

Question

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Because the SBPP requires significant details, would the Government please consider removing the SBPP as a sub-factor to be included within the 10 page technical volume limit and have the SBPP be submitted as a separate volume? This would allow the 10 pages for the technical volume to be used to cover sub-factors 1-4.

As the contract type is mixed — Firm Fixed Price, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity — would an offerer's accounting system need to be DCAA compliant and audited? I find that requirement normally exists for a cost plus fee type contracts. This MA IDIQ does not seem to be that type. Could removing the requirement for providing cognizant DCAA and DCMA offices and POC information be removed to allow for more small businesses to respond to the upcoming RFP?

Can you confirm that the size standard will be \$38.5M using the Military and Aerospace Equipment and Military Weapons exception?

if we can provide all the minimum elements requested (paragraph i. thru iv.) can we use whatever space remains (up to the 2 page limit) for a company cameo?

ii. In order for the Government to determine financial responsibility, the Offeror shall submit the following financial statements, as applicable to both the past fiscal year and current reporting period can we assume by "fiscal year" you mean the FY used by the offeror, not the government?

Answer

Instruction for the SBPP is still being reviewed by SBA. The SBPP will not count against 10 page limit but is still a sub-factor.

This information will be removed, this is a Firm Fixed Price effort.

Yes. It is \$38.5M.

Yes but the Government will only evaluate what was asked for.

Yes, the offeror's fiscal year.

regarding "current reporting period"...given that it takes a while to do the accounting (it always lags behind)...can the reports be from the prior month?

Yes.

Will screen shots of Entity Registration and/or Core Data from our profile at SAM.gov suffice? It's the same thing as ORCA documentation.

Yes. ORCA is obsolete. The final RFP will be corrected to remove this reference and replace it with SAM.

Presumably we only need to worry about prime contractor (us) potential OCI and not OCI for subcontractors, yes?

The Prime is responsible for its team, to include sub-contractors.

It was mentioned that you would post information of which would be the attendees list. Unless I've missed it on your website, could you post or point me in the right direction of the list.

There is a networking list on the JE-OPETS website.
<http://www3.natick.army.mil/team/je-opets.aspx>

is there a minimum number of past performances required from proposed major subcontractors? And if provided does Subcontractor past performance count against the three contracts maximum?

This answer is located at the website above.

1. Copies of teaming agreements are required for the subcontracting plan, but are copies of teaming agreements with socio-economic participants (on our team) required for the SBPP? 2. Or can we just state that we have a teaming agreement in place?

1. no 2. yes; the requirement for teaming agreements at the IDIQ level is being removed. The final RFP will be revised.

Input for each Section and Sub-factor required under each volume shall begin on a new page.” Starting each Sub-Factor on a new page may result in significant “white space” and will waste page space in an extremely page limited volume. As Volume III – Technical Management is limited to only 10 pages, and has five Sub-Factors to address, please waive this requirement for this Volume, or increase the number of allowed pages for Volume III.

Given the legal and proprietary language in Teaming Agreements, these documents may be 6 or up to 26+ pages long. In addition, the Government stated during industry day that offerors would not be required to provide pricing for every labor category at every supported location. Therefore, offerors are unable to determine the complexity and approximate level of work assigned to subcontractors until task orders are released. Will the Government consider removing this requirement from the solicitation? If not, will the Government accept a letter signed by the prime and subcontractor certifying that offerors would not be required to provide pricing for every labor category at every supported location. Therefore, offerors are unable to determine the complexity and approximate level of work assigned to subcontractors until task orders are released.

Will the Government consider establishing a page limit of 3-5 pages for each past performance reference?

The wording has been updated in the final RFP. We will increase the page count for the Technical/Management factor to 14. The SBPP is still a sub-factor but will not count towards the 14 page limit. We will also delete the requirement to start each sub-factor on a new page.

We are removing the teaming agreement requirement.

Yes. We will establish a 5 page limit for each reference.

“For each contract identified in Section 1, Past Performance Assessment Questionnaires must be completed and submitted.” Since the questionnaires are identified as Section 3 of this volume, please clarify whether or not the offeror is to include Past Performance Assessment Questionnaires as part of their proposal submission, and if so, please confirm that this would be copies of the questionnaire as submitted to the POC, not completed questionnaires.

As a matter of policy, some Government customers will not complete Past Performance Questionnaires and ask that Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System(CPARS) reports be used for this purpose. In this event, will the Government permit the submission of a CPARS report in lieu of a Past Performance Questionnaire? Will an offeror’s past performance reference receive a lower rating if a Government POC(s) fails or refuses to electronically complete Part II of the questionnaire and e-mail the entire questionnaire to the JE-OPETS solicitation POC by the proposal deadline?

The Page Limit for Volume III - Factor II Technical/Management is only 10 Pages, to include all Sub-factors. Adequately addressing all five of the Sub-Factors in 10 pages is simply not possible. Please increase the Page Limit for this Volume to at least 50 pages and allow Sub-Factor 5: Small Business Participation Plan to be provided in an Appendix and remove it from the Page Limit.

This deliverable does not come directly from the Prime. "Past Performance Questionnaires will come directly to the government POC from those who fill them out and therefore do not count towards page limits."

No. CPARS may be extracted and reviewed by the Government directly from the CPARS system. However, past performance questionnaires are still required. In accordance with DoD Source Selection procedures, if a Past Performance Questionnaire is not received, the corresponding Past Performance reference will be rated as "Neutral."

We have increased the limit for the Technical/Management factor to 14 pages and the SBPP, while still a sub-factor, will not count towards the 14 page limit.

The Offeror shall provide a narrative proposal response to the Performance Work Statement (PWS) attached to this solicitation to address the specific JE-OPETS MA IDIQ contract being proposed.” While some of the PWS requirements seem appropriate to discuss under some of the Sub-Factors, in general, none of the Sub-Factors seem an appropriate place to “provide a narrative proposal response to the Performance Work Statement (PWS)”.

Please either add a Sub-Factor called Technical Approach to the PWS or similar and provide adequate pages for same in the Page Limit for this volume, or clarify what the Government is requiring as a “narrative proposal response to the Performance Work Statement (PWS)” within the existing Sub-Factor framework, keeping in mind the Government has set a page limit of only 10 pages for the entire volume.

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In the interest of teaming opportunities, we were wondering if the Government intends to post the list of attendees registered for the event so that we may identify other interested firms?

This paragraph has been corrected. The PWS included at the IDIQ is provided as a reference for the type of work and magnitude that will be required at the task order level. A narrative proposal is required to address the information requested in Section L - Technical/Management factor.

See response to above question.

See webpage document <http://www3.natick.army.mil/team/je-opets.aspx> and check the previous Q&A document.

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