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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, country, State and ZIP Code) (TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFERORS)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. N00178-07-R-4000	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 22 JANUARY 2007	
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE	FACILITY CODE				

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, 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 telegram 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 telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103 (b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

THIS AMENDMENT CORRECTS THE NUMBER OF A CLAUSE CONTAINED IN SECTION I OF THE SOLICITATION, UPDATES THE ADDRESS FOR THE NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER DAHLGREN DIVISION, AND PROVIDES THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 05 FEBRUARY 2007.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

This amendment is issued to correct the number of a clause contained in Section I of the solicitation, update the address for NSWC Dahlgren Division, and to provide answers to questions that were received by close of business on 05 February 2007.

1. The clause number for the Competition in Subcontracting (Dec 1996) clause included on page 43 of the solicitation is corrected to read 52.244-5. A replacement page has been provided as Attachment 1 to this amendment.

2. The address for Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division has been changed

FROM:

Naval Surface Warfare Center
Dahlgren Division
17320 Dahlgren Road
Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100

TO:

Naval Surface Warfare Center
Dahlgren Division
17632 Dahlgren Road
Suite 200
Dahlgren, VA 22448-5110

Replacement pages for the SF33, page 15, and page 72 have been provided in Attachment 1 to this solicitation.

3. The answers to questions received by close of business on 05 February 2007 are included as Attachment 2 to this amendment.

Attachments:

- 1) Replacement Pages, 4 pages
- 2) Answers to Questions, 13 pages

CONTINUATION SHEET	REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED N00178-07-R-4000	PAGE Page 43 of 86
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52.242-13	Bankruptcy	JUL 1995
52.243-1 Alt 1	Changes—Fixed Price (Aug 1987) – Alternate I	APR 1984
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52.244-5	Competition In Subcontracting	DEC 1996
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52.245-1	Property Records	APR 1984
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52.245-4	Government-Furnished Property (Short Form)	JUN 2003
52.245-5	Government Property (Cost-Reimbursement, Time-and-Material, or Labor-Hour Contracts)	May 2004
52.246-25	Limitation Of Liability—Services	FEB 1997
52.248-1	Value Engineering	FEB 2000
52.249-2	Termination For Convenience Of The Government (Fixed-Price)	MAY 2004
52.249-6	Termination (Cost Reimbursement)	MAY 2004
52.249-8	Default (Fixed-Price Supply & Service)	APR 1984
52.249-14	Excusable Delays	APR 1984
52.253-1	Computer Generated Forms	JAN 1991
252.201-7000	Contracting Officer's Representative	DEC 1991
252.203-7001	Prohibition On Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other Defense-Contract-Related Felonies	DEC 2004
252.203-7002	Display Of DOD Hotline Poster	DEC 1991
252.204-7000	Disclosure Of Information	DEC 1991
252.204-7003	Control Of Government Personnel Work Product	APR 1992
252.204-7004 Alt A	Required Central Contractor Registration	NOV 2003
252.205-7000	Provision Of Information To Cooperative Agreement Holders	DEC 1991
52.209-7004	Subcontracting With Firms That Are Owned or Controlled By The Government of a Terrorist Country	MAR 1998
252.211-7003	Item Identification and Validation	JUN 2005
252.215-7000	Pricing Adjustments	DEC 1991
252.219-7003	Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DOD Contracts)	APR 1996
252.223-7004	Drug Free Work Force	SEP 1988
252.225-7003	Report of Intended Performance Outside the United States and Canada—Submission with Offer	JUN 2005
252.225-7004	Reporting of Contract Performance Outside the United States and Canada—Submission after Award	JUN 2005
252.225-7012	Preference For Certain Domestic Commodities	JUN2004
252.225-7031	Secondary Arab Boycott Of Israel	JUN 2005
252.226-7001	Utilization of Indian Organization and Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises, and Hawaiian Small Business Concerns	SEP 2004
252.227-7013	Rights in Technical Data—Noncommercial Items	NOV 1995
252.227-7014	Rights in Noncommercial Computer Software and Noncommercial Computer Software Documentation	JUN 1995
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252.227-7027	Deferred Ordering Of Technical Data Or Computer Software	APR 1988
252.227-7028	Technical Data or Computer Software Previously Delivered to the Government	JUN 1995
252.227-7030	Technical Data—Withholding Of Payments	MAR 2000
252.227-7034	Patents—Subcontracts	APR 1984

SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD		1. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)		RATING DO-S10	PAGE OF PAGES 1 86
2. CONTRACT NUMBER	3. SOLICITATION NUMBER N00178-07-R-4000	4. TYPE OF SOLICITATION <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED BID (IFB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGOTIATED (RFP)		5. DATE ISSUED 22 Jan 2007	6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE NUMBER
7. ISSUED BY NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER DAHLGREN DIV 17632 DAHLGREN ROAD SUITE 200 DAHLGREN, VA 22448-5110		CODE N00178	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than Item 7) Seaport-e PCO NSWCDD, Bldg 1200 17632 Dahlgren Road, Suite 200 Dahlgren, VA 22448-5110		

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

SOLICITATION

9. Sealed offers in original and 1 copies copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in Building 1200 until 2:00pm local time 26 February 2007
(Hour) (Date)

CAUTION - LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. FOR INFORMATION CALL:	A. NAME XDS	B. TELEPHONE (NO COLLECT CALLS)		C. E-MAIL ADDRESS e-pco@seaport.navy.mil
		AREA CODE 540	NUMBER 653-7087	EXT.

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OFFER (Must be fully completed by offeror)

NOTE: Item 12 does not apply if the solicitation includes the provisions at 52.214-16, Minimum Bid Acceptance Period.

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within 180 calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the offeror) from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified in the schedule.

13. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See Section I, Clause No. 52-232-8)	10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	CALENDAR DAYS (%)
14. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION for offerors and related documents numbered and dated):	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE

15A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR	CODE	FACILITY	16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (Type or print)
15B. TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE NUMBER EXT.			17. SIGNATURE
	<input type="checkbox"/>	15C. CHECK IF REMITTANCE ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - ENTER SUCH ADDRESS IN SCHEDULE.	18. OFFER DATE

AWARD (To be completed by Government)

19. ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS NUMBERED	20. AMOUNT	21. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION
22. AUTHORITY FOR USING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION: <input type="checkbox"/> 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) () <input type="checkbox"/> 41 U.S.C. 253(c) ()	23. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN (4 copies unless otherwise specified)	
24. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 7) CODE	25. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE	
26. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	27. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	28. AWARD DATE

IMPORTANT - Award will be made on this Form, or on Standard Form 26, or by other authorized official written notice.

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR**SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA**

CONTRACTOR CENTRAL REGISTRATION - The contractor must be registered with the Contractor Central Registration, in accordance with FAR 15, in order to be eligible for award. The Contractor must maintain registration throughout the period of performance. **PAYMENT** will not be made to the contractor if the Contractor's registration lapses.

PAYMENT — Performance-based payments or progress payments are authorized for interim payments for any task orders, where the contractor so requests and has been granted approval.

POINTS OF CONTACT- The Government points of contact for this contract are as follows:

SeaPort Enhanced Contracting Officer:

SeaPort-e PCO
NSWC Dahlgren Division
17632 Dahlgren Road
Suite 200
Dahlgren, VA 22448-5110
(540) 653-7087
e-pco@seaport.navy.mil

Ombudsman:

While the individual Task Order Contracting Officer should be the first point of contact for industry seeking resolution of issues, each ordering activity has an established Ombudsman. The Ombudsman represents an impartial party. An overarching Ombudsman exists at the Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters for the resolution of issues involving one or more ordering offices or if resolution from an ordering office Ombudsman is not sufficient.

Task Order Manager:

To be provided for each order.

The Government reserves the right to change the Contracts Representative, the Ombudsman, or Task Order Manager at anytime, unilaterally.

A list of Zone Coordinators and Ombudsmen will be maintained on the Vendor Portal to authorized users.

Ddl-G20 ORDERING (INDEFINITE DELIVERY TYPE CONTRACTS)

(a) Ordering: All Warranted Contracting Officers of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Command, Naval Supply Systems Command, Military Sealift Command, Strategic Systems Programs, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Office of Naval Research, and the United States Marine Corps are authorized ordering officers. Supplies or services to be furnished under this contract shall be furnished at such times as ordered by the issuance of Orders by the Task Order Contracting Officer. All orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. This contract shall control in the event of conflict with any order.

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

HQ L-2-0009 SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN (NAVSEA) (JUN 1999)

Offer shall submit as part of its proposal a written proposed subcontracting plan in accordance with the clause entitled "SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN" (FAR 52.219-9). The plan shall include the Congressionally mandated five percent (5%) goal for small disadvantaged business concerns or a detailed explanation as to why the goal cannot be included in the plan.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to engage the Rolling Admissions process of the SeaPort Enhanced Program to expand contract coverage and add Office of Naval Research Activities as authorized ordering offices. The period of performance shall be approximately two years from date of contract award, plus one five-year Award Term Option and one three-year Award Term Option.

Questions concerning the solicitation: Offerors may submit questions, concerns, or request clarification of, any aspect of this solicitation via electronic mail to the following address: e-pco@seaport.navy.mil. The offeror must include the company name in the subject line of the email. The questions should include the page number and paragraph number or identifier, which pertains to the offeror's question. Questions received without this information may not be answered. It is requested that all questions be received by 05 February 2007 to allow the Government adequate time to prepare and issue responses so that offerors can use the information in preparing their proposals. Although every effort will be made, the Government makes no guarantee that questions received after 05 February 2007 will be answered. Comments and questions must reference SOLICITATION N00178-07-R-4000. Acknowledgement of receipt of questions will not be made. The questions and answers associated with the initial award of the Seaport e Multiple Award Contracts in 2004 and the Rolling Admissions conducted in 2005 and 2006 can be found under the Rolling Admissions link on the <http://www.seaport.navy.mil> Homepage. Please review this material prior to submitting additional questions. Communications deemed necessary or important to understand or respond to the solicitation will be posted along with any and all solicitation amendments at website <http://www.seaport.navy.mil/>

2.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

2.1 Proposals must be received no later than 26 February 2007, at 2:00 p.m. local time. (NOTE: Dahlgren is on Eastern Standard Time). Submit proposals to the following address:

Bldg 1200
Seaport e PCO
Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division
17632 Dahlgren Road
Suite 200
Dahlgren, VA 22448-5110
540/653-7087

Due to the relative remoteness of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, located at Dahlgren, Virginia, there have been a few instances where proposals sent via one-day service still were not received in a timely manner. Offerors are therefore advised to be aware of FAR 15.208 and take proper steps to assure timely receipt of their proposals at NSWC, Dahlgren Division.

If an offeror plans to hand deliver the proposal prior to 26 February 2007, please call (540) 653-7087 in advance to coordinate the delivery time.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR
SOLICITATION N00178-07-R-4000**

Q1. In solicitation N00178-07-R-4000 on page 78 in section (c), Subcontracting, there is discussion of a “narrative.” We are a small business and understand from previous questions that there is no requirement for a subcontracting plan. If we currently have teaming agreements in place with our subcontractors and team members have been addressed in the Contractor Information Registration site, are we required to submit any information at all for this section in the proposal?

A. The requirement for a Subcontracting Plan is only applicable to Large Businesses. The five page narrative referenced in section (c) on page 78 is where offerors are supposed to address the team members that are being proposed (stating if teaming agreements are in place and if not, the plans to complete the agreements).

Q2. For solicitation N00178-07-R-4000, when establishing a ceiling rate for CLIN 1000, if the highest labor category is from a subcontractor on our team who is also a Seaport-e Prime Contract holder, is it necessary to (quoting previous questions) “submit via a sealed envelope from the subcontractor or the subcontractor submit the breakdown directly to the Government” if the derivation of the ceiling rate corresponds with the information already in possession of the government from their prime contract?

A. Yes, your team member would need to submit how the CLIN 1000 rate was calculated. This calculation can be submitted in a sealed envelope with the prime’s proposal or submitted directly to the Government.

Q3. For solicitation N00178-07-R-4000, page 73, section 2.1 Items #1 and #2 both include a requirement to submit one copy of the technical proposal. Could the government clarify if they desire two paper copies of the technical proposal and only one copy of all other documents?

A. Yes, two paper copies of the technical proposal are required and one copy of all other documents is required. The CD-ROM needs to include the complete proposal submission.

Q4. Can we submit a proposal for a small prime independently, or do we need support and/or a teaming arrangement with a large business?

A. An offeror can submit a proposal for their own prime contract – teaming arrangements are not required.

Q.5. Under section 5.2, page 76, the solicitation states that we should include the date that the cognizant DCAA office determined the offeror's accounting system adequate. Does this require that the DCAA audit take place prior to proposal submission, or can it be a future date? If it does require an audit prior to submission, who should we contact to sponsor the audit?

A. If DCAA has reviewed your accounting system, the date of the determination of its adequacy for cost type contracts should be included in the Cover Letter of your submission. If an audit has not been conducted, please state that in the Cover Letter . The Government will coordinate with the cognizant DCMA and DCAA offices to request an accounting system review.

Q.6 If in the costing proposal, we base our calculations on a fixed price model, does that mean we must respond to all future task-specific solicitations with a fixed price bid?

A. The calculation needs to explain how the rate listed in CLIN 1000 was derived. This rate will be used to establish the ceiling amount of any resultant contract. Specific rate information will be provided when a proposal is submitted in response to a task order solicitation.

Q.7 The paragraph in question: 5.6 Zone Consideration - "Presence"

Offerors are required to complete Table A for each zone(s) in which they wish to be considered during the Task Order, Fair Consideration Process. To be considered in one or more of the seven zones, you must have held or currently hold a prime contract, subcontract or currently have a local office in the zone(s) in which you wish to be considered. The definition of local office is an office within the geographical zone(s) identified in H. I that is 1) in existence at the time the RFP closes; 2) is in business to provide the support found in the Functional Areas identified in the SOW; and 3) staffed by employees employed by the prime contractor who proposes on the RFP, or at least one of its team members (subcontractor). For the purpose of the qualification requirement, contract means meaningful work performed for one or more of the NAVSEA or Virtual SYSCOM sites and field activities in one or more of the Functional Areas. An order on a GSA contract may qualify as a contract if it is relevant to the Functional Areas of the SOW.

Question:

If one of our teammates meets the above requirements, but our company (Technology Associates) does not specifically have a physical presence or present contract(s) in zones we would like to add, are we in compliance with the above "Presence" requirement because our teammate meets the requirement?

A. If one of your team members has an office in a zone, you would be able to meet the presence criteria for that zone.

Q.8 Page 76, Section L, Paragraph 5.0 identifies the Proposal Content. Is the information required in Subparagraphs 5.2 and 5.3 to be included in a separate binder other than Volumes I and II? If not, please identify which Volume the information should be included in.

A. The cover letter and completed copy of the solicitation should be included in a separate binder.

Q.9 Page 76, Paragraph 5.3.1.1, Is the Unit Price Hourly Rate that is proposed by the contractor the ceiling hourly rate that can be used in responding to future task order requirements? Or is it a rate that is justified by the contractor to determine the Maximum Contract Value, and rates proposed for future task orders will be based on the specifics of the task order?

