

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONES**

Question 1: Does the government intend to issue a single or multiple contract awards?  
Please clarify.

Response: A single award is anticipated.

Question 2: The solicitation states that there will be no fee earned on non-labor costs (CLIN 0004, Materials; and CLIN 0005, Travel). Please clarify that no fixed fee applies only on these CLINs 0004 & 0005.

Response: No fee will be earned on non-labor costs, including CLINs 0004, 0005, 0010, and 0011, which are all listed at "Cost Only".

Question 3: Page 54, Section L-10, Government Furnished Property, requires the offeror to clearly identify any government property needed to perform the work and the time needed to perform the work. Please clarify this requirement, as it differs significantly from previous NRL solicitations in which a list of government property that would be made available to the contractor was provided; or the following statement was included: *"It is anticipated that Government property will be used by the contractor's personnel in the performance of that portion of the contract performed on-site at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) including any of its field sites. Such use will be on a rent free basis and all such property shall be considered to remain in the possession and control of the NRL for property responsibility and accountability purposes."*

Response: Contract performance will be either on-site at a Government facility or at a contractor-site. Section L-10 addresses the 'furnishing' of Government property for performance at contractor-site. Use of Government property for on-site performance will be on a rent free basis.

Question 4: It is assumed that offerors are required to submit resumes for all proposed key personnel, as well as for all proposed support personnel. Please clarify.

Response: Resumes are required for ALL proposed personnel against each labor category.

Question 5: For labor categories and qualifications, are multiple years of experience with one or more of the SOW tasks an acceptable substitute for a BS or MS degree?

Response: Personnel must be proposed IAW Attachment 4, Personnel Qualifications.

Question 6: There are discrepancies in the titles of Volumes I and II. Volume I is identified by three different titles Technical/Management Proposal; Technical and Past Performance Proposal; and Technical/Management Volume (including Sample Task response). Volume II is identified by two different titles: Business Proposal; and Cost Volume. Please clarify correct volume titles.

Response: Volumes shall be titled in accordance with Section L-15, Volume 1, Section A: Cover Sheet, Title of Volume.

Question 7: The RFP only specifies electronic submission for Volume II. Please clarify correct method of submittal for both Volumes I and II.

Response: Proposal volumes shall be submitted in accordance with Sections L-15 and L-16 of the RFP. The "electronic copy" required under Section L-16 refers to a portable medium (disk, etc).

Question 8: Are the Labor Category Qualifications Requirements or Targets, