in accordance with ASTM D4956. The sheeting surface must be in condition to be readily screen processed and compatible with transparent overlay films, plus recommended transparent and opaque screen process colors. Furnish

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manufacturer's information as to the type of solvent or solvents that may be used to clean the surface of the sheeting without detrimental loss of performance and durability.

- x. Letters, Numerals, Arrows, Symbols, and Borders.
Apply letters, numerals, arrows, symbols, and borders on the retroreflective sheeting or opaque background of the sign using the direct or reverse screen process. Apply messages and borders of a color darker than the background to the paint or the retroreflective sheeting using the direct process. Messages and borders must be of a color lighter than the sign background and applied using the reverse screen process. Use opaque or transparent colors, inks, and paints of the type and quality recommended by the retroreflective sheeting manufacturer in the screen process. Perform the screening in a manner that results in a uniform color and tone, with sharply defined edges of legends and borders and without blemishes on the sign background that will affect intended use. Air dry or bake the signs after screening according to the manufacturer's recommendations to provide a smooth hard finish. Reject any signs with blisters or other blemishes.
- xi. Hardware. Bolts, nuts, post clips, lock and flat washers must be commercial quality Type 316 or 316L stainless steel. Provide commercial quality nylon or Teflon insulating washers between stainless steel washers and aluminum sign panels.
- xii. Installation: Signage mounting to be designed by a licensed engineer. Sign mounting to withstand loading as indicated in the RFP.. Mounting to be fully concealed behind signage. Provide exterior signage mounting calculations. Signs must be installed plumb and true at mounting heights indicated, and by method shown or specified by the final design..

c. Interior Signage Warehouse

- i. The contractor shall provide all interior signage required, and shall include at a minimum for room

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identification, directional, stair, fire protection, compressed air, rack weight maximum, loading zone, and exit signage.

- ii. Submittals. Government approval is required for signage prior to fabrication. Submit detailed drawings showing elevations of each type of sign, dimensions, details and methods of mounting or anchoring, mounting height, shape and thickness of materials, and details of construction. Include a schedule showing the location, each sign type, and message.ta
- iii. WARRANTY. Provide manufacturer's warranty to repair or replace defective interior signage materials and workmanship for a period of 2 years from date of final acceptance of the work.
- iv. PRODUCTS. Provide signs, directories, and dimensional building letters that are standard products of manufacturers regularly engaged in the manufacture of such products that essentially duplicate signs that have been in satisfactory use at least 2 years prior to award. Obtain signage from a single manufacturer with edges and corners of finished letter forms and graphics true and clean.
- v. Standard Room Signs. Provide signs that include tactile letters, symbols and Braille for interior rooms or spaces where the sign is not likely to change over time. Tactile text descriptions are required for pictograms that are provided to identify a permanent room. Examples include interior signs that label restrooms, stairs, room numbers or letters, and room names. These permanent room signs can include paper inserts for updatable information.
- vi. Tactile Letters, Symbols and Braille. Provide ADA compliant material per 36 CFR 1191 which is raised 1/32 inch from the first surface, has a minimum 5/8 inch in height and is an ADA acceptable font. The color of the tactile letters is required to contrast with the sign face color per ADA standards. The ADA required Braille has a minimum durometer reading of 90. All raised letters, numbers and symbols are to

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comply.

- vii. Directional Signs. Directional signs provide arrows with messages which point to critical destinations such as departments, offices, or other pertinent destinations. These can be a panel sign system with a series of permanently attached messages or a modular system with updatable inserts. Directional signs have header panels with applied or direct print messages.
- viii. Message Inserts. Provide updatable message inserts covered with a clear matte 0.015 inch vinyl protective overlay. The insert is typeset message laser printed on paper card stock. Provide paper and software with message template for creating text and symbols for computers identified for Government production of paper inserts after project completion. Manufacturer is required to offer online ordering capabilities to facilitate and expedite ordering packages of replacement, color-coated paper inserts. Furnish one suction device to assist in removing face sheet. Provide sliding inserts that slide horizontally exposing different graphic information as identified on the drawings.
- ix. Type of Mounting for Signs. Provide surface mounted signs with mechanical fasteners. Mount framed plaques with manufacturer's standard (1/6 inch) 1.59 mm thick closed cell vinyl foam with adhesive backing. Adhesive must be transparent, long aging, high tech formulation on two sides of the vinyl foam.
- x. Character Proportions and Heights. Letters and numbers on signs conform to 36 CFR 1191.
- xi. STAIR SIGNAGE. Provide signs on stairs serving three or more stories with special signage within the enclosure at each floor landing conforming to NFPA 101. Indicate the floor level, the terminus of the top and bottom of the stair enclosure, and the identification of the stair enclosure. Also, state the floor level of, and the direction to, exit discharge. Locate the signage inside the enclosure in a position that is visible when the door is in the open or closed position and install in conformance

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with 36 CFR 1191. Provide tactile for floor level designation in accordance with

- xii. BUILDING DIRECTORIES. Provide building directories as lobby directories or floor directories, with a changeable directory listing consisting of the areas, which can include departments, offices, personnel and other destinations located within the facility as well as a map with "you are here" locations. Provide dimensions, details, and materials of sign and message content as indicated on the drawings. Header panel has acrylic with raised acrylic letters. Directory Graphics Provide graphics and text that are first generation from camera ready art.
- xiii. MATERIALS. Typeface Helvetica Regular. COLOR, FINISH, AND CONTRAST. Provide color as indicated in drawings; colors listed are not intended to limit the selection of equal colors from other manufacturers. Finish of eggshell, matte, or other non-glare finish for all signs as required in handicapped-accessible buildings.
- xiv. INSTALLATION. Install signs plumb and true and in accordance with approved manufacturer's instructions at locations shown on the detail drawings. Submit operating instructions outlining the step-by-step procedures required for system operation. The instructions include simplified diagrams for the system as installed, the manufacturer's name, model number, service manual, parts list, and brief description of all equipment and their basic operating features. Provide each set permanently bound with a hard cover. The following identification must be inscribed on the covers: "OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS", name and location of the facility, name of the Contractor, and contract number.
- xv. Mounting. Height and mounting location complies with 36 CFR 1191. Install required blocking. Do not install signs on doors or other surfaces until finishes on such surfaces have been installed. Signs installed on glass surfaces are installed with matching blank back-up plates in accordance with

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manufacturer's instructions. Do not install items that show visual evidence of biological growth.

- xvi. Anchorage. Provide anchorage in accordance with approved manufacturer's instructions. Anchorage not otherwise specified or shown includes slotted inserts, expansion shields, and powder-driven fasteners when approved for concrete; toggle bolts and through bolts for masonry; machine carriage bolts for steel; lag bolts and screws for wood. Provide exposed anchor and fastener materials compatible with metal to which applied with matching color and finish. Signs mounted to painted gypsum board surfaces must be removable for painting maintenance. Mount signs to lay-in ceiling grids with clip connections to ceiling tees. Install signs mounted on metal surfaces with magnetic tape. Install signs mounted on fabric surfaces with hook and loop tape or pin mount. Install signs mounted on glass panel surfaces with a white vinyl sign backing.

- (9) The Statement of Work, Appendices, Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, H50 Waterfront Utilities, H5030 Fire Protection and Suppression, H503001 Fire Protection Water Distribution is changed as follows:

FROM:

H5030 FIRE PROTECTION AND SUPPRESSION

H503001 FIRE PROTECTION WATER DISTRIBUTION

Provide a fire protection water distribution system capable of supporting the new pier and in compliance with NFPA 307:

- Flow rate and pressure requirements from the fire hydrants at the pier to be determined by the DBT and design engineer and shall comply with NFPA 307, General Principles for Construction of Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves.
- Local North Charleston Fire Department, who services FLETC, must also approve the fire protection system.

(See "Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Water Distribution" G30, Site Civil/Mechanical Utilities).

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 - Provide a dual action fire suppression system with heat and smoke sensors.
 - Provide automatic disconnect switch to the incoming electrical service in the event of a fire

(See "Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Water Distribution" G30, Site Civil/Mechanical Utilities).

- (10) Provide the Offeror's Questions and Government's Responses received as of February 24, 2023

Offeror's Question: If two (2) ships are docked at the pier, NAVFAC allows for the wind loads on the second vessel can be reduced 50% due to wind shadowing. Please confirm this criteria would be acceptable.

Government's Response: NOAA 's vessels vary in size and the two ships that will be homeported at the facility are the *Nancy Foster* (186' long) and *Ronald H. Brown* (274' long). NOAA would consider some reduction for wind shadowing, but that would need to be justified by the design engineer and would need to be reviewed and approved by NOAA during the design process.

Offeror's Question: Please provide a PDF copy of the last Inspection Report that was made on Pier Romeo and any information related to the Pier being Condemned. This information is needed to determine what equipment can work from the pier during the Demolition.

Government's Response: A copy of the inspection report is not available.

Offeror's Question: Can tidal values be added to new storm drain outfalls?

Government's Response: Yes, tidal valves can be added to the new storm drain outfalls.

Offeror's Question: The geotechnical report does not give any foundation recommendations as it is really a preliminary report. However, it does indicate that after the first 1-1.5 foot of asphalt and topsoil there is a layer of loose sand ranging from 4-13.5 feet. Are we to assume spread footing for the warehouse structure or pile foundations? I would expect max loads of around 200 kips in the area

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supporting the mezzanine and roof and 50 kips in the area roof only. At a conservative bearing pressure of 1 ksf since loose sand this would translate to approximately 14' sq footing in the two level area and 7 sq footing in the roof only area. I would think that maybe helical piles may be more cost effective but we don't really have any info to base this off of.

Government's Response: "The question requires careful calculations and analysis due to some factors involved in it. The final designer should be making a decision on the foundation type for all the structures involved on this project including the warehouse. The factors that impact the decision include but are not limited to:

Anticipated loads on columns, slab and walls
Column Spacing
Allowable differential settlement
Design flood elevation and risk of foundation uplift
Seismic risk category of each structure
Seismic bearing capacity
Seismic site class
Liquefaction potential and potential surface manifestation due to liquefaction
Post liquefaction settlement of foundations"

Offeror's Question: Coastal engineering requirement mention design for flood. What is the flood level elevation for design?

Government's Response: The Flood Elevation can be found in the Coastal Engineering Report.

Offeror's Question: Confirm that Dominion Energy intends to provide a primary metered electric service only, and the contract will require both the design and installation of all on-site medium voltage facilities. The anticipated electrical demand load for the site does not necessarily warrant a primary electrical service.

Government's Response: Dominion Energy currently provides a primary metered electrical service to the other piers on site. This is a question to be reviewed and resolved as part of the design with Dominion Energy.

Offeror's Question: Reference Solicitation: Section 2.0 Proposal & Proposal Options- Both CLIN0002 Floating Pier and CLIN0003 Main Site Civil & Utilities Construction are detailed as options. Confirm CLIN002 & CLIN003 will be awarded as a package as a "fully functional" floating pier is dependent on upland utility improvements.

Government's Response: That is correct, CLIN 0002 & CLIN 0003 will be awarded as a package for a fully functional pier.

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Offeror's Question: Section B.1 for the RFP states: "The Government reserves the right to unilaterally exercise Optional CLINs 0002-0006 within 180 days of contract award." If optional CLINs are exercised, will they be awarded sequentially or can any combination of CLIN numbers be awarded? Anything other than a sequential award (meaning CLIN 0003 cannot be awarded unless CLIN 0002 is awarded, and so on) will create significant challenges to pricing and management of risk, and very likely result in undesired contingency.

Government's Response: CLIN 0002 & CLIN 0003 will be awarded as a package for a fully functional pier.

Offeror's Question: In the description of CLIN 0004 Warehouse in Part I, Section C Note 7 indicates that the IT Room and the office areas are to be Air Conditioned. In the Conceptual Drawings, Sheet A-100 shows the floor plan. This plan shows the IT Room as Room #104. No offices are shown on this plan. There is a room shown on Sheet A-100 as Conditioned Storage, Room #105. Please confirm the spaces that are to be air conditioned.

Government's Response: Yes, ROOM 108 is a freezer room, and rooms 101-106, & 107 should all be air conditioned.

Offeror's Question: Drawing C-113. Key notes 1 and 18 are showing 490-ft of resilient curbing with further description on the Concept Narrative Part 4. Project Specific Requirements Section 5. Marine Infrastructure A.11. Resilient Curbing. Please clarify which CLIN Item should be used to include this scope of work.

Government's Response: Please include fencing in CLIN 0001.

Offeror's Question: Concept Drawing C-110 shows proposed 6' high fence across water frontage of NOAA site. Fence location to be landside of proposed seawall. Please clarify which CLIN Item should be used to include this scope of work.

Government's Response: Please include fencing in CLIN 0001.

Offeror's Question: On page 33.C of the DBSOW it states, "The Government will provide the NEPA, EA and USACE In-Water Work Permit. Page 34 includes the NMFS Incidental Take Permit. Please provide these Permits to the DBT. If they are not available, is everything that the DBT should include in their proposal included in the DBSOW?"

Government's Response: The NEPA EA has been uploaded to the support documents. The USACE permit and incidental take permits are still in process and will be provided to the contractor who is selected for this RFP. All information that the Government is currently aware of has been provided within the Solicitation, and its amendments published to date.

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Offeror's Question: Is a DHEC Permit and/or a SEDHEC Permit required? Who is responsible for obtaining these permits if they are required?

Government's Response: Yes, a SCDHEC permit is required and NOAA is obtaining it.

Offeror's Question: On page 4 of 70 in the Concept Documents it states that BIM is required. On page 26/161 Section C of DBSOW it states that BIM is not specifically required. Please clarify.

Government's Response: BIM is not specifically required, the concept narrative is incorrect.

Offeror's Question: On page 63/161 H10 in the Concept Documents it states that "The pier shall be designed to a Risk Category IV". Page 6/70 Section 3.A. of the Concept Documents has similar language, but on page 25/70 C.11.b of the Concept Documents it states, "Mooring shall be designed for the design vessels moored at the floating pier during a Category 4 hurricane. Normal practice during a hurricane is to send ships out to sea. Is the Pier to be designed to Category 4 for Zero (0) vessels moored, one (1) vessel moored, or two (2) vessels moored at the Pier during the hurricane event.

Government's Response: The pier is to be designed for Cat 4 hurricane with 2 vessels moored.

Offeror's Question: On page 22/161 of the DBSOW 5.0.6 it states, "The Noise Monitoring Plan shall monitor noise levels above and below the water". Please provide criteria as to where the monitoring is to occur and during what construction activities.

Government's Response: The contractor should plan to have a minimum of 2 marine mammal monitors onsite during the duration of marine demolition and installation of the seawall and marine pilings.

Offeror's Question: The RFP requires the Warehouse structural steel to have corrosive protection such as epoxy coating. Please confirm that no corrosive coating is required for the warehouse steel structure within the interior envelope that is not directly exposed to the exterior environment?

Government's Response: Given the marine environment and humidity in the area, NOAA would like all steel that is not in an air conditioned space to have corrosion protection.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that the roof gutter / downspout system should be tied into the storm drain system and splash blocks unacceptable?

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Government's Response: Correct, the warehouse roof gutter / downspout should be tied into the existing storm drain system.

Offeror's Question: Is a fall protection system required on the Warehouse roof and if so where and what type - provide concept specifications / details.

Government's Response: NO. A fall protection system is not required.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that all exterior exposed metals landside at the warehouse, generator platform, substation platform, etc. needs to be corrosion resistant such as galvanized or epoxy painted?

Government's Response: Correct all exposed metals must be corrosion resistant such as Stainless Steel, Galvanized, or epoxy coated.

Offeror's Question: We cannot find anything regarding bollards at the warehouse, generator, substation, or other site equipment. Please confirm steel bollards are required to protect structure corners and OH door openings?

Government's Response: Correct, steel bollards are required to protect the building, substation, generator, and OH Doors.

Offeror's Question: Does the warehouse level below the mezzanine require flood vents?

Government's Response: Yes. The warehouse level below the mezzanine requires flood vents.

Offeror's Question: No foundation recommendations were provided in the RFP. Please confirm that a deep foundation system for the warehouse should be used for bidding.

Government's Response: Per 3.2.3b of the SOW, the warehouse will likely require pile foundations. DBT to confirm/determine during pre-construction conference.

Offeror's Question: Electrical: There is a requirement for four (4) lockable EV charging stations. What level charger is required? Level 2 or level 3?

Government's Response: Level 2 charger is required.

Offeror's Question: The included 2005 Utility report states that electrical drawings for Pier Romeo are "included in the binder for this report." Drawings are not included. Please provide noted drawings.

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Government's Response: All As-Builts including electrical have been included and uploaded into the support documents (Section J.6).

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the seismic parameters (SDS and SD1) as they were not included in the Geotechnical Report. The project is in a high seismic area - this information is required to adequately design and price.

Government's Response: Refer to UFC 3-301-01 1613.2.1.1. Seismic parameters shall be calculated using the structural data tool provided on the Whole Building Design Guide website.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that the building must be designed per the IBC/ASCE-7 wind speed for the appropriate building risk category and the sustained wind speed of 156 mph for a Category 4 hurricane event only applies to the pier design.

Government's Response: Confirmed. The warehouse shall be designed for wind per UFC 3-301-01 which utilizes ASCE 7-16.

Offeror's Question: For bidding purposes, what is the recommended foundation type for the building, for the site utilities, for the generator platform? Nothing is provided.

Government's Response: See previous response regarding warehouse foundations. The DBT shall determine the best foundation system. Reference the Geotechnical Data Report provided with the bridging documents for boring and soil information.

Offeror's Question: Other building and utility structures in the area require deep foundations. Please provide direction on the foundation type to be used for the warehouse, the generator platform, the utilities?

Government's Response: It is the contractor and their design team's responsibility to provide foundations and structures that meet the codes and requirements provided by NOAA.

Offeror's Question: Please provide the finish floor elevation for the Warehouse? Does it need to be elevated for any flood hazard requirement?

Government's Response: The exact finish floor elevation will be determined by Design/Build Contractor.

Offeror's Question: Please provide the elevation for the Generator platform? Does it need to be elevated for any flood hazard requirement?

Government's Response: Yes, the generator needs to be on a platform, the exact height is to be determined by the Design Build Contractor

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based on future flooding. NOAA currently has their existing generators mounted 4' off the existing ground, as seen during the site visit.

Offeror's Question: Part 3 - General Requirements seem to be missing. Please provide.

Government's Response: The general requirements are listed in the RFP's Section C: SOW, and the design narrative.

Offeror's Question: Part 6 - Prescriptive Specifications does not contain anything. Does this mean all specifications provided are performance specifications? What is prescriptive for the project design? Please clarify?

Government's Response: This is referring to the design narrative, that was typo, please ignore or delete.

Offeror's Question: SF1442 includes a pricing schedule which is also provided in the proposal. Please clarify pricing is to be included in Volume 2, on the Price Proposal form and not on the SF 1442?

Government's Response: Pricing is to be included in Volume 2, Section B Pricing, any referenced Proposal Template and on the SF 1442.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that design for the base and all options are to be included in base CLIN 0001?

Government's Response: Correct, all design is to be included in CLIN 0001

Offeror's Question: On the SF1442, Schedule, it states Period of Performance 10/18/2023 to 1/16/2026. Please confirm we should assume the NTP to be 10/18/2023 for pricing?

Government's Response: Contractor shall reference: F.11.2 NTP Construction- The contractor shall reference Section F.8.1 for Baseline Project Execution Schedule (BPES) submission requirements, as it pertains to NTP issuance. Following receipt from the Contractor of bonds or evidence of insurance within the time specified in Section/Paragraph H.11 Bond Requirements, of this contract, and following acceptance of these documents by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will provide the Contractor their Notice to Proceed.

Offeror's Question: On the SF1442, Schedule, it states Ship To: NOAA Port Office Charleston, C/O USCG. Please clarify the involvement of the USCG?

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Government's Response: No USCG involvement for this project. This information is the address for "NOAA PORT OFFICE CHARLESTON", the location of this project.

Offeror's Question: Pricing Optional CLIN 0003 - Main Site Civil and Utilities does not specify how to break this scope / cost up. All of the other Options, Floating Piers, Warehouse etc. need/have sitework and utilities to make it a functional optional scope/price. Or put another way, the Floating Piers or Warehouse cannot be a complete scope without exercising Optional CLIN 0003 - Main Site Civil and Utilities. A recommendation for scope/pricing breakout is to include the sitework and utilities to 5 feet outside the Warehouse in Optional CLIN 0004 - Warehouse, and to include utilities up to the ramp water edge in Optional CLIN 0003 - Main Site and Utilities, and all utilities on the trestle / gangway / pier in Optional CLIN 0002 - Main Floating Pier. Please confirm this recommendation is acceptable and to be followed?

Government's Response: See previously answered questions on this topic.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the gangway for the Small Vessel Floating Dock is to be included in Optional CLIN 0005 - Small Vessel Floating Dock?

Government's Response: Confirmed. The gangway for the Small Vessel Floating Dock is to be included in Optional CLIN 0005 - Small Vessel Floating Dock.

Offeror's Question: Existing pier demolition - please confirm the existing piles can be cut below dredged surface if they cannot be fully removed?

Government's Response: It is the contractor's responsibility to cut the piles to support the new pier and supporting trestle and/or gangways. IAW Concept drawing C-102: Demolition note 1 states to remove all piles to 3' below dredging depth (of EL -25').

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the Warehouse is to meet minimum LEED Silver, but there is no mention about the site and pier. Typically LEED covers the entire project and not just the building. Please clarify project requirements?

Government's Response: The Government's goal is LEED Silver.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.0 Project Description and 3.0 Project Specific Requirements states the new facility will include the Executive Order 14057 - Energy Considerations and full consideration shall be given for the EO. The RFP makes reference to things to consider. Please confirm whether these considerations are

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to be included as part of the project scope for bidding purposes such as Solar?

Government's Response: Only include items included within the CLINS 0001-0006. To include four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots. The other considerations are not part of this scope.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that we are responsible for all permitting including the NPDES / NOI and USACE In Water Work permits? Has the Government done anything with these permits, if so please provide?

Government's Response: NOAA will provide the USACE permit (in water work) for the project, CZMA Determination, and SCDHEC permit, & IHA, and other permits including the NPDES are the responsibility of the contractor.

Offeror's Question: The Geotech Report provides no recommendations for foundations, paving, utility support, etc. Please provide a basis for pricing.

Government's Response: "The final designer should be making a decision on the foundation type for all the structures involved on this project including the warehouse. The factors that impact the decision include but are not limited to:

Anticipated loads on columns, slab and walls
Column Spacing
Allowable differential settlement
Design flood elevation and risk of foundation uplift
Seismic risk category of each structure
Seismic bearing capacity
Seismic site class
Liquefaction potential and potential surface manifestation due to liquefaction
Post liquefaction settlement of foundations"

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that we are to assume no contaminated soils on this project and if encountered it will be handled as a changed site condition through a change order? If we are to assume, please provide quantity for pricing.

Government's Response: Confirmed. Please assume no contaminated soils on this project. If encountered, it will be handled as a changed site condition through a change order.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that we are to assume no unsuitable soils on this project and if encountered it will be handled as a changed site condition through a change order? If we are to assume, please provide quantity for pricing.

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Government's Response: It is the contractor and final designer's decision and responsibility to decide if the existing soils are unsuitable.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that we are to assume no hazardous materials in the soils or below grade on this project and if encountered it will be handled as a changed site condition through a change order? If we are to assume, please provide quantity for pricing.

Government's Response: Please see the Hazardous Material Reports included in the Support documents, if the material is different from the Hazardous Materials Report it would be handled as a changed site condition and a change order.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that we are to only include the abatement of the asbestos and lead quantities shown in the Pier Romeo HazMat Summary 2022 for the items noted in tables 1 and 2.

Government's Response: Confirmed. Only include the abatement of the asbestos and lead quantities shown in the Pier Romeo HazMat Summary 2022 for the items noted in tables 1 and 2.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0003 states to provide survey, grading, regrading as required to construct the project. We recommend all survey and grading for the warehouse within 5 feet of the building be included in CLIN 0004 since this work is part of the Warehouse scope. Please clarify?

Government's Response: That is acceptable, all survey and grading for the warehouse within 5 ft of the build is to be included in CLIN 0004.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0004 Warehouse states to terminate the pier connection in the warehouse IT room. The utility duct bank is included in CLIN 0003 - Site Civil and Utilities so cannot include this connection unless CLIN 0003 is awarded. Please confirm CLIN 0004 Warehouse is just to include scope/costs from 5 feet outside the building?

Government's Response: Confirmed. CLIN 0004 Warehouse is just to include scope/costs from 5 feet outside the building.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 1 states to conduct a site investigation to confirm the existing conditions prior to award. Government does not provide the time to do nor can this be done prior to award. Please clarify this is meant to be a visual inspection of existing conditions?

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Government's Response: Correct, this is meant to be visual inspection based on the contractor site walk.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.1 Pre-award Responsibilities. Please clarify pre-award means pre-bid?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.1 Pre-award Responsibilities. Pre-Award is the correct term used when an Request for Proposal (RFP) is published; and Bid refers to when an Invitation for Bid (IFB) is published. This requirement is solicited as an RFP.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.1 Pre-award Responsibilities state to provide a list of deficiencies that would prevent design from proceeding. Please clarify intent? Our RFIs are our list of clarifications required to provide a proposal.

Government's Response: Any deficiencies would be addressed via RFP questions submitted to the Government.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.2 Post Award Responsibilities states shall deliver fully functional and usable facility to the satisfaction of the Government. Please confirm satisfaction means in accordance with the RFP documents?

Government's Response: In Section C, 5.0 item 5.2, satisfaction means a fully functional and operational facility.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.2 Post Award Responsibilities item 4 states submit RFIs to the Design Professionals through a formal process, and emails are not considered a formal process? Emails are the standard means of communication. Please reconsider allowing RFIs to be sent via email along with all other project correspondence. If emails are not allowed, please provide a method?

Government's Response: The RFIs should be contained in a formal document or form, similar to the DCVR requirements, and not in the body of an email. The purpose for requiring a formal document is for tracking purposes. The formal document may be transmitted as an attachment to an email.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility DBT shall... items 1 through 8 do not mention any sitework or warehouse scope. Please clarify?

Government's Response: "Pier Romeo Facility" includes sitework and warehouse.

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Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility item 5.2 Post Award Responsibilities, item 2. state to provide design professional names after award. Aren't we to provide names in the Staffing section and name our DOR in proposal? Please clarify?

Government's Response: Correct, designer professional names and resumes are to be provided in the staffing section.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.2.1 Design Phase Requirements, item A states DQCM shall not be the DOR? The QCQM is typically and recommended to be by the DOR, and typically directly reports to the Project Executive. Please allow the QCQM to be part of the DOR and if not, please clarify where you would want the DQCM to come from?

Government's Response: The Designer of Record (DOR) that individual can not be the DQCM, but the DQCM can be from the DOR's firm.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.2.1 Design Phase Requirements, item B Design Elements, item 5. BIM states BIM is not required but other RFP sections states BIM is required. Please clarify?

Government's Response: BIM is not required.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.2.1 Design Phase Requirements, item D Design Coordination, Design Clarification Verification Requests. Please provide the Government review period of DCVRs?