A. The rates included in CLINs 1000, 4000, and 7000 will be used to establish the ceiling amount of the contract. Specific rate information will be included in future proposals submitted in response to a task order solicitation.

Q.10 Page 79, Para. 5.6 The reference section states, "For the purpose of the qualification requirement, contract means meaningful work performed for one or more of the NAVSEA or

Virtual SYSCOM sites and field activities in one or more of the Functional Areas. An order on a GSA contract may qualify as a contract if it is relevant to the Functional Areas of the SOW.” Can work performed in equivalent functional areas for similar organizations in other DOD services be considered meaningful, as well? For instance, experience performing system engineering support provided for U.S. Air Force programs as basis for experience performing in that functional area.

A. Work performed for other than Navy Virtual SYSCOM activities could be considered meaningful if it is equivalent to the work described in the Seaport e SOW and performed for the DoD.

Q.11 Is there a limit to the number of subcontractors we may include in the proposal?

A. No, there is no limit.

Q.12 If we were to team with a subcontractor who has a local office in Zone 7, the Northwest, but ISI does not have their own local office or a contract in that zone as a prime or subcontractor, can we still apply in that zone?

A. Having a team member who staffs an office in Zone 7 would allow you to meet the presence criteria for that zone.

Q.13 Is the 10 page limit for depth and breadth in the technical proposal for all categories, or are we allotted 10 pages per discipline?

A. The limit for the narrative is 10 pages in total, regardless of the number of zones or functional areas that are being proposed.

Q.14 Is work performed at the U.S. Joint Warfighter Center in Suffolk, VA valid past performance, although a "Joint" command and not primarily a Navy activity?

A. Work performed for other than Navy Virtual SYSCOM activities could be considered meaningful if it is equivalent to the work described in the Seaport e SOW and performed for the DoD.

Q.15 Is Suffolk, VA in zone 2 or 3?

A. Suffolk, VA is in zone 3.

Q.16 Page 2 and 3, Section B - Supplies and Pricing: Could the Government please clarify what is meant by "Award Term 1" and "Award Term 2". The way we interpret this is that "Award Term 1" would be the year 2008 and "Award Term 2" would be the year 2009. Please clarify.

A. The period of performance associated with each of the CLINs is provided in Section F of the solicitation (page 13). The base period (CLINs 1000, 2000, and 3000) covers from date of contract award through 04 April 2009. The first Award Term Option period (CLINs 4000, 5000, and 6000) is from 05 April 2009 through 04 April 2014. The second Award Term Option (CLINs 7000, 8000, and 9000) is from 05 April 2014 through 04 April 2017.

Q.17. Page 76, Section 5.3.1.1 - Please clarify what is meant by the "recent accounting year" when gathering information to determine our labor rates. Are we able to use projected 2007 information to come out with our labor rates for this proposal? Or should we use actual, year end

2006 information to come up with our rates?

A. The rate reflected in CLIN 1000 should be the actual rate from the most recent accounting period – projected rates should not be used.

Q.18 Page 79, Section 5.5 (b) Cost/Price Proposal - Is the government looking for a detailed listing our various labor categories and the attached labor rates, etc.? Is there a standard labor category listing that is supplied by the government? If so, where can we find this information?

A. The Cost/Price proposal must include a breakdown of how the rate included in CLIN 1000 was calculated. This rate is the highest rate from either the Prime contractor or a team member. Only one labor category should be used and there is no standard labor category that will be supplied by the Government.

Q. 19 Page 75, Section 4.3 - Evaluation Factor 3 (c) Compensation Plan - Could the government please describe in detail what should be included in this section?

A. Please refer to FAR 52.222-46 which provides a complete description of the information that needs to be included in a Compensation Plan.

Q.20 Page 77, Section 5.4.1; Table A – With regards to current employees as well as individuals with whom we have a letter of intent to employ upon contract/task order award, can we submit past performance contract information for those individuals if the work was done by them, yet for another contractor?

A. Yes, you can include the employee in Table A and provide detailed information about his/her experience and expertise in the ten page narrative.

Q.21 Page 77, Section 5.4.1; Table A – With regards to our subcontractors, can they submit past performance contract information for work they did when they were employees of a contractor before they started their own business?

A. Yes, with an explanation of their experience included in the narrative.

Q.22 Page 72, Section 2.0 – Is the ability to submit our proposal via the Seaport-e portal no longer an option so that the only way to submit it is to have it delivered by mail, courier, or hand?

A. It is not possible to submit your proposal through the portal. All submissions must be delivered by mail, courier, or by hand.

Q.23 Reference attachment J.6

"Q16. Reference Page 19, SEA 5252.21 6.9 122, Level of Effort.

Question. This clause states that technical effort directly related to the contract but performed by employees from their residence or "non-work location" is not chargeable to the contract. Please clarify this requirement. We occasionally have employees work on contracts/tasks from home; however, this clause seems to preclude this.

A. In accordance with this clause, work performed at an employee's residence shall not be

included in the level of effort expended for performance of the task order."

Our business is a home office. Sometimes we have employees work on documentation, etc., from home. Can we not bill work that an employee performs at their home office? Perhaps you can elaborate and clarify the answer already given above.

A. Work performed at an employee's residence can not be included in the level of effort.

Q.24 Reference page 59, section K of the solicitation.

Since we are a small business, do we need to do anything with regard to the cost accounting language? Does any of this section need to be filled out?

A. If a company is a small business, this clause is not applicable.

Q.25 Reference page 73, paragraph 2.1.

The technical proposal was mentioned twice. In bullet one it is referenced as a paper technical proposal, then in bullet two it is referenced as the following:

"One Copy - Volume 1 Technical Proposal (includes Technical Capability Depth and Breadth (Table A for each Zone proposed, and written technical description);"

Are these two one and the same, or are you requiring two exact copies of the technical proposal? Please clarify the amount of technical proposals to be submitted as well as the difference between the two requirements if there is any.

A. Two paper copies of the technical proposal need to be submitted. Your entire proposal submission also needs to be included on the CD-ROM.

Q.26 Page 78 Paragraph 5.4.1 (c) We are a small business with a sister company. Both companies have identical ownership and officers. Neither company is owned by the other. Is the proper way to represent this capability to show our company as a prime and the sister company as a subcontractor?

A. Your sister company can be included as a team member.

Q.27 Page 77 Paragraph 5.4.1 (a) Is it permissible to list multiple contracts on one line to demonstrate capability for a functional areas?

A. Only one contract should be listed per line in Table A.

Q.28 Page 77 Paragraph 5.4.1 (a) and Attachment J.6 Q34 Answer to question is to list one contract reference for each functional area per zone. Offeror may include additional experience in accompanying narrative. Is more than one contract reference per functional area per zone allowed? If not, is it permissible to list a series of related contracts with the same customer within the past three years as a single item?

A. Only one contract should be listed on each line of the Table A. Additional information can be included in the 10 page narrative of the technical proposal.

Q.29 Page 77 Paragraph 5.4.1 (a) and Question 474 from QA 25 March 2005: Answer is "Contracts cited for past performance do not have to be tied to a specific zone". Does this mean that a contract demonstrating performance in one or more functional areas can be repeated for multiple zones?

A. The same contract can be included in multiple zones.

Q.30 Our question refers to Page 77 of the solicitation and to the below answer also included in the solicitation, page 105:

Quote from page 105

Q10. Section L, Zone Consideration - Presence, para 5.6, page 79, states "for the purpose of the qualification requirement, contract means meaningful work performed for one or more of the NAVSEA or Virtual SYSCOM sites and field activities in one or more of the Functional Areas". Does other relevant work within the Intelligence Community, DOD, and other Federal agencies qualify potential primes to support other zones?

A. Work performed for other than Navy Virtual SYSCOM activities could be considered meaningful if it is equivalent to the work described in the Seaport e Statement of Work and performed for the DoD.

Unquote

Question: At paragraph 5.4.1.a, page 77, you read the sentence: "Experience in these functional areas may be gained from working with any of the NAVSEA or Virtual SYSCOM activities as well as other Government organizations." Then your answer to Q10, page 105 seems to limit the "meaningful work" definition to work performed in the DoD. Plus back in 2005, one of your answers said "In limited instances, work outside of DoD may be considered meaningful if it is substantively relevant to SOW and Mission areas (for example services provided to NASA or U.S Coast Guard)." Will work for the Coast Guard within the last 3 years satisfy past performance criteria as long as it supports those functional areas outlined in the solicitation and similarly will those experiences, skills, methodologies, processes, and training gained in the Coast Guard work, qualify as technical capabilities; breadth and depth, all other things being equal?

A. It is preferred that the past experience be from work performed for one of the Navy Virtual SYSCOM activities. Work performed for other activities (including other DoD activities) could be considered meaningful if relevant to the Functional Areas included in the Seaport e Statement of Work. Your technical proposal would need to explain this relevance if including experience from another activity.

Q.31 Regarding Table A, should the font size for filled in information match the table's column headings (9 pt), or match the rest of the submittal (12 pt)?

A. The font requirement for the proposal submission (12 pt) does not apply to Table A (Attachment J.4).

Q.32 Is Table A allowed to roll on to additional pages, or held to the two pages?

A. Table A should be restricted to two pages. Additional information can be included in the narrative section of the technical proposal.

Q.33 Is the government looking for a different workforce for each Zone that you submit, or the strongest individual available in your organization, regardless of their primary location?

A. It is preferred that the workforce listed on page 2 of Table A be located in the zone that is being proposed.

Q.34 I understand that a Table A is to be filled out for each Zone that the company is pursuing. Under the column: "Performance Zones to Be Considered In" , do we list all the zones being pursued, or ONLY the zone that the specific table is addressing?

A. A separate Table A needs to be submitted for each zone that is being proposed. The entry under the "Performance Zones to Be Considered In" should only include one zone.

Q.35 When completing the mission areas column, should you include only the mission area for the specific NAVSEA Activity for which the work was actually performed, or all mission areas that could be addressed?

A. Only one mission area should be included in the column on Table A. Additional information can be included in the narrative of the technical proposal.

Q.36 Throughout this RFP, does the government use the terms "subcontractor" and "team member" interchangeably? Or is there a distinction?