Government's Response: The Government review period for CDVRs is 14 days. If circumstances require a longer review period, the DBT will be notified.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.2.1 Design Phase Requirements, item F Government Review of Design Submittals states the Government has 30 workdays to review. 30 workdays is 6 weeks. 6 weeks for each 35 / 65 / 95 / IFC Gov review, equates to 6 months out of a 27 month period of performance. This excessive review period is also exacerbated by requiring a second design submission for each 35 / 65 / 95 / IFC design submissions. This unusually long review period and non-typical 2nd submission for each design submission does not leave enough time to procure and construct the project in the overall 27 month period. We recommend reducing the Government review period be reduced to 20 workdays and have the comments incorporated into the next design submission, deleting the second submission. Please confirm this is acceptable, or increase the overall project performance period by 6 months to 33 months.

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Government's Response: NOAA concurs, that 30 workdays can be reduced to 20 workdays for Government review of design submittals.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.3, item B Project Schedule, x. mentions a cost loaded schedule. Other RFP invoicing sections allude to no cost loaded schedule. Please clarify if the schedule and payment will be based upon a cost loaded schedule?

Government's Response: Yes, a cost loaded schedule is required.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section A.3 Government Review states the Government has 30 working days (6 weeks) to review all submittals. This duration is unusually long and is detrimental to completing the project within the overall 27 month performance period. Please consider reducing this to 15 workdays, or increase the over project performance period by 9 months to 36 months to allow the Government 30 workday review period for design / precon / construction submittals?

Government's Response: The Government review for construction submittals will be changed to 20 working days.

Offeror's Question: Is FAR 52.204-21 a requirement of security guards? If so, what means/who do you recommend for safeguarding.

Government's Response: FAR 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems is not a requirement for security guards. Kindly read the clause in its entirety.

Offeror's Question: Is NIST (SP) 800-17 a requirement for the security guard industry?

Government's Response: NIST Special Publication 800-171, Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations, is not a requirement for the security guard industry.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section E.3 states to provide temporary site security fence. Please confirm the temporary fence is required to be around the entire project site perimeter? Provide details required for the temporary site fence - height, block supported, gates, etc.

Government's Response: Temp fencing is only required to maintain FLETC site security, temp fencing should match existing.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section E.1 Badging. Please confirm a full background check for all employees is required and site access is through the FLETC gate? Will another construction access be provided to reduce access time to the project site?

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Government's Response: Construction badging - a full background is required per FLETC requirements for a long term badge (1-year badge). A partial background is required for badges less than a year, similar to the process used for gaining access to the Pre-Proposal Conference. A temporary badge can be good for up to 30 days. No other construction access will be provided.

Offeror's Question: Page 64 H50 WATERFRONT UTILITIES: Provide vessel utility requirements for HP compressed air and LP compressed air.

Government's Response: No compressed air on the new pier only at the warehouse, per the design narrative pg. 35, section 8.

Offeror's Question: CLIN 0005 on page 18, Jet Block System. Please provide the following information in order to furnish the Required Jet Block System: 1) Layout Drawing for the System, 2) Specifications of the System, 3) Craft Information: Make, Model, Year Manufactured, Length (LOA), Beam, & Operational Weight.

Government's Response: The system identified is an example of what is expected for the project. The contractor has the flexibility to design the system as required based upon their calculations. The information regarding the small boat dock is on pages 31 and 32 of the Design Narrative. Also, the design standard (UFC 4-152-07 Small Craft Berthing Facilities) is included on page 22 of the narrative.

Offeror's Question: RFP/SOW page 17, OPTIONAL CLIN 0003 2, regarding all other demolition states: "This includes but is not limited to demo and removal of existing asphalt..."; however, Concept Design Drawings, sheet C-111, the Truck Traffic Paving area calls for "Cold Planing Pre-Treatment Paving Overlay Rated for Heavy Truck Traffic" and the Automotive Parking Paving area calls for area around the catch basin (CB) in paved areas to have "...existing asphalt milled to a minimum depth of 2" from CB center to allow for new asphalt overlay...". Please confirm that "demo and removal of existing asphalt" is referring to the cold planing and/or milling and does not require full depth asphalt pavement demolition and removal.

Government's Response: Yes, the demo and removal of the existing asphalt are referring to the milling of the existing asphalt.

Offeror's Question: On page 34.G.i and ii of the DBSOW it states, "The DBT is responsible to supply and pay for all required permits and monitoring required by all local state and federal agencies and the USACE 404." Can the Government provide a list of these potential permits and monitoring required by the DBT?

Government's Response: The contractor will be required to provide marine mammal monitoring during all pile removal and pile installations, including the seawall. The Government is obtaining

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the USACE 401/404 permit as well as the SCDHEC permit. The contractor is responsible to obtain and manage the NPDES permit, as well as any permits required for the disposal of construction debris (including demolished structures) and onsite soils. The contractor is also responsible for following the requirements and guidelines provided within USACE and SCDHEC permits as well as the NOAA NMFS requirements.

Offeror's Question: On page 86.G.15 of the DBSOW it states the Order of Precedence and there isn't any reference to the Concept or Bridging Documents, but on page 21.4.1 of the DBSOW it states that "if there is a conflict between the Bridging Documents and this SOW, the more stringent shall govern". Please clarify what documents govern.

Government's Response: The information contained in Section C and G.15 and both a part of "Part I- The Schedule". In the event of a conflict between the Bridging Document (Part III - List of Documents, Exhibits, and Other Attachments) and the SOW (ONLY) the more stringent of the two shall govern.

Offeror's Question: On page 28/70 H. it states the requirements for Resilient Curbing and on Drwg. C-113, keynotes 1 and 18, it states "Use Cast-in-Place SCDOT Typical Cantilever Concrete Retaining Wall. Would the Government please provide a detail or Standard Plan?

Government's Response: New resilient curbing shall provide flooding protection from sea level rise and high tides. There is no standard plan or detail for the retaining wall. The resilient curbing shall be cast-in-place cantilever concrete retaining wall designed per SCDOT Bridge Design Manual (referenced in Section 5.B Table 7).

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the pier is the only structure to be designed for a Hurricane Category 4 winds? What is the warehouse to be designed to? Provide the Building Risk category, ASTM 24 Flood Hazard for the Warehouse? What should the generator and substation platforms be designed to?

Government's Response: The warehouse, generator and substation platforms are to be built to withstand Category 4 winds. The generator and substation platforms are to be above the 100 year floodplain per the narrative. Comply with Flood Hazard 2 requirements.

Offeror's Question: Does the warehouse level below the mezzanine require flood break-away panels?

Government's Response: Breakaway panels are not required. The IT Room and Distribution Room need to be located on the mezzanine areas above the flood level.

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Offeror's Question: Please confirm that the Warehouse and generator platform is to be designed as a Risk Category 2?

Government's Response: The Warehouse and electrical platforms are to be Risk Category 2.

Offeror's Question: What is the flood hazard for the warehouse, generator platform, substation platform, etc. Please confirm if it is ASCE 24 Flood Hazard 1, 2, 3 or 4?

Government's Response: The generator and substation platforms are to be above the 100 year floodplain per the narrative. Comply with Flood Hazard 2 requirements.

Offeror's Question: SF1442, 13d. includes 180 calendar days to hold price. This 6 months plus an assumed 12 month design period will require subs to hold pricing for 18 months which is unreasonable in the current market. Subcontractors will not hold pricing for this period of time. Please consider reducing this to 90 days?

Government's Response: At this time the Government will not be reducing the price validity from 180 calendar days to 90 calendar days.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that any Option exercised will occur with Base CLIN 0001 award?

Government's Response: As per Section B, Base CLIN 0001 will be awarded at time of award. The Government reserves the right to unilaterally exercise Optional CLINs 0002-0006 within 180 days of contract award.

Offeror's Question: Section B, B.5 states RFIs do not change the RFP unless issued in an Amendment. Please confirm that all answered RFIs will be issued in Amendments?

Government's Response: The Government will make an effort to respond to all Questions/RFI issued prior to the response deadline.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0001 1.b. (5) Prepare Sitework Package states the final parking lot curbs and gutters, final concrete sidewalks, final asphalt paving, and final parking lot and roadway striping CONSTRUCTION will be solicited and performed as a separate construction contract. This conflicts with rest of the RFP and Optional CLIN 0003 - Main Site Civil and Utilities. Please clarify what scope / pricing is to be included in CLIN 0003? If it is not to include site concrete, asphalt paving, curbs, etc. Please provide a defined scope delineation of what is to be included in CLIN 003 such as aggregate base under asphalt, grading, compaction, just sidewalks excluded, etc.? Also confirm if this work is by others, that it will

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not interfere with any solar parking structures and be performed in accordance with the approved project schedule?

Government's Response: All design scopes required in this solicitation (and applicable attachments) are to be completed by the Awardee, as part of the 100% Design submittal and acceptance (CLIN 0001). The only construction work not included in this contract is the forming and pouring of curb and gutter, the finaling paving, and the striping. This work will be by others and will require coordination with the selected contractors. All other work including base, grading, compaction, resilient curbing ,and signage is part of this contract.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0001 1.b. (7) states to include a \$250,000 allowance for spare parts. What CLIN should this allowance be included if required? Are there any other allowances required to be included in the proposal?

Government's Response: This \$250,000.00 allowance for spare parts should be included in CLIN 0002

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0001 2) Marine Demolition states to remove pier materials that have fallen into the water. We cannot define any existing materials that may be in the water. Please identify, provide an allowance or make these unknown items a changed site condition once identified. Please clarify?

Government's Response: This is meant to include any materials that fall into the water during demolition. Assume in your proposals that there could be up to 5 piles or other objects of similar weight that are scattered in the area on the seafloor that will require removal and disposal in addition to demolishing the existing pier and appurtenances.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.2.1 Design Phase Requirements, item F Government Review of Design Submittals states the Government has 30 workdays to review. 30 workdays is 6 weeks. 6 weeks for each 35 / 65 / 95 / IFC Gov review, equates to 6 months out of a 27 month period of performance. This excessive review period is also exacerbated by requiring a second design submission for each 35 / 65 / 95 / IFC design submissions. This unusually long review period and non-typical 2nd submission for each design submission does not leave enough time to procure and construct the project in the overall 27 month period. We recommend reducing the Government review period be reduced to 20 workdays and have the comments incorporated into the next design submission, deleting the second submission. Please confirm this is acceptable, or increase the overall project performance period by 6 months to 33 months.

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Government's Response: NOAA concurs. Thirty workdays can be reduced to 20 workdays for Government review of design submittals.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 5.0 DBT Responsibility section 5.3, item G. Permitting and Monitoring. Please provide status and documents of any permits the Government has begun the procurement process?

Government's Response: The contractor will be required to provide marine mammal monitoring during all pile removal and pile installations, including the seawall. The Government is obtaining the USACE 401/404 permit as well as the SCDHEC permit and that process started many months ago. The contractor is responsible to obtain and manage the NPDES permit, as well as any permits required for the disposal of construction debris (including demolished structures) and onsite soils. The contractor is also responsible for following the requirements and guidelines provided within USACE and SCDHEC permits as well as the NOAA NMFS requirements. A copy of current documentation packages will be provided in a future amendment.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section E.1 Badging. Please confirm a full background check for all employees is required and site access is through the FLETC gate? Will another construction access be provided to reduce access time to the project site?

Government's Response: Yes there is a more indepth background check conducted, which is processed by NOAA in order to obtain a longer term DHS FLETC badge, for up to one year.

There is a commercial gate, to be used for commercial vehicles, it's located before the Visitor Access Gate and it's open 06:00 - 18:00, Monday - Friday. It's still accessible outside those hours, however processing will take longer. Past issues have occurred that delivery drivers cannot get on base because of their status, non US citizens etc. It's best for the contracting company to notify their supplier it must be a US born citizen delivering materials otherwise there is a vetting process that needs to be completed. Pending their status type, it could be a 30 day minimum submission for approval.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section E.1 Badging. Is there a U.S. Citizenship only requirement for this project?

Government's Response: No, but NOAA's suggestion is for supply/delivery companies to provide US born citizens since they are only on site usually once and the access processing can happen on-site. For others working on the project long term, foreign nationals and dual citizens are allowed; they just require additional

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vetting approval with 30 day minimum lead time of the required documentation submitted. If they are foreign born and are naturalized citizens, FLETC still requires advance submission to include their passport; the approval process is within 2 - 10 days.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section H. Confirm 3rd party testing and inspection agency is required for testing and inspection of soils, concrete, steel, concrete reinforcing?

Government's Response: Confirmed. To be provided and paid for by the DBT.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm if we are to formally submit for LEED Silver plus for certification, or do we just provide the Government all the LEED paperwork?

Government's Response: The contractor is to submit for LEED Silver by a certified LEED AP.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 1.1.1 Construction Phase Requirements section L. Key Personnel. Please confirm the construction key personnel - project manager, project superintendent, QCM, and SSHO all need to be on site full time during construction?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Construction key personnel - project manager, project superintendent, QCM, and SSHO need to be on site full time during construction.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 6.0 Deliverables, Follow Up Site Investigation Memorandum. Please clarify why this is called "Follow Up" since this is the first post award site investigation performed. Pre-bid site investigation is not done, or at most visually during the short single site visit. Please clarify?

Government's Response: Follow Up Site Investigation will be the first post award site investigation.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 7.0 Meetings states that Contractor to host meetings at a venue off site. Please confirm this is for all design and construction meetings? Please clarify what meetings can be on site and what needs to be off site?

Government's Response: Offsite meetings are only required during the design phase, meetings can be held onsite during construction.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 7.4.3 Value Engineering. Please clarify what VE meetings and actions are required on this lump sum competitive bid?

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Government's Response: The contractor is required to include costs to conduct a minimum of 2 value engineering meetings with the Government.

Offeror's Question: Section C, 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, CLIN 0001 includes the seawall, but CLIN 0003 states imported rip rap / rocks for the seawall should be here. Please confirm all material for the seawall is to be in base CLIN 0001?