A. "Team Member" and "Subcontractor" can be used interchangeably.

Q.37 Page 72, 4th Paragraph, Section L.2.1 We intend to submit our proposal via Federal Express or UPS. Should we use the same address stated in this section?

A. Yes, the address included on page 72 should be used.

Q.38 Page 73, 1st Paragraph, Section L.2.1 The first bullet listed the contents of the proposal. Is the second bullet intended to clarify the contents of the Technical Proposal? Or does the Government intend for bidders to submit a second copy of the Technical Proposal?

A. An original and one copy of the Technical Proposal should be included in your submission.

Q.39 Page 75, 3rd Paragraph, Section L.4.3 Should the RFP be submitted under Volume 1 Technical Proposal or under Volume 2 Cost/Price Proposal or separately (on its own)?

A. The cover letter and completed copy of the solicitation can be submitted as a separate volume from the technical and cost proposals.

Q.40 Page 75, 4th Paragraph, Section L.4.3 Under Factor 1 Technical Capability: does the Government intend for bidders to submit the same Table A twice, one under (a) Depth and Breadth and the other one under (c) Subcontracting?

A. Only one Table A is required for each zone that is being proposed.

Q.41 Can the Government provide a WORD version of the SF33?

A. A Word version of the SF33 is not available.

Q.42 Reference paragraph "CONTRACT MINIMUM / MAXIMUM QUANTITY AND CONTRACT VALUE" We do not understand the difference in the data required by the table under "Contract Minimum/Maximum and Contract Value" (page 4) and the data required for the table "CLIN Minimum/Maximum Quantity and CLIN Value" on page 5. What does the "Maximum Amount" on the table on page 4 consist of? What does the "Maximum Amount" on the table on page 5 consist of? What is the difference between the 2 maximum amounts?

A. For the table on page 4, the offeror should total the dollar value for CLINs 1000, 2000, and 3000 for the Base Period; CLINs 4000, 5000, and 6000 for Award Term 1; and CLINs 7000, 8000, and 9000 for Award Term 2. On page 5 the entries marked by an asterisk are the dollar values for CLINs 1000, 4000, and 7000.

Q.43 Reference Section H, paragraph H.10, Savings Clause

In a previous answer to a question, you stated, "The determination as to whether a particular procurement meets the high dollar value or repetitive task requirement will be decided at the task order level and specified in the task order solicitation. The Cost Savings Approach included in the proposal should include those initiatives developed by the offeror to provide additional savings to the Government."

Question: Since we do not know what constitutes a "repetitive high dollar task" until a task order solicitation is issued, the determination of a rate for savings cannot be developed prior to that solicitation being issued. We have no basis on which to base such a savings when preparing our response to the basic RFP. Please provide some rationale for the determination of these savings and how they can be evaluated in the RFP stage by the Government.

A. The Cost Savings includes two components. The first component consists of the percentages that your company will include in the Savings Clause in Section H.10. These percentages are based on a management decision made by your company as to what cost reductions you would include under subsequent years for high dollar repetitive tasks. The second component includes any additional initiatives that your company has developed that would result in further savings to the Government. Both of these components need to be addressed in your Cost proposal.

Q.44 Is it sufficient to complete the 8(a) certification fill-ins, as described on p. 74, Section 3.10, and submit that as part of the RFP in its entirety, or does this section need to be included in another volume/ area of the proposal?

A. The certification fill-ins can be included as part of the RFP in its entirety.

Q.45 Please confirm that the answer given to Question 172 in the former Q&A's posted at <http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/SeaportQandAMarch2006.doc>, is relevant to this round of rolling admissions:

'The same contract can be referenced on Table A for multiple zones to demonstrate Past Performance. Additional information would need to be provided in the narrative to demonstrate the offeror's depth and breadth.'

Additionally, please confirm that the same contract may be used to support different functional

areas bid within a zone.

A. The answer is relevant for this Rolling Admissions – the same contract can be referenced in Table A for multiple zones and for different functional areas.

Q46. Please confirm that the answer given to Question 1 in the former Q&A's posted at http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/enhanced/QandA_ref_to_solicitation.xls is relevant to this round of the rolling admissions:

'For proposal purposes, the Offeror must identify one key individual per Functional Area proposed. The same individual may be proposed more than once. Be advised that the Navy is extremely interested in your depth and breadth of experience, thus the more individuals identified with work experience in the 21 Functional Areas the more favorably the Navy will view your proposal. The individual named does not have to reside or have their primary work location in the Zone they propose to support. Be advised that during the Task Order process minimum response time requirements may be identified.'

A. The answer is still relevant.

Q.47 The prior Q&A's posted at http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/enhanced/QandA_ref_to_solicitation.xls reference an 'Exhibit B' where team members and offices by zone are identified. More recent publications of Q&A's advise that team members should be identified on the Contractor Registration area of the Seaport-e site and discussed in the technical proposal under section c – Subcontracting. Please clarify that registration online and a discussion in the technical proposal is the only required means of identifying team- mates for this current effort.

A. There is no Exhibit B for this Rolling Admissions solicitation. Team member information needs to be addressed at the Contractor Registration site and in the technical proposal under Subcontracting.