Government's Response: Rip rap for the seawall should be included in CLIN 0001.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, F20 HAZMAT Abatement states it is the DBT responsibility to test and properly abate hazardous items. Since no HAZMAT quantities are provided to price, please confirm that only survey and testing is part of the project scope and abatement will be a changed site condition (change order) once scope is determined after award?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Only survey and testing is part of the project scope and abatement will be a differing site condition and a change order will be issued if found once scope is determined after award.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, G10. Please confirm wetlands shall be part of the project Environmental Assessment?

Government's Response: The EA is complete and part of the support documents. The wetlands were included.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, H50. Please confirm lightning protection is required on the new main floating pier, trestle and gangway?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Lighting protection is required on the new main floating pier, trestle and gangway.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, G3030. Please confirm the DBT is to do a post installation TV inspection of stormwater system? Please confirm if any existing damage is observed, this will be a changed site condition (change order) if repairs are required?

Government's Response: A post installation TV inspection is required to ensure the final product is working and free of any damage or blockages. However, should the contractor plan to reuse the existing stormwater system, that is a risk the contractor is taking on, and the Government would NOT pay for that as a changed site condition.

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Offeror's Question: Section C and Section F both provide Deliveries of Performance tables. Which one should we use for schedule and pricing purposes?

Government's Response: Use Section F SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES tables for schedule and pricing purposes. Section F incorporated your contractual deliverables as well as the technical deliverables identified in Section C.

Offeror's Question: Section G.8 and G.9 and G.10 do not mention the use of a cost loaded schedule for monthly payment applications. Please confirm the project schedule does not need to be cost loaded?

Government's Response: The schedule is required to be cost loaded.

Offeror's Question: Section G.15 provides the Order of Precedence and G15.2.1 and G15.2.2 seems to overlap the same documents. Please clarify?

Government's Response: G.15.2.1 speaks to Standard Clauses of the contract which are the Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses. G.15.2.2 speaks to Supplemental which are the Commerce Acquisition Regulations and the NOAA Acquisition Manual clauses and provisions.

Offeror's Question: Section H.10 - please confirm Contractor is to provide builders risk insurance and general liability insurance?

Government's Response: As per H.10.1.2 and H.10.1.6, general liability insurance and builder's risk insurance are both required to be provided by the Contractor.

Offeror's Question: Section H.38.1 states that temporary buildings placed on site need to be approved by the COR. Please confirm we are allowed to have construction trailers on site to manage the construction?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Contractor's are allowed to have construction trailers on site to manage the construction. These trailers will need to be approved by the COR.

Offeror's Question: Section K Representation, Certifications. Please confirm we just need to provide what is included in this section K for Reps and Certs in the proposal?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Contractor is to provide all Section K Representations and Certifications. Contractor may also download this information from SAM.gov.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 1.C.3.a states BIM required. But other RFP sections say it is not. Please clarify?

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Government's Response: BIM is not required, the concept narrative is incorrect.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 2.B.7 states revised parking. Are we to include parking in the scope and pricing including asphalt paving, curb & gutter, striping, signage or is this under a separate contract?

Government's Response: All design scopes required in this solicitation (and applicable attachments) are to be completed by the Awardee, as part of the 100% Design submittal and acceptance (CLIN 0001). The only construction work not included in this contract is the forming and pouring of curb and gutter, the finaling paving, and the striping. This work will be by others and will require coordination with the selected contractors. All other work including base, grading, compaction, resilient curbing ,and signage is part of this contract.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 2.B.16 Executive Order - Energy Considerations. Please provide a defined direction on what scope from the EO is to be included in this proposal such as PV Solar? Define the required PV solar scope in order to design and price?

Government's Response: Only include items within the CLINS 0001-0006. to include four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots The other considerations are not part of this scope.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3 states to refurbish and modernize the existing Pier Romeo sign. Please provide a scope for this work in order to design and price?

Government's Response: The Government is requesting the DBT Contractor comply with the requirements outlined in the solicitation. The means and methods are to be proposed by the DBT.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3 states we are responsible for all fees for permitting and costs associated with the dewatering activities. For bidding purposes confirm we should assume the dewatering does not contain any contamination since this cannot be quantified until during construction and this will be handled as a changed site condition if encountered?

Government's Response: Base the decision on the information provided in the Hazardous Material Survey and Sampling Report.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3 states if a Phase 1 ESA is completed for this site prior to final design, provide a Certified Environmental Professional (CEP). Please clarify if one is required, who is doing, and should we include the cost for a CEP?

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Government's Response: NOAA has conducted the EA and it is included in the support documents. If contaminated soils are found onsite, the contractor will be required to provide Certified Environmental Professional (CEP) to be onsite during excavation activities.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.H Revised Parking. Section states exiting parking lot is to be reconstructed... Other RFP sections states the construction of the asphalt paving and curb and sidewalks are under a separate contract. Are we to include the parking lot construction in this scope/price?

Government's Response: All design scopes required in this solicitation (and applicable attachments) are to be completed by the Awardee, as part of the 100% Design submittal and acceptance (CLIN 0001). The only construction work not included in this contract is the forming and pouring of curb and gutter, the finaling paving, and the striping. This work will be by others and will require coordination with the selected contractors. All other work including base, grading, compaction, resilient curbing, and signage is part of this contract.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.H states new resilient curbing along the east and west sides of the site and require foundation similar to the retaining wall design for wave loading. Please clarify this scope since nothing is provided including the height of these high curbs, materials, etc.

Government's Response: Refer to drawing C-113, keynotes 1 and 18.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.I states to provide two trash pumps with self contained fuel tanks. Please provide details for the pumps, are they portable, size of fuel tanks, etc.

Government's Response: The DBT is to provide a design that meets the Government's requirements.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.I states to rework existing site drainage. For pricing purposes, please confirm we should assume the existing site drainage to remain are in good working condition?

Government's Response: The utilities need to provide the Government with a 50 year life. The DBT will determine that in their design and construction.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.N Living Shoreline. Please confirm the inland planted maritime forest is to be included in this Optional CLIN 0006?

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Government's Response: Confirmed. CLIN 0006 is a living shoreline based on the conceptual design drawings and narrative.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3.0 Jib Crane Optional Pricing. There is no CLIN pricing line item for the Jib Crane. Should this cost be included in Optional CLIN 0002 Main Floating Pier Construction?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Include the Jib Crane in CLIN 0002.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the Sea Level Rise of 2.5 feet must be added to the minimum elevation of the bottom of the lowest supporting horizontal member elevation listed in ASCE 24, Table 4-1 (i.e. BFE + Freeboard + sea level rise).

Government's Response: Typically, Sea Level Rise must be added. However, in some cases, the worst case scenario is not adding Sea Level Rise such as grounding of the lowest member during lowest design times, then Sea Level Rise must not be added. The design shall be based on the worst case scenario.

Offeror's Question: Please provide the listed NOAA Office of the Chief Information Officer Facility IT Standards Guide?

Government's Response: Document has been included in the support documents.

Offeror's Question: The CLINs are intermingled where one will not function without the other. For instance, CLIN 0002 Main Floating Pier utilities will not work without exercising CLIN 0003 and CLIN 0004 since the utilities are included in CLIN 0003 and 0004. Please clarify how you plan to award this project?

Government's Response: For CLINS 0004 and 0005 the utilities to those structures would be included in CLIN 0003 and if the Government did not exercise CLIN 0005, the floating dock, NOAA would still want the utility conduit and piping installed for future installation. The conduit and piping would just dead end on the main pier. CLIN 0005 would include the small vessel floating pier (complete with fenders, bollards, dive ladder, etcetera, and its associated piles and access gangway and the final run of utilities to support its operation on the small vessel floating pier.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, G1030 states that Contractor is responsible for removing and bringing on site any required fill due to unsuitable soils. Since the RFP does not identify any locations or quantities for unsuitable soils, please confirm we do not own any unsuitable soils and if encountered after award, these will be handled as a changed site condition (change order)?

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Government's Response: Please refer to the geotechnical report for information about soils.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, G10. Please confirm a geotechnical engineer is to be retained by the Contractor to perform any required landside and over water geotechnical services for design?

Government's Response: Yes - Contractor is responsible for verifying the geotechnical over the water and on the landside. Any boring/testing required to develop and verify existing geotechnical data is to be included in the project.

Offeror's Question: Appendix A - Engineering Systems Requirements, F10 Pre-engineered Metal Building. Please confirm the shape/layout of the warehouse on the RFP drawings, the mezzanine, and corrosive resistant steel is prescriptive and project requirements?

Government's Response: The shape, layout and location are concepts in nature. The criteria for the warehouse is identified in the concept document narrative. Corrosive resistant steel is required due to the salt environment.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that all private utility costs and fees including meters are to be covered by the Contractor, including Dominion and North Charleston Water and Sewer? Has the Government been in contact with local utility providers and if so, please provide status information?

Government's Response: Electrical is shown in the concept documents to be primarily metered from the street. Contractor to contact and coordinate with the utility providers as part of the final design for the project. The water and electrical companies are aware of the project. Refer to the concept narrative for additional information.

Offeror's Question: Section F.2 states to complete the entire work 821 days from NTP. Please clarify if the 821 days is to substantial completion or to final completion?

Government's Response: The 821 days is to substantial completion.

Offeror's Question: Section H.17 states liquidated damages begin the day after substantial completion. If the period of performance is 821 days from NTP to final completion, then shouldn't LDs begin at the final completion date and not the substantial completion date?

Government's Response: The period of performance is 821 from NTP to substantial completion. The LDs begin at the substantial completion date.

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Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 3 states new voice/data service entry point for the site will be located in the warehouse from a utility point located along South Hobson Avenue. Provide this point in order to design and price?

Government's Response: A telephone pedestal is located near the project site on S. Hobson. Contractor to verify exact connection point and connection requirements with local utility company.

Offeror's Question: Part 2 - Project Program, Section 1 xv. Please confirm the contractor must include all costs and fees of the local utility companies. This can be difficult to obtain during conceptual design during bid. Please consider providing an allowance for us to carry for all local utility company costs?

Government's Response: Confirmed. All costs are to be included in the proposal. No allowances will be made.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm that facade breakaway panels are required for the warehouse in accordance with ASCE 24-14 since project is in the flood Zone AE and the structure is subjected to waves, and since Item 3.5 in the Coastal Engineering Analysis Report indicates that the project is in a FEMA flood zone?

Government's Response: Breakaway panels are not required. The IT Room and Distribution Room would need to be located on the mezzanine areas above the flood level.

Offeror's Question: The design life is 50 years, and Cathodic protection is required, read UFC 3-570-01. The cathodic protection system will depend on the design and is the responsibility of the DBT.

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006. The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 5.A.6. Confirm optional aluminum gangway for small floating dock to main floating pier shall be included in Optional CLIN 0005 - Small Vessel Floating Dock pricing? If not, where?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Optional Aluminum gangway for small floating dock to main floating pier shall be included in Optional CLIN 0005 - Small Vessel Floating Dock pricing.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 5 A.8 states an option for a 4 ft x 12 ft platform for submersible craft. There is no basis of design provided in the RFP. For design

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and bidding purposes, please provide scope details of materials and location, and what CLIN to include this option pricing?

Government's Response: It is the DBT's responsibility to design the structure, the required information has been provided in the concept narrative , Section 5.8.e.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 5 A.11 states an option for resilient curbing approximately 500 ft along portions of the east and west property boundaries. There is no basis of design for these curbs provided in the RFP. For design and bidding purposes, please provide scope details of materials, height and location, and what CLIN to include this option pricing?

Government's Response: New resilient curbing shall provide flooding protection from sea level rise and high tides. There is no standard plan or detail for the retaining wall. The resilient curbing shall be cast-in-place cantilever concrete retaining wall designed per SCDOT Bridge Design Manual (referenced in Section 5.B Table 7).

Offeror's Question: The RFP does not mention anything about brows for access to the ships. Please confirm there are no brows or access equipment for the ships?

Government's Response: No Brows are required.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 5.K.2 states the following corrosion guidelines are for California DOT. Please correct and provide for SC DOT?

Government's Response: The corrosion guideline rates are for unprotected steel. Corrosion rate is for steel in general.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 10.B Electrical System states electrical underground primary service to be extended for Dominion Energy service point near Pier November. This is a very long distance. For bidding purposes please provide exact location?

Government's Response: No longer from Pier November. Feeders to be from a service point on S. Hobson Street. Final service pole and meter location to be coordinated with Dominion Electric.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 10.B Electrical System states electrical underground primary service to be extended for Dominion Energy service point near Pier November. This is a very long distance. Please confirm these new two 24 kv feeders are by Dominion or by the Contractor?

Government's Response: Feeders are to be provided by the Contractor.

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Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 10.D states the substations shall be installed on a raised platform above the 100-year flood plain. Should this be 2 ft above the 100-year flood plain? Provide the raised elevation for the substation platform? Provide location on site?

Government's Response: The warehouse, generator and substation platforms are to be built to withstand Category 4 winds. The generator and substation platforms are to be above the 100 year floodplain per the narrative.

Offeror's Question: Do exterior bollards need to be epoxy coated or galvanized coated?

Government's Response: Either is acceptable.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 10.E states the emergency generator shall be installed on a raised platform above the 100-year flood plain. Should this be 2 ft above the 100-year flood plain? Provide the raised elevation for the generator platform? Provide location on site?

Government's Response: The warehouse, generator and substation platforms are to be built to withstand Category 4 winds. The generator and substation platforms are to be above the 100 year floodplain per the narrative.

Offeror's Question: Section H.36 states the Government has the right to review and approve subcontractors and the right to reject subcontractors, and that the Contractor is not eligible for an adjustment to time or money. This is unreasonable on a lump sum fixed fee bid. If the Contractor is forced to go with another subcontractor, we will be subject to increased costs and potential schedule delays. Please omit this section from the RFP. If not, please provide us a list of subcontractors the Government will not subcontract with so we are privy to this information prior to bidding.

Government's Response: The Contractor shall adhere to Section H.36 in the solicitation.