Q.48 Prior Q&A's posted at http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/enhanced/QandA_ref_to_solicitation.xls <http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/enhanced/QandA_ref_to_solicitation.xls> advise that support of zone presence via an office located in a particular zone should be discussed in the narrative section of the Technical Proposal. Please clarify this is still the accepted method for identification of offices in zones and that no further documentation is required.

A. A separate Table A must be submitted for each Zone that is being proposed. The discussion of the zone presence should be included in the narrative of the technical proposal.

Q.49 Page 68, (e)1 – The title page with the legend referenced in this section appears to have been excluded from the modified "First Page" requirements under FAR 52.215-1.

Clarification Request: Please clarify that a title page is to be included at the beginning of Offeror's proposal, and will not be included in the page count.

A. As stated on page 76 of the solicitation, the cover letter required by the solicitation supersedes and replaces the "First Page" requirement included in FAR 52.215-1, Subsection (2). The cover letter is limited to 5 pages.

Q.50 Page 75, Section 4.2 (3rd bullet) – It is understood that it is the Government’s intent to receive a proposal with no graphics or pictures contained in response to Volumes I and II.
Question: May Offeror’s use graphics and logos on the hard copy and CD cover of their proposal?

A. Graphics or logos on the cover of the CD-ROM cover would be acceptable.

Q.51 Page 75, Section 4.3 – It is unclear whether the cover page and table of contents are excluded from the page count.

Clarification Request: Please clarify that the cover page and table of contents are excluded from the page count.

A. The information to be included in the Cover Letter is identified on page 76 of the solicitation. The entire Cover Letter is limited to 5 pages.

Q.52 Page 75, Section 4.2 (4th and 6th bullets) – The 12-point Times New Roman font requirement references “the text” only.

Clarification Request: Please modify the 4th bullet to allow Offeror’s to use no less than an 8 point font (Times New Roman or Arial) ensuring that all information in flow charts and tables is easily readable.

A. The 12-point font applies to all information included in the proposal with the exception of Table A.

Q.53. Page 76, Sections 5.2 and 5.3 (Including 5.3.1 through 5.3.4) – No instructions were provided where this information was to be located in Offeror’s proposals.

Clarification Request: Please clarify that this information is to be located at the beginning of Volume II, Cost/Price Proposal, and is excluded from the page count.

Clarification Request: Please clarify if Offeror’s cover letter should be included in Volume I or Volume II or both.

A. The Cover Letter can be included with the completed copy of the RFP. It would not need to be provided in both the Technical proposal and the Cost proposal.

Q.54 Page 78, Section 5.4.1 (c) – The solicitation states: “The Offerors shall [**emphasis added**] provide copies of three final SF 294s (does not count in the page limitation) for the three relevant contracts which best demonstrate the offerors ability to achieve the proposed subcontracting goals.”

Clarification Request: Please confirm that the Government will not down-grade the Evaluation 1 Factor (rating) of recent small/mid-size business graduates that have not yet had a contractual requirement to file SF 294s.

A. An offeror will not be penalized in the evaluation if they have recently become a large business and do not have three final SF294’s to submit.

Q.55 Page 78, Section 5.4.1 (c) – Please confirm that a Small Business Subcontracting Plan is only required from the Prime.

A. The Small Business Subcontracting Plan is only required from the Large Business prime contractor.

Q.56 Per page 75 (Volume 1 – Technical Proposal), Volume 1 has three sections with page limits for each section (depth and breadth: 10 pages; management approach: 5 pages; subcontracting 5 pages). However, the answers from Q&A suggest that the cover page and table of contents count in the overall page limit for Volume 1. Does this imply that we need to shorten one or more of the sections to get to 20 pages total, including cover page and table of contents?

A. The Cover Letter is limited to 5 pages and does not count towards the page limitations of any other volume.

Q.57 RFP Section: ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS, Page 73 of 86, Paragraph 2.6.

RFP Text: “The offeror shall also complete all required information at <https://auction.seaport.navy.mil/SeaPort> <<https://auction.seaport.navy.mil/SeaPort>> . This information will not be evaluated but is required. Proposals will not be evaluated unless this information is completely submitted. It is requested that this information be provided by 22 February 2007.”

Question:

With regards to the online registration process, the following required data points: “CLIN 1000 Ceiling, CLIN 2000 Ceiling, CLIN 3000 Ceiling, CLIN 4000 Ceiling, CLIN 5000 Ceiling, CLIN 6000 Ceiling, CLIN 7000 Ceiling, CLIN 8000 Ceiling, CLIN 9000 Ceiling, Guaranteed Min Savings, Pass Thru Max, Esc Rate, Profit Fee, Volume Discount, Volume Threshold” are the same data points required in an offeror’s proposal and the due date for the completion of the required information (22 Feb 2007) precedes the due date of the Offeror’s proposal (26 Feb 2007). Since there is an overlap in information and two disparate due dates for that information, it is feasible that an Offeror will have submitted the required data points by 22 February 2007, but then will need to adjust the content shortly thereafter in the instance the proposal content was modified prior to the due date of the proposal.

We respectfully request that the due date for the completion of all required information at <https://auction.seaport.navy.mil/SeaPort> <<https://auction.seaport.navy.mil/SeaPort>> be changed to coincide with the proposal due date of 26 February 2007.