Offeror's Question: Page 33-34 F. SITE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND REMEDIATION. Please clarify the environmental testing and remediation required.

Government's Response: NOAA has provided the contractor with a Hazardous Material Survey and Sampling Report dated June 4, 2021 and direction within the RFP in section F. The contractor is required to provide a checklist and plan to perform additional environmental testing and sampling required to complete the design and construction

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of the facility.

Offeror's Question: Page 34, please identify the location and quantity of contaminated material.

Government's Response: NOAA has provided the contractor with a Hazardous Material Survey and Sampling Report dated June 4, 2021 and direction within the RFP of section F. The contractor is required to provide a checklist and plan to perform additional environmental testing and sampling required to complete the design and construction of the facility. Exact quantities will depend on the contractor's design and means and methods.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 14 A.2 states to provide an Option to include a 5 year full parts and labor warranty for equipment within the facility. There is no Option provided for this? There is no specific equipment listed - is this just for warehouse? Subcontractors have mentioned vendors are not willing to provide a full 5 year warranty. Please provide clarifications or delete from Section 14 - Warranty?

Government's Response: Per Section 14 Warranty of the Design Narrative, the contractor is to provide a full parts and labor warranty for the first year for the facility, including the warehouse. That is all that needs to be included in this RFP proposal. If the Government desires to pursue an option to extend that period to 5 years it would be discussed with the selected DBT and be captured within a Change Order.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations. This section states "the following items to be considered during design phase and possible construction for the project. For bidding purposes, the Government needs to define what items they want to be included and not just considered. Stating "consider" and "possible" is not a direction on a lump sum competitive bid. Please define what scope items listed in this section that should be included in our design-build scope and price?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, B. Warehouse Energy Considerations lists 16 items to be considered in our design-build scope and price including renewable energy. For bidding purposes, please provide a definitive list of what items should be included in our design-build price?

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Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope..

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, B. Warehouse Energy Considerations lists 16 items to be considered in our design-build scope and price including renewable energy. For bidding purposes, should we include item 4.a. Renewable Energy? If so, please provide a definitive scope of what scope is to be provided? Just stating renewable energy is too broad and needs to be defined for pricing.

Government's Response: The design life is 50 years and Cathodic protection is required in UFC 3-570-01. The cathodic protection system is dependent on the design and is the responsibility of the DBT.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, B. Warehouse, B.1 states a battery-powered electric forklift "could" be utilized..... For pricing purposes, should we include power requirements for charging an electric forklift? If so, provide specification on forklift charging requirements?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, B.12. Floodproofing. States warehouse "could" be designed with floodproof barriers to comply with National Flood Insurance Program standards. For pricing purposes please confirm with we are to include flood barriers and if so, provide the requirements to comply with National Flood Insurance Program?

Government's Response: Flood Barriers are not required.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, B.14. For pricing purposes, please confirm if the Government wants occupant shower facilities since it is listed as "could" provide? This would take way from interior square footage or add to the overall building square footage.

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

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Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, C. Site Energy Considerations, item 1. Carport Solar Structures states covered parking with solar panels is a "possible solution" to offset the carbon footprint of the facility. This is a statement and not a definitive scope direction and without any scope parameters so we cannot price until such direction is provided. For bidding purposes, please provide direction if we are to provide carport solar structures, and if so, please provide the quantity to provide?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, C. Site Energy Considerations, item 2. EV Stations. Please confirm we are to provide the four EV stations and that the cost is to be included in the Optional CLIN 0003?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, C. Site Energy Considerations, Items 1 through 6. If any of these items are to be included in our scope of work, please confirm these costs are to be included in the Optional CLIN 0003?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: Part 4 - Project Specific Requirements, Section 15 Energy Considerations, C. Site Energy Considerations, item 5. Please clarify/define the scope intent of "could leverage ecological lighting systems on the pier and other water side demarcation requirements"? Please confirm is this is to be included in our bid pricing?

Government's Response: The information is laid out in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

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Offeror's Question: Due to the amount of RFIs required to clarify the scope for this project, please consider adding 3 weeks after all RFIs responses are provided in Amendments to the project proposal due date?

Government's Response: As per Amendment 0003, Effective date March 1, 2023, proposals are due April 18, 2023.

Offeror's Question: Part 4, G4010010 Cathodic Protection. Are we to include and if so please provide details?

Government's Response: The design life is 50 years and Cathodic protection is required per UFC 3-570-01. The cathodic protection system is dependent on the design and is the responsibility of the Designer.

Offeror's Question: If the Government has started any of the permits, please provide status of any environmental permits?

Government's Response: The Government is obtaining the USACE 401/404 permit as well as the SCDHEC permit and that process started many months ago. The contractor is responsible to obtain and manage the NPDES permit, as well as any permits required for the disposal of construction debris (including demolished structures) and onsite soils. The contractor is also responsible for following the requirements and guidelines provided within USACE and SCDHEC permits as well as the NOAA NMFS requirements. A copy of current documentation packages will be provided in a future amendment.

Offeror's Question: Please provide any Pier Romeo as-builts needed for pricing the demolition of the existing pier?

Government's Response: Pier Romeo as-builts were provided in Amendment 0001.

Offeror's Question: Can we get the CAD version of the RFP bridging drawings now for bid design purposes?

Government's Response: No. A CAD version of the RFP bridging drawings are not available.

Offeror's Question: The Geotechnical Report does not provide any building foundation, paving, site utility foundation recommendations? Please provide.

Government's Response: The designer will make the decision on the foundation type for all structures involved on this project including the warehouse. The factors that impact the decision include but are not limited to: Anticipated loads on columns, slab, and walls; column spacing; allowable differential settlement; design flood

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elevation and risk of foundation uplift; seismic risk category of each structure; seismic bearing capacity; seismic site class; liquefaction potential surface manifestation due to liquefaction; and post liquefaction settlement of foundations.

Offeror's Question: Section 16 Room Requirements, Other/Special Requirements states marine coating on all exposed surfaces. Please define this scope? Does it mean galvanized metal deck still needs to have an epoxy coating? Can steel that is concealed in walls just be primed and no epoxy coating required?

Government's Response: Marine coatings not required on steel that is not directly exposed.

Offeror's Question: Section 16 Room Requirements, Other/Special Requirements states Hurricane Category 4 wind rating construction. Please clarify this is for the Warehouse, typically this is for the pier?

Government's Response: The warehouse shall be designed for wind requirements per UFC 3-301-01 which utilizes ASCE 7-16.

Offeror's Question: Section 17 Engineering System Specifications is just an outline with no content. Please clarify?

Government's Response: This section lists the UFGS sections, which are also listed in the SOW.

Offeror's Question: Solicitation Section I.1 FAR 52.252-1 Clauses Incorporated By Reference lists NOAA Acquisition Manual (NAM). We are not able to access this document via the link provided. Please provide this document.

Government's Response: NOAA Acquisition Manual (NAM) provided in Section J, J.8 NOAA Acquisition Manual, Acquisition Policy (Master Copy), Version 2023.1 (2023).

Offeror's Question: Solicitation Section J.5 PROPOSAL TEMPLATE says, "Attached via paperclip on the left of this PDF File". The attachment is not included, please provide.

Government's Response: The Proposal Template is attached to the proposal via paperclip. The proposal must be downloaded and the Proposal Template is attached on the left.

Offeror's Question: RFP has slab loading requirements for forklift loading "to support forklifts carrying up to 3,000lb". Are these loading requirements limited to the floor area directly inside of the overhead door only? Or will a forklift be accessible throughout. Please define the type, weight, size of forklift being used inside

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the facility, (electric or gas). Will the forklift be stored within the warehouse or at the main building?

Government's Response: Forklift is to have access throughout the building. Forklift is to be electric and stored in the warehouse.

Offeror's Question: Please define who is responsible to supply and install any equipment, furniture, and shelving shown on the plans. All Government furnished and installed? If required by the contractor, please provide requirements.

Government's Response: All furniture is to be provided by the Government. The storage racks and all other are to be provided by the Contractor.

Offeror's Question: Is the freezer shown on the concept plan considered equipment, and furnished (and installed) by the contractor or Government? Please provide the requirements for the freezer.

Government's Response: The freezer is to be supplied and installed by the Contractor.

Offeror's Question: Please define what is being stored in the mezzanine, or provide a loading or structural requirements for the floor system.

Government's Response: Refer to Concept Narrative Section 6.B for load rating requirements.

Offeror's Question: Solicitation Section C Description/Specifications /Work Statement, part H10 WATERFRONT STRUCTURES and H50 WATERFRONT UTILITIES state to provide compressed air. Compressed air is not listed in the Concept Narrative. Please confirm if compressed air is required for this project.

Government's Response: Compressed air is not required.

Offeror's Question: Concept Narrative Section 8.E.3 states package lift station to be sized to handle 150 gpm inflow from vessel pump. Please confirm this is the maximum inflow for the entire pump station system and not per vessel.

Government's Response: Final sizing of the lift station is to be performed by the design engineer. 150 gpm is from the vessel sanitary pumps.

Offeror's Question: Heat trace is not typically required in this region for pier plumbing piping greater than 1". Please confirm whether heat trace or an alternative method to prevent freezing is required on pier plumbing lines greater than 1".

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Government's Response: Heat Trace is required.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-113, note 13 calls for a 3/4" domestic water line to the small boat dock. Concept Narrative Section 8.C.2 calls for a 2" water line to the small boat dock. Please clarify waterline requirement to small boat dock.

Government's Response: 3/4" domestic water line is required with hose bib.

Offeror's Question: Please define the hazard classification for the warehouse. Or please define what will be stored in the warehouse? Will any hazardous, combustible, flammable, explosive, corrosive, and/or anything toxic be stored within this facility that would create a high-hazard occupancy and specialty systems?

Government's Response: No HAZMAT materials will be stored in the warehouse.

Offeror's Question: Is the warehouse required to be fully-sprinklered?

Government's Response: The warehouse is required to be sprinklered per NFPA and UFC.

Offeror's Question: RFP Part 2.0 Base Proposal and Proposal Options, Optional CLIN 0004: Warehouse Construction: "9. The open office area will house 4 cubicles and will require power and 4 Ethernet LAN cables and a wall junction box cabled to the IT room" Please clarify the telecom/data and networking requirements for the warehouse. No offices or cubicles are shown on the plan.

Government's Response: "The cubicle area requires outlet ports to be non-keyed, 8-pin, 8P8C, RJ-45 modular ports. Each outlet will have a minimum of four (4) ports; one (1) for voice, one (1) for data and two (2) spares".

Offeror's Question: Appendix A Part D50 ELECTRICAL requires "Backup generator for the pier lighting/emergency services and onsite warehouse." Please define if all building systems - HVAC, lighting, IT, life safety, etc. are to be powered by the generator. If IT systems are powered off generator, please define if the UPS system indicated in Part 2 of the RFP is required as well.

Government's Response: All items are to be powered off the backup generator and UPS.

Offeror's Question: Floor Plan A100 shows two toilet rooms. Given the expected low occupancy of a storage warehouse, please confirm separate men and women's toilet facilities (2 rooms) are required.

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Government's Response: Two restrooms are to be provided.

Offeror's Question: C-110 Site Plan indicates "covered parking area w/ roof mounted solar panels". Please define the requirements for the covered parking structure.

Government's Response: The information is provided in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006, The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: C-112 Site Utility Plan: Plan indicates a 6" building water service to the warehouse. Is there a reason why such a large service is required? Demand in that building for 2 toilet rooms and sprinklers would be much smaller.

Government's Response: The warehouse building domestic water main sizing is for reference. Final sizing to be determined by the DOR.

Offeror's Question: C-112 Site Utility Plan: Plan indicates an oil/water separator. Is this connected to the exterior trench drain outside of the warehouse? Please provide the design requirements and sizing for the oil/water separator.

Government's Response: The design is the responsibility of the DBT. The intent for an oil/water separator or separators to be installed is to ensure oil or other contaminants, from the roadway and parking lot, are not washed into the river without first going through an oil/water separator.

Offeror's Question: Section 7.9 of the Concept narrative states the condensing units for the freezer is to be located on the flat roof area. Can the freezer condensing unit be surface mounted on top of the walk-in freezer as opposed to roof mounted?

Government's Response: Yes, if configured properly and acceptable maintenance clearance is provided.

Offeror's Question: Section 10 paragraph C.d states to provide two (2) 800A breakers, however, I.1 states that the pier is to be provided with two (2) 1600A services. Please confirm that the substations should be provided with 1600A breakers, not 800A breakers.

Government's Response: The substations should be provided with 1600-amp breakers.

Offeror's Question: Please provide MIL standard for receptacle configurations that are to be installed at pier.

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Government's Response: Receptacles shall be in accordance with MIL-C-24368/2B type.

Offeror's Question: As-Built drawings provided in Hazmat Summary appedix D: by Collins Engineers Inc. drawings 3,4,5 dated May 2005; Amendment 0001 As-Built: by Century Southern Engineers drawings S1, S12-21, and S32-33 dated 1882-88. Please provide Century Southern drawings S2-11, S22-31 and any additional Collins Engineers drawings available.

Government's Response: All drawings available have been provided.

Offeror's Question: Can the Construction QC manager position and implementation of the QC Program be provided by a subcontracted 3rd party consultant firm that meets the qualifications of RFP?

Government's Response: Yes, the Construction QC manager position and implementation of the QC Program may be provided by a subcontracted third party consultant firm that meets the qualification of the RFP.

Offeror's Question: As part of the Factor 4 Contractor Past Performance evaluation PPQs are required to be submitted through Google Form. In the past on some our NAVFAC projects, the offerors were allowed to submit previously filled out PPQ's in an effort to keep from having the POC fill them out multiple times for different pursuits. This is also due to people move around a lot to different assignments and some might even retire right after projects are completed. Would NOAA consider allowing a hard copy submission of past PPQ's that have been executed and previously submitted by another Federal Agency such as NAVFAC? All records of CPARS and PPQ's are available on the Past Performance Information Retrieval System for verification.