A. It is requested that all information on the Contractor Registration site be entered by 22 February 2007. If there is a difference between information entered on the registration site and what is contained in the proposal, the proposal shall take precedence.

Q.58 RFP Section: 4.0 Proposal Format, 4.2 Table A.

RFP Text: “Table A (will be provided electronically or on disk):

- * Microsoft Excel Software
- * All files named with the file extension xls.
- * No hyperlinks
- * Offeror shall complete a copy of Table A as provided for each Zone in which you wish to be considered”

Question: This section requires that the Table A be provided in Microsoft Excel format however the SEAPORT website (http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/J4_attachment.doc <http://www.seaport.navy.mil/main/home/J4_attachment.doc>) provides the Table A template in Microsoft Word format. Is it the intention of the Navy to receive both formats; the MS Word format for the written proposal and the MS Excel format as a standalone electronic copy? If so,

will the Navy make available a preferred format for Table A in MS Excel or is it recommended that the offeror transpose the format from existing MS Word template to Excel?

A. The Table A provided on the Seaport e homepage (www.seaport.navy.mil) is in a Word format which is acceptable to be included in the offeror's proposal.

Q.59 RFP Section:

Page 23. H.3 5252.237-9500 ORDERING PROCEDURES FOR NAVY MARINE CORPS INTRANET (NMCI) SERVICES.

RFP Text:

"(a) Orders issued under this Support Services contract may require the use of and/or access to Department of Navy (DoN) Information Technology (IT) Resources by contractor personnel for contract performance. Applicable DoN IT Resources for performance of this contract shall be procured from the NMCI Contractor Pursuant to the authority of NMCI Contract # N00024-00-D-6000 clause 5.2 "Ordering"."

Question: Please provide the current public access URL for NMCI Contract #N00024-00-D-6000.

A. This clause can be found at https://portal.peoeis.navy.mil/main/contractdocs/Docs/Conformed_Contract-P00234.pdf

Q.60 RFP Section:

Page 29. H.6 PAST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION RFP Text:

"Evaluation of past performance for the purpose of evaluating potential award term exercise, will be based on each IDIQ holder's past performance data on work performed under this IDIQ contract, as well as other information available to the Government."

Question: Please define "as well as other information available to the Government"

A. The Government will refer to other information such as the CPARS database, PPIRS database, etc.

Q.61 RFP Section:

Page 30. H.9 CONTRACT AWARD TERM PROVISIONS RFP Text: "(f) Self-Assessment - Upon request by the TDO, the Contractor will submit a written self-assessment of its performance for that period. This self-assessment shall be used in the ATRB's evaluation of the contractor's performance during this period."

Question: Please provide the template that contractors will use for providing the written self assessment.

A. A template, if applicable, shall be provided to the Contractor when the written self-assessment is requested.

Q.62 RFP Section:

Page 76, Section 5.0 Proposal Content, subsection 5.3.1.1.

RFP Text: "The Offeror must propose labor rates to establish ceiling prices for CLINs 1000, 4000, 7000."

Question: These CLINs are specific to Cost Type only orders. However, if the Offeror elects to propose pricing for the fixed price CLIN number 2000, what is the Government's pricing

requirement to be compliant for proposal submission to enable the Offeror to bid on Fixed Price Task Orders?

A. The amounts for the Fixed Price CLINs of the solicitation (CLINs 2000, 5000, and 8000) have already been populated. No additional information is required for these CLINs. Specific instructions for submitting a proposal for a Fixed Price task order solicitation will be provided in the solicitation for the requirement.

Q.63 RFP Section:

Page 78, Section 5.4.1 Evaluation Factor 1 Technical Capability, subsection (c) Subcontracting.

Question: If it is the offeror's intention to only bid on Commercial Items as defined by FAR 2.101, is the offeror still required to submit an individual Subcontract Plan?

A. A Subcontracting Plan is required from all Large Business prime contractors.

Q.64 We understand that past performance information in Table A is within the past three years. Can this past performance include contracts that were completed within that time, i.e. were already completed last year?

A. If you performed on a contract within the past three years, you can include that contract in Table A.

Q.65 Page 77, section 5.4.1 states that "The offeror should provide the maximum amount of experience and expertise that the offeror (or offeror's team) has performed within the past three (3) years for each functional area." Does maximum here refer to the total dollar amount of all the Team's contracts in a specific Functional Area? It is our understanding that Table A includes only one representative entry (one contract) for each functional area: Would these maximum Team experiences for specific Functional Areas therefore be discussed within the text of the Technical Proposal (rather than entered in Table A)?

A. The maximum amount of experience does not refer to a dollar amount. When listing one employee, you should include that employee with the most experience for the functional area being proposed. Any additional information can be included in the ten page narrative of your technical proposal.

Q.66 Can Past Performance over the past three years include a contractor's work done while previously an employee of another firm or as a former Federal employee during those three years?

A. You can include the employee in Table A and provide the detailed explanation of his/her experience in the ten page narrative of your technical proposal.

Q.67 It is our understanding that, after task order award, if we wish to include an additional small business firm on our team, we can easily and quickly accomplish this. Is that correct?

A. Yes, team members can be added to your contract at any time by submitting a Team Member Addition Request form through the portal.