Government's Response: A hard copy submission via email to the Contract Specialist diana.pickel@noaa.gov and the Contracting Officer Ronette.McBean-Felder@noaa.gov is acceptable. The PPQ must be submitted prior to the proposal response date/time. Information submitted must comply with L.9.2.5 FACTOR 4: CONTRACTOR PAST PERFORMANCE.

Offeror's Question: We are assuming that future maintenance on the Floating Dock in a drydock facility will be done at a local facility in Charleston, SC and will not require any ocean towing outside of inland waters. Please confirm this assumption or advise of design criteria for offshore towing.

Government's Response: Confirmed. The Government's planned maintenance will be done locally and the floating pier will need to be supported by local drydock facilities.

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Offeror's Question: Section K.3 of the RFP on page 130 establish the small business size standard of \$ 39.5M per NAICS 237990. However, the SBA identifies the SBE Threshold as \$45M for heavy and civil engineering construction. Please confirm the small business size standard for the contract.

Government's Response: Confirmed. NAICS 237990 Small Business size standard is \$45M.

Offeror's Question: "In Section 5, Paragraph C.6.a of the concept narrative, it is stated that the floating pier shall have 4 feet of freeboard. Does this apply to a fully loaded or unloaded condition?"

Government's Response: The floating pier shall have 4 feet of freeboard fully loaded.

Offeror's Question: "Section 5, Paragraph K.2 of the concept narrative provides corrosion guidelines per year. Please clarify if these rates are for protected or unprotected steel. Also please clarify if these rates apply to both the barge and the anchor piles."

Government's Response: The corrosion guideline rates are for unprotected steel. Corrosion rate is for steel in general.

Offeror's Question: "Should the design of a steel barge conform to the latest requirements of the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)?"

Government's Response: All requirements are provided in the RFP.

Offeror's Question: "Please clarify the proposed dredge elevation. Sheet C-114 of the concept drawings shows two different dredge elevations for the high water (-28.14') and low water (-27.96') conditions. Add the conflicting elevations."

Government's Response: Dredging is not part of this contract.

Offeror's Question: Please provide the above water profile of the design vessel for wind loading.

Government's Response: Refer to the concept calculations.

Offeror's Question: Coastal Engineering Analysis Report states that the wave loading for the wall was computed using the Goda formula (Section 3.3.2), Goda formula provides a linear pressure distribution ,however Table 11 shows the wave loading as concentration force per linear footage of wall. please confirm is the force indicated is the resultant load and if so, at what elevation are these forces to be applied?

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Government's Response: Wave Loading and Hydrostatic Loading are provided in Table 11 of the Coastal Study Report. These forces are the resultant forces per linear foot of wall. The elevation of these forces was not published as part of the 15% design. Calculations are provided in Appendix B of the Coastal Study Report.

Offeror's Question: Amendment 001 issued on Feb 06, 2023 extend the proposal due date to March 16, 2023. The 2-week extension remains inadequate for the Design-Build team to put together a sufficient design and accurate estimate for this project. Given the costs and resources required to pursue design-build projects, in order to fully commit the resources we need to be sure there will be adequate time for us to complete the proposal properly, so we ask that further time extensions happen soon and not incrementally. Contractor is kindly requesting an additional 60 days extension.

Government's Response: Amendment 0003 extended the proposal due date to April 18, 2023.

Offeror's Question: Please provide, if any, Installation Design Guide for organization with authority for this location: NOAA, FLETC Charleston or Coast Guard.

Government's Response: All guidance provided within the RFP and supporting documents.

Offeror's Question: What type of flood protection will be required.

Government's Response: All guidance provided within the RFP and supporting documents.

Offeror's Question: Please provide information for any ATEP requirements for the building.

Government's Response: All guidance provided within the RFP and supporting documents.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm shelving/pallet racks are purchased with the FF&E in separate contract.

Government's Response: All shelving/pallet racks are to be included in this contract.

Offeror's Question: In the warehouse can metal stud partitions be used in lieu of timber?

Government's Response: No. Metal stud partitions cannot be used in lieu of timber.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm freezers are purchased with the FF&E in separate contracts.

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Government's Response: The freezer is to be included in this contract.

Offeror's Question: Concept Narrative. Part 4. Project Specific Requirements. Section 5. Marine Infrastructure. R. Optional Living Shoreline: Please clarify where the Maritime Forest is anticipated to be located and specifically what is the area calculation in length and width. This information is required to select the trees and provide the proper spacing.

Government's Response: The information for the living shoreline is provided in the SOW, design concept narrative, and design concept plan sheets.

Offeror's Question: The AECOM 15% pile design calculations were based on a factor of safety of 2.0 against ultimate loading. UFC 3-220-02 criteria requires a minimum FS = 2.5 even when PDA testing is performed to verify capacities. Will NOAA reduce the factor of safety from 2.5 to 2.0 for this project?

Government's Response: UFC 3-220-02 is superseded by UFC 3-330-01. However, UFC 3-220-01 notes a FS of 2.25 is required where PDA is used, in Table 2.3. The estimated compressive pile capacities by AECOM accounted for reduction due to liquefaction induced negative down drag, which is considered an unusual/extreme event. USACE EM 1110-2-2906 Section 4.2.c recommends compression capacity FOS of 1.9 and 1.4 for unusual and extreme conditions, respectively, verified by PDA. AECOM had performed pile capacity estimation using USACE EM 1110-2-2906 and had conservatively assumed an FOS of 2.0 for compressive capacities.

Offeror's Question: The AECOM 15% pile design calculations did not take into consideration the presence of liquefiable sands present beneath the site, which will have an impact on the negative drag on the piles during a seismic event. Wanted to confirm that the effects of site liquefaction should be considered in the pile design.

Government's Response: To be determined during design by the DBT. The Government did consider liquefaction for the 15% Concept pile analysis.

Offeror's Question: Is there a preferred minimum finished floor grade of the warehouse from a flood perspective?

Government's Response: The exact height to be determined during design by the DBT. The Government is requesting above the flood plan.

Offeror's Question: RFP/SOW page 16, CLIN 001 1.b.5 states "...final asphalt paving, and final parking lot and roadway striping construction will be solicited and performed as a separate

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construction contract. The DBT shall prepare and provide a separate set of plans, specifications, and proposal documents to NOAA for this work in order to allow NOAA to solicit and support this specific scope of work." In the event that NOAA decides to utilize the DBT's design documents in its solicitation of bids to perform the subject work, what are NOAA's intentions with regard to a contractual mechanism between the DBT "Designer" and NOAA and what are NOAA's expectations in terms of scope of work required by the DBT Designer to support NOAA's separate procurement of this scope of work?

Government's Response: All design scopes required in this solicitation (and applicable attachments) are to be completed by the Awardee, as part of the 100% Design submittal and acceptance (CLIN 0001). The only construction work not included in this contract is the forming and pouring of curb and gutter, the finaling paving, and the striping. This work will be by others and will require coordination with the selected contractors. All other work including base, grading, compaction, resilient curbing, and signage is part of this contract.

Offeror's Question: Will the CLIN's be awarded in consecutive order (1 then 2 then 3...), or may any of the Optional CLIN's be awarded in any order (Skip 1, award 2, skip 3, award 4...)?

Government's Response: At time of award, CLIN 0001 will be awarded. Optional CLINs may or may not be awarded in consecutive order.

Offeror's Question: The description of CLIN 0004: Warehouse, Item 7 advised that The IT Room and Office Areas are to be air conditioned. During the site visit, the design brief stated that all enclosed small rooms were to be conditioned with only the large warehouse storage area to be ventilated with fans. Please confirm the areas to be air conditioned and the areas to just be ventilated.

Government's Response: The officer areas, freezer room, restrooms, and IT rooms are to be air conditioned.

Offeror's Question: During the design brief a statement was made that the warehouse structure was to be epoxy coated and all doors and windows are to be either aluminum or fiberglass. We could not confirm this in the solicitation. Please confirm the exact nature of the corrosion prevention measures to be included in the design and subsequent construction.

Government's Response: Refer to Concept Narrative Section 6 Items E and F.

Offeror's Question: FAR 52.216-2 has been incorporated which references an undefined Schedule. Please confirm this is in reference to the Schedule of Values Contractor provides in accordance with RFP Section G.8, pg. 83, or explain what is intended.

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Government's Response: No, FAR Clause 52.216-2 Economic Price Adjustment-Standard Supplies requires the Offeror to complete per the full text clause below. The Offeror shall include this information in their VOLUME TWO: BUSINESS/PRICE/OFFEROR INFORMATION

52.216-2 Economic Price Adjustment-Standard Supplies.

As prescribed in 16.203-4(a), insert the following clause:

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT-STANDARD SUPPLIES (Nov 2021)

(a) The Contractor warrants that the unit price stated in the Schedule for _____ [*offeror insert Schedule line item number*] is not in excess of the Contractor's applicable established price in effect on the contract date for like quantities of the same item. The term "unit price" excludes any part of the price directly resulting from requirements for preservation, packaging, or packing beyond standard commercial practice. The term "established price" means a price that-

(1) Is an established catalog or market price for a commercial product sold in substantial quantities to the general public; and

(2) Is the net price after applying any standard trade discounts offered by the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any applicable established price. Each corresponding contract unit price shall be decreased by the same percentage that the established price is decreased. The decrease shall apply to those items delivered on and after the effective date of the decrease in the Contractor's established price, and this contract shall be modified accordingly.

(c) If the Contractor's applicable established price is increased after the contract date, the corresponding contract unit price shall be increased, upon the Contractor's written request to the Contracting Officer, by the same percentage that the established price is increased, and the contract shall be modified accordingly, subject to the following limitations:

(1) The aggregate of the increases in any contract unit price under this clause shall not exceed 10 percent of the original contract unit price.

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- (2) The increased contract unit price shall be effective-
- (i) On the effective date of the increase in the applicable established price if the Contracting Officer receives the Contractor's written request within 10 days thereafter; or
 - (ii) If the written request is received later, on the date the Contracting Officer receives the request.
- (3) The increased contract unit price shall not apply to quantities scheduled under the contract for delivery before the effective date of the increased contract unit price, unless failure to deliver before that date results from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, within the meaning of the Default clause.
- (4) No modification increasing a contract unit price shall be executed under this paragraph (c) until the Contracting Officer verifies the increase in the applicable established price.
- (5) Within 30 days after receipt of the Contractor's written request, the Contracting Officer may cancel, without liability to either party, any undelivered portion of the contract items affected by the requested increase.
- (d) During the time allowed for the cancellation provided for in paragraph (c)(5) of this clause, and thereafter if there is no cancellation, the Contractor shall continue deliveries according to the contract delivery schedule, and the Government shall pay for such deliveries at the contract unit price, increased to the extent provided by paragraph (c) of this clause.

(End of clause)

Offeror's Question: FAR 52.215-2(c), states that the Government "shall have the right to examine and audit all of the Contractor's records" relating to the Project. Please confirm that Government shall have no right to inspect, audit, or reproduce any records or memoranda relating to Contractor's salaries, bonuses, overhead or profitability, or that are subject to a statutory or common-law privilege, or explain what is intended.

Government's Response: This requirement will be applicable if as outlined in FAR 52.215-2(c) "If the Contractor has been required to submit certified cost or pricing data in connection with any pricing action relating to this contract".

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Offeror's Question: FAR 52.236-11 states that the Government's early beneficial occupancy of all or part of the Work "shall not be deemed an acceptance of any work under the Contract." This is contrary to the industry standard. Please confirm that if the Government takes beneficial occupancy of the Work or any portion of the Work, such beneficial occupancy shall commence warranty obligations with respect to the occupied portion of the Work, or, if not, clarify what is intended.

Government's Response: FAR 52.236-11 stands as written. Please read the clause in its entirety as the term "early beneficial" does not appear in the clause.

Offeror's Question: RFP Section H.25, pg. 94, states the Government will equitably enforce on its other contractors the need to cooperate and not interfere with the Awarded Bidder. Please confirm that Prime Contractor will be entitled to seek an equitable adjustment to the Contract Price and/or Time to complete the Work for impacts from cooperation and/or interference or explain what is intended.

Government's Response: A request for equitable adjustment submitted in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Contract for Cost and/or Time to complete the work is always a right of the Contractor.

Offeror's Question: FAR 52.236-15(b) and RFP Section F.8.5, pg. 78, allows the Government to direct acceleration without compensation when the cause for critical path delay is by other than the Prime Contractor. Please confirm that the Parties will negotiate the compensable impacts of any directed or constructive acceleration of the Work except where due to Contractor non-compensable fault or explain what is intended.

Government's Response: FAR 52.236-15(b) and RFP Section F.8.5 both speak to maintenance of progress. If the Contractor falls behind schedule, the Contractor shall take steps necessary to improve its progress, including those that may be required by the Contracting Officer, without additional cost to the Government.

Offeror's Question: FAR 52.249-10(a) provides that the Government "may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work." Taking over the Prime Contractor's owned equipment is an extraordinary measure that violates a Bidder's corporate policy as well as existing covenants and enforceable agreements. Please confirm that under no circumstances shall the Government take possession of, or exercise control over, Prime Contractor's tools, construction equipment or machinery, or explain what is intended.

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Government's Response: The successful Offeror shall adhere to the requirements outlined in FAR Clause 52.249-10 Default (Fixed-Price Construction).

Offeror's Question: The RFP Documents are unclear on the discovery of existing HAZMAT. Please confirm that encountering unmarked or undisclosed Hazmat without Prime Contractor's fault or negligence shall be treated in accordance with FAR 52.236-2 or explain what is intended.

Government's Response: Encountering unmarked or undisclosed HAZMAT without Contractor's fault or negligence shall be treated in accordance with FAR 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions.

Offeror's Question: RFP Section H.36.2, pg. 97, prohibits impacts from substituting a subcontractor. This is contrary to the industry standard and places a significant amount of economic and logistical risk upon the Prime Contractor, especially given the SBE goals. Please confirm that Prime Contractor can seek an equitable adjustment to the Contract Price and/or Time for impacts from rejected subcontractors or explain what is intended.

Government's Response: The successful Offeror shall adhere to the requirements outlined in Section H.36 in the solicitation.

Offeror's Question: RFP/SOW page 16, CLIN 001 1.b.5 states "...final asphalt paving, and final parking lot and roadway striping construction will be solicited and performed as a separate construction contract. The DBT shall prepare and provide a separate set of plans, specifications, and proposal documents to NOAA for this work in order to allow NOAA to solicit and support this specific scope of work." In the event that NOAA decides to utilize the DBT's design documents in its solicitation of bids to perform the subject work, what are NOAA's intentions with regard to a contractual mechanism between the DBT "Designer" and NOAA and what are NOAA's expectations in terms of scope of work required by the DBT Designer to support NOAA's separate procurement of this scope of work?

In the event that an Option is not awarded, yet the design for the Option has been included in CLIN 0001, is it NOAA's intent to use the DBT's design documents in a future solicitation of bids to perform the Option work? If so, then please answer the same questions relative to the unawarded Options.

Government's Response: All design scopes required in this solicitation (and applicable attachments) are to be completed by the Awardee, as part of the 100% Design submittal and acceptance (CLIN 0001). The only construction work not included in this contract is the forming and pouring of curb and gutter, the finaling paving, and the striping. This work will be by others and will require coordination with the selected contractors. All other work including

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Offeror's Question: Offeror's Question: Please see RFP Section L9.2.4.3.2 pg. 149. Will the Offeror be required to submit the 25 slides before the oral presentation date/time? The L.9.2.1.4.1.2 is very prescriptive as to the information that is required for each project example as part of the oral presentation; as such, without NOAA collecting presentations ahead of time or evaluating after the presentation, how will compliance and scoring be determined?

Offeror's Question: Confirm whether the bi-weekly design review meetings are one and the same as the weekly project design and construction coordination meetings.

Government's Response: The bi-weekly project design review meetings are held during the design phase, once the design is complete and the project moves into the construction phase. The meetings it will transition to a weekly from a bi-weekly project meeting.

Offeror's Question: Please see RFP Section L9.2.4.3.2 pg. 149. Will the Offeror be required to submit the 25 slides before the oral presentation date/time? The L.9.2.1.4.1.2 is very prescriptive as to the information that is required for each project example as part of the oral presentation; as such, without NOAA collecting presentations ahead of time or evaluating after the presentation, how will compliance and scoring be determined?

There appears to be a disconnect between this question and the response from Amendment 0001 on page 19?

Government's Response: Correct, the following question and response published in Amendment 0001: "Offeror's Question: Please see RFP Section L9.2.4.3.2 pg. 149. Will the Offeror be required to submit the 25 slides before the oral presentation date/time? The L.9.2.1.4.1.2 is very prescriptive as to the information that is required for each project example as part of the oral presentation; as such, without NOAA collecting presentations ahead of time or evaluating after the presentation, how will compliance and scoring be determined? Government's Response: The bi-weekly project design review meetings are held during the design phase, once the design is complete and the project moves into the construction phase. The meetings it will transition to a weekly from a bi-weekly project meeting."

HAS BEEN UPDATED TO:

Government's Response: As per L.9.2.4.3.2 The 25 slides, if submitted with the oral presentations, WILL NOT BE EVALUATED for Technical Approach and Risk. In addition, the Offeror's written volumes WILL NOT BE EVALUATED for Technical Approach and Risk. (SUBFACTOR 1: Understanding Scope). Only the content of the oral

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presentation will be evaluated for Technical Approach and Risk (SUBFACTOR 1: Understanding Scope).

Offeror's Question: Could you please provide additional specifications for the 4,000 lb (2 ton) jib crane: required voltage, amount of lift, powered swing or push/manual swing and length of the pendant control.

Government's Response: All information has been provided within the RFP, please see the Design Concept Narrative Section 3.0. and reference the other associated requirements.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-102: Demolition note 1 states to remove all piles to 3' below dredging depth (of EL -25'). Amendment 0001 removed the dredging scope of work. Please confirm what elevation all piles shall be removed to since DBT is no longer performing the dredging scope of work.

Government's Response: The piles should still be removed to 3' below the mudline.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-102: Under what CLIN should demo of existing fencing (key note 5) be included? CLIN 001 includes marine demolition and states that all other demo is under CLIN 003, but CLIN 002 includes the new security fencing.

Government's Response: Include the demo of the existing fence in CLIN 0001.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-102: Demolition note 10 shows temporary perimeter fencing around the whole NOAA parking lot. In the pre-bid meeting it was said that DBT would only have half of the parking lot available for laydown. Does DBT only have half of the lot available for laydown and if so then is DBT required to temporary fence in the entire area shown on concept drawing C-102?

Government's Response: The DBT is required to provide temporary fencing for areas that the DBT removes existing fence and any areas that the DBT feel would be necessary to have temporary fencing to protect people and the site.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-102: What are the specifications & details for the key note 10 temporary perimeter security fencing?

Government's Response: Temporary fencing at a minimum must meet or exceed the existing fencing.

Offeror's Question: Concept Drawing C-111: Confirm all work shown on concept drawing sheet C-111 is only to be designed by DBT under CLIN 001 and not constructed by DBT.

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Government's Response: Negative. The only work not included is the final paving, forming and pouring the curb and gutter (not including the resilient curbing which is part of this contract) and the final striping.

Offeror's Question: Since DBT must coordinate with small business performing parking area paving & striping, how much time should DBT allow for coordination with small business perform that scope of work?

Government's Response: Coordination with subcontractors and other contractors is normal business. it is the responsibility of the DBT to include adequate time for this coordination.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm the number of parking spaces. Concept drawing C-111 shows 182 plus 8 handicap spaces and SOW page 19 paragraph 3.2.4 says a minimum of 214 spaces.

Government's Response: Offeror shall comply the following changes in Section C 3.0, 3.2, 4.:

Paved Parking with a minimum of 175 parking spots (striped), to include four (4) van accessible spots, four (4) non-van accessible handicap spots and four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots. Islands, curbs, and other hardscape elements to be configured as necessary to accommodate the parking requirements.

And Section C, G2020 PARKING LOTS:

Provide paved parking with a minimum of 175 parking spots (striped), to include four (4) van accessible spots, four (4) non-van accessible handicap spots and four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots. Islands, curbs, and other hardscape elements to be configured as necessary to accommodate the parking requirements. The design of pavements shall take into consideration H2O loadings over the life of the project (50 years) as well as the existing soil conditions at the site.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-113: Is construction of items in key notes 1, 2, & 18 to be included in CLIN 001 or 002?

Government's Response: These items are to be included in CLIN 0002.

Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-113: Is it NOAA's intent to have a sheet pile wall on the river side of the 30' x 100' ramp that connects the ramp (key item 2) to sea wall (key item 16)?

Government's Response: The seawall should tie into or butt up to the new ramp so there is not a gap to allow water to come through. The exact details are up to DBT.

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Offeror's Question: Concept drawing C-115: Typical sections A, B, C, and D are all cut at the same location. Is section B to be included in CLIN 001? Why are living shoreline sections C & D both shown? Is section C or D to be priced in CLIN 0006?

Government's Response: This is a concept design. It is the requirement of the DBT to provide a final design. The Living Shoreline work is covered in CLIN 0006.

Offeror's Question: SOW page 40: Paragraph F.1 states that work hours shall be between 0700 and 1600 Monday through Friday. Would work hours between 0700 and 1700 Monday through Friday be acceptable?

Government's Response: Work hours between 0700 and 1700 Monday through Friday are acceptable.

Offeror's Question: SOW page 46: What specific items of work is NOAA requiring to be commissioned by DBT Commissioning Agent?

Government's Response: Refer to 01 91 00.15 Total Building Commissioning, Total Building Commissioning, and UFC 1-200-02 High Performance and Sustainable Building Requirements.

Offeror's Question: Has a mooring analysis been performed for the floating pier in a category 4 hurricane and if so can this information be provided?

Government's Response: As part of the Concept Documents a preliminary analysis was conducted to determine the size of the piles for the project. The design/build contractor will be responsible for conducting their own mooring analysis based upon the design criteria as part of their design for the pier.

Offeror's Question: In which section of the proposal should the offerors include any qualifications/assumptions of what is included/excluded in proposal?

Government's Response: As per L.9.2.7 Exceptions, are to be in Volume Two: Business/Price/Offeror Information.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm there are no in-water work moratoriums.

Government's Response: Confirmed. There are no in-water work moratoriums (no current fish closure windows).

Offeror's Question: We are writing to formally request an extension of the bid deadline for the Pier Romeo Project. Our design/build team has been working diligently to ensure the highest quality and competitiveness of our proposal, but we believe that and additional 5

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weeks, from the current bid date of March 16, 2023, is necessary to fully meet NOAA's expectations.

We would like to bring to your attention the following factors that we believe support our request for an extension:

- 1- Small businesses often require more time to provide pricing, and we are receiving a high volume of companies declining participation due to the current deadline's tight schedule. By granting us an extension, these businesses should have the time they need to provide competitive pricing and help us achieve the project's challenging small business objectives under your SBA goals.
- 2- An extended deadline would allow prime contractors and subcontractors to further design and price the work, resulting in more realistic and competitive pricing. The current bid deadline does not provide enough time to account for all unknowns and risk factors. Extending the deadline could help mitigate these concerns and avoid potential significant cost impacts on responsive competitive bids.
- 3- The extra time would also allow NOAA and their representatives to spend additional time reviewing and answering a significant volume of current and expected RFI's, which would greatly benefit the overall success of the project.

Government's Response: Amendment 0003 extended the proposal due date to April 18, 2023.

Offeror's Question: Can the Government confirm that there will be no time-of-year restrictions or moratoriums on any in-water construction activities?

Government's Response: Confirmed. There are no in-water work moratoriums (no current fish closure windows).

Offeror's Question: Is the Mezzanine floor to be steel grating or concrete?

Government's Response: There are no specific material requirements. The floor construction shall be capable of supporting the 125 psf floor live load specified in the Concept Narrative.

Offeror's Question: Can the exterior window be located to avoid diagonal bracing? Or can the bracing pass by the windows?

Government's Response: Windows view and light are to be unobstructed.

Offeror's Question: Amendment 001 has deleted the dredging scope for the contract scope. Please confirm we are not responsible for any dredging after the existing pier demolition and prior to setting the floating pier in the existin pier location?

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Government's Response: Confirmed. No dredging is required after the existing pier demolition and prior to setting the floating pier in the existing location.

Offeror's Question: Please clarify the generator sizing requirements? Section 10 E states the generator is to be sized for warehouse power, pier lighting and select receptacles on the pier. Paragraph G further lists 277/480volt electrical panels, pier/trestle/gangway site lighting, and power to select 277/480v and 120/208V equipment. Additionally, it notes to serve the warehouse.

- a. Are the 277/480V panels the same as the ones noted in paragraph I?
- b. If they are not the same panels, how are these to be fed? There are no breaker provisions noted elsewhere in the RFP to feed these panels.
- c. What are the quantity and ratings (voltage, amperage and configuration) of the receptacles to be served?
- d. Specifically, what equipment is to be fed from the generator?

Government's Response: Drawings are Concept Documents. Final design and sizing of the generator to be completed by the Contractor during the design/build process. Refer to Section 10 Electrical System, G for additional emergency power requirements. Contractor will be responsible for providing all gear, wiring, etc. as required to complete the emergency electrical system.

Offeror's Question: What are the lighting design requirements for the pier? Are the lights to be installed on the perimeter of the pier or down the middle?

Government's Response: Refer to Section 3 of the concept narrative and review the concept drawings.

Offeror's Question: To meet the project LEED Silver requirements, PV solar is required. Please confirm it is the Contractor's choice on where to place the PV solar panels?

Government's Response: The information is provided in the Narrative. The Living Shoreline is included in CLIN 0006. The project is looking for LEED Silver. The warehouse work is covered in CLIN 0004. Electrical Vehicle (EV) Stations are covered in CLIN 0003. Other considerations are not required for this scope.

Offeror's Question: Please confirm connections at each ship post, including the small dock? The Concept narrative and RFP/Section C Appendix contradict each other when discussing connections for technology at each ship post.

Section C & RFP pg 66:

- a. 8 pair single mode fiber (4 per ship post)

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b. 2 UPC/LC Single Mode Fiber cable runs (for local phone - 1 per ship post)

c. 4 RG58 cable runs (for local TV - 2 per ship post)

or

Concept Narrative Page 54. Berth utilities (per ship) are to include:

1. CATV connection, coax cable, two per ship.

2. Telephone landlines, single-mode fiber, two per ship.

3. High-speed internet, eight pair (16-strand) single-mode (minimum) per ship.

Government's Response: a. 8 pair single mode fiber (4 per ship post)
b. 2 UPC/LC Single Mode Fiber cable runs (for local phone - 1 per ship post) c. 4 RG58 cable runs (for local TV - 2 per ship post).

Offeror's Question: Concept narrative (page 53 of 81) states: Provide redundancy that does not interrupt service or act as a single point of failure. Two 1-gig Ethernet metropolitan area network (MAN). Please confirm which ship post/small dock connections need redundancy and from where? Is redundancy in cabling and pathways needed from the Pier or from the warehouse? Where does the point in redundancy begin?

Government's Response: All pathways need redundancy.

Offeror's Question: RFP page 91 of 188 states: RG58 runs shall be dependent on the length of the pier. Point of presence (assuming the port office) to the ship posts.

This is stating that RG58 is needed for CATV. Please confirm that the requirement is for a 50 ohm or 75 ohm cable? One is for antennae and one is traditionally for CATV. Since the cable runs are in excess of 900ft from warehouse to Pier locations, it is important for us to size the Coax appropriately. At this time we assume RG11 for CATV but if it's an antennae cable then another cable would need selected. Please confirm?

Government's Response: RG11 is required.

Offeror's Question: Please provide cost associated with badging for entry into the facility.

Government's Response: There are no costs for submitting badge requests by the contractor; however, the contractor must account for the proper time to allow for badging requirements and approvals as noted in previous questions.

Offeror's Question: Are there any load restrictions associated with the existing pier?

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Government's Response: It is the responsibility of the DBT contractor to review the existing pier drawings and current condition and determine the load capacity of the existing pier.

Offeror's Question: Are there any restrictions associated with barge access at the abutment, west side of pier?

Government's Response: NOAA personnel have no knowledge of restrictions except potential water depth.

Offeror's Question: Page 54 of 81 concept narrative states: Extend four (4) 2-inch conduits underground to 1st floor data room in the adjacent NOAA building for interconnection of systems. Provide connections to server equipment in the space.

Please provide the connection point to the first 1st floor data room? Is there a MH that we tie into or are we extending conduits through the building? If so please provide location of 1st floor data room in NOAA building or site connection point? Also it states connection points to server. Please confirm the contractor is not pulling any cable or terminating for these connections and it's pathway only?

Government's Response: Conduits will terminate in the existing building. No cable is being pulled from the existing building IT room to the warehouse IT Room.

Offeror's Question: Concept Narrative Page 54 & Section C & RFP pg 66: states pulling 2 strands of fiber for just phones and then pulling 8 strand for data. Can these services be combined into one 12 strand fiber? Please confirm if it's required to pull separate fibers for services when they are both single mode?

Government's Response: Separate fibers for each service are required.

Offeror's Question: Confirm small dock requirements for technology (voice / data). Pg 54 of 81 Concept Narrative states Extend two (2) 2-inch conduits for voice/data from the warehouse IT room to Pier Romeo - Small Boat dock. Provide connections for ship access to data systems. Extend fiber optic cable from the data room to termination cabinets on the pier to facility communications for the ships. IT connections to have dual paths redundancy for service to each side of the pier.

Concept drawings don't show or mention any voice / data for this dock. Please clarify? Does the small dock need redundancy and from where (Pier or Warehouse)? What are the connections for telecom?

Government's Response: All pathways need redundancy. Small boat dock requires voice and data from the warehouse.

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Offeror's Question: Confirm how many racks and cabinet types are needed for the IT room. Confirm that NOAA does not need separate IT rooms for ISP and Gov. provided equipment. The space on the concept drawing is rather small, roughly 5' x 7'. Does NOAA have sizing requirements for telecom space?

Government's Response: Minimum of 2 19" 45u racks. The telecom room shown on the concept drawings is for reference only. Final sizing will need to be determined during the design phase.

Offeror's Question: Section 3.2.4 of the RFP calls for 214 new parking spaces; the concept drawings show 151 new parking spaces. Please clarify the number of parking spaces required?

Government's Response: Offeror shall comply the following changes in Section C 3.0, 3.2, 4.:

Paved Parking with a minimum of 175 parking spots (striped), to include four (4) van accessible spots, four (4) non-van accessible handicap spots and four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots. Islands, curbs, and other hardscape elements to be configured as necessary to accommodate the parking requirements.

And Section C, G2020 PARKING LOTS:

Provide paved parking with a minimum of 175 parking spots (striped), to include four (4) van accessible spots, four (4) non-van accessible handicap spots and four (4/Ea.) Class 2 electrical vehicle charging station spots. Islands, curbs, and other hardscape elements to be configured as necessary to accommodate the parking requirements. The design of pavements shall take into consideration H20 loadings over the life of the project (50 years) as well as the existing soil conditions at the site.

Offeror's Question: Section L.7 FAR 52.252-1 states the Offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. Please clarify what provisions need to be completed and included in our proposal? Just the Reps and Certs?

Government's Response: It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that all required blocks in all provisions are completed within the Solicitation.

Offeror's Question: L.9.1.1.1.1. Please confirm the contractor award also includes design?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Contract award includes design.

Offeror's Question: L.9.1.4.2 states table of contents not counted in proposal page count. Please confirm that proposal cover letter,

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proposal cover page and section tabs are also not part of proposal page count?

Government's Response: Confirmed. The proposal cover letter, proposal cover page and section tabs are not part of the proposal page count.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.1.2 Organization. Please clarify what is meant by "and paragraph number to correspond to the requirements of the proposal preparation instructions?"

Government's Response: The Government requires the Offeror to identify in their proposal the area, element number, and paragraph number to correspond to the requirements of the proposal preparation instructions. This includes but is not limited to Headings, Elements Numbers (i.e L.9.2.2 FACTOR I:) and sub/paragraph numbers (i.e L.9.2.2.3).

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.3.2.3. Lists resume for the Commissioning Agent which is certified professional subcontractor that is typically selected after bid and award. Please consider deleting the resume requirement for the commissioning agent from the proposal and allowing Government qualification acceptance of the commissioning agent after award? Also please acknowledge the Government understands this person will come from a subcontractor?

Government's Response: The Commissioning Agent is required as part of the Key Personnel Section H.54 KEY PERSONNEL and shall be submitted with your proposal.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.3.2.3 lists scheduler resume. Please confirm scheduler can be a subcontractor professional that will provide project scheduling services under the supervision of the BDT Project Manager?

Government's Response: Confirmed. Scheduler may be a subcontractor profession that will provide project scheduling services under the supervision of the DBT Project Manager.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.1.2 Project Examples. Section states relevant projects can be substantially complete. Please confirm projects over 80% complete are considered substantially complete?

Government's Response: Substantially complete is 90% complete. Projects over 80% are not considered substantially complete.

Offeror's Question: Please provide the current Davis Bacon wage scale for pricing?

Government's Response: Current Davis Bacon Wage Determinations are included in this amendment.

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Offeror's Question: L.9.2.3.2.1. Confirm this table can be 11x17 size if needed?

Government's Response: Confirmed.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.2.1 Project Schedule. One page, even 11x17, is not sufficient to adequately illustrate our understanding of project scope, milestones, restraints, phasing and local conditions for this complex design-build project that includes design progression, permits, procurement, landside construction and marine construction. Please consider increasing the schedule page limit to at least 5 pages allowing the Contractor to adequately illustrate our schedule understanding to the Government?

Government's Response: The requirement of Section L.9.2.4.2 SUBFACTOR 2: Schedule (Oral Presentation and Written Material Required) has been updated to the following:

L.9.2.4.2.1 Understanding of Project Schedule

L.9.2.4.2.1.1 Page limit: **Two (2) 11 X 17 Sheets**

L.9.2.4.2.1.2 Format: Critical Path Method (CPM) format

L.9.2.4.2.1.3 Provide a project schedule in color, (using Microsoft Project) inclusive of applicable design and construction activities. Demonstrate an understanding of the Project scope, milestones, restraints, phasing and local conditions.

L.9.2.4.2.1.4 Page limit: **Four (4)**

L.9.2.4.2.1.5 Offeror shall also include a schedule narrative detailing their approach and sequencing of activities for the proposed contract from design through construction.

L.9.2.4.2.1.6 Delay Recovery Examples

L.9.2.4.2.1.7 Page limit per example: Two (2). Provide an example of no more than three (3) delay recovery examples from relevant projects executed within the previous fifteen (15) years.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.2.1.6 Delay Recovery Examples. States to provide an example of a delay recovery from relevant projects. Please clarify what the Government is looking for - a narrative description, a sample of the schedule, etc.?

Government's Response: The Government is looking for a narrative description.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.2.1.6 Delay Recovery Examples. States to provide an example of a delay recovery from relevant projects. Please clarify if these projects need to be the same projects as proposed in section L.9.2.4.1.2 Project Examples?

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Government's Response: No, it can be from any project that is similar in size and scope to this project.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4 FACTOR 3: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND RISK (ORAL PRESENTATION). Factor 3 header states just Oral Presentation but some Subfactors state Written Material Required. Please clarify specifically what is to be provided in our written proposal and what is to be covered in the Oral Presentation?

Government's Response: Section L.9.2.4.2 SUBFACTOR 2: Schedule (Oral Presentation and Written Material Required) is cited as such, to allow the Offeror to orally present the information provided in their electronic proposal, which includes but is not limited to their CPM Project Schedule (L.9.2.4.2.1.2), Schedule Narrative (L.9.2.4.2.1.5) and Delay Recovery Examples (L.9.2.4.2.1.6). The intent of the oral presentation is not to regurgitate the information submitted in your offeror, but to allocate time to present the information. The requirements for your oral presentation are outlined in Section "L.9.2.4.3.8 Format for Oral Presentation: The Government intends for the virtual oral presentation to proceed as follows:" and Section "L.9.2.4.3.9 Rules of Engagement for Oral Presentations.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4 FACTOR 3: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND RISK (ORAL PRESENTATION), SUBFACTOR 1, L.9.2.4.1.2 Project Examples. Please confirm this section and all the specific project information requested is to be ONLY covered during the Oral Presentation and NOT to be provided in the written proposal?

Government's Response: The following information shall be provided orally and/or written format for Section L.9.2.4 FACTOR 3: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND RISK:

L.9.2.4.1 SUBFACTOR 1: Understanding Scope (**Oral Presentation**)

L.9.2.4.2 SUBFACTOR 2: Schedule (**Oral Presentation and Written Material Required**)...the written information shall be provided in Volume One - Corporate/Technical Information; offeror shall discuss their schedule during the oral presentation, the amount of time allocated for this topic is up to each Offeror.

L.9.2.4.4 SUBFACTOR 3: Designer Project Experience (**Written Material ONLY**). The written information shall be provided in Volume One - Corporate/Technical Information.

Offeror's Question: The SF 1442 Pricing Schedule includes actual dates for the Period of Performance, 10/18/2023 to 1/16/2026 for each listed CLIN. Please confirm the period of performance is the calendar days from notice to proceed as stipulated in Section 11?

Government's Response: The period of performance is the calendar days from notice to proceed as stipulated in Section 11 of the SF 1442.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.3.5 Can you provide what virtual system will be used for the Oral Presentation, such as Microsoft Teams?

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Government's Response: The virtual system to be used for the Oral Presentation may be GoToWebinar, Microsoft Teams, Zoom or Cisco Webex Meetings.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4 FACTOR 3: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND RISK (ORAL PRESENTATION), SUBFACTOR 1, L.9.2.4.1.1 states the Offeror shall address the following in its Technical Approach and Risk oral presentation. Please confirm all this information is to be ONLY covered during the Oral Presentation and NOT to be provided in the written proposal? Also confirm, none of this information is required to be submitted to the Government in presentation slides?

Government's Response: Confirmed. The information in L.9.2.4.1.1 (L.9.2.4.1 SUBFACTOR 1: Understanding Scope (Oral Presentation)) is to be presented orally and not provided in the written proposal.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.4.4 SUBFACTOR 3: Designer Project Experience. Please confirm the SF 330 the not the same as the 2 pages for design performance since the SF 330 is well over the 2 page count?

Government's Response: There is no page limitation for L.9.2.4.4.2 Standard Form (SF) 330.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.5 FACTOR 4: CONTRACTOR PAST PERFORMANCE. Please confirm that the Government wants the project information as listed in L.9.2.5.1.1.2 for each proposed relevant project example (limit 1 page per project) in the written portion of Factor 4? Then the completed Past Performance Questionnaires (Google Form) will be sent to the Project Owner to be complete and sent directly back to NOAA?

Government's Response: Offeror shall comply with the requirement as stated for this factor in "L.9.2.5.1 **Quantity:** Page limit for each explanation: One (1). Offerors shall provide no more than five (5) past performances". Offeror may submit this information within their proposal or submit the Questionnaire provided for completion and submission directly back to NOAA via Google Forms.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.5 FACTOR 4: CONTRACTOR PAST PERFORMANCE. L.9.2.5.1.1.2 What happens if the Owner is not available or is late in completing the Past Performance Questionnaires (Google Form) to NOAA?

Government's Response: The table at M.3.3, shows the rating the Government will assign in its evaluation of offers when evaluating Factor 4.

Offeror's Question: Does the project examples for L.9.2.4.1.2 need to be the same projects for Factor 4 project performance, L.9.2.5?

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Government's Response: Confirmed, the projects do not have to be the same.

Offeror's Question: L.9.2.7.5 states to include in this volume a breakdown of the proposed price(s) for Construction. Being a lump sum bid with several breakouts and options and with getting subcontractor bids within hours of proposal being due, it will be very difficult to provide this. Please consider deleting this requirement since the Price Proposal form already provides a price breakout? If not, please provide location for the breakout?

Government's Response: L.9.2.7.5 stands. J.5 provides a Proposal Template.

Offeror's Question: Volume Two. SF 1442 and Section B provides a pricing form. Please confirm only Section B is to be provided for pricing, and SF 1442 does not need to be completed for pricing?

Government's Response: Pricing is to be included in Volume 2, Section B Pricing, the referenced Proposal Template (J.5) and on the SF 1442.

Offeror's Question: Volume Two, L.9.2.7.9 states Price Proposal to be submitted with sufficient data. Please confirm a completed Section B Pricing Form is sufficient data?

Government's Response: A completed Section B Pricing Form is not sufficient data. Pricing is to be included in Volume 2, Section B Pricing, the referenced Proposal Template (J.5) and on the SF 1442.

Offeror's Question: The SF 1442, 13.d has a 180 calendar day Government acceptance period for award. Being a design-build with a lengthy design period that includes an unusual 6 months of Government review duration puts final design and subcontractor award about 18 months after bids are submitted. This is an unreasonable time frame for subcontractors to hold their pricing especially in the current volatile market. Please consider reducing the Government award period from 180 days to 90 days?

Government's Response: At this time the Government will not be reducing the price validity from 180 calendar days to 90 calendar days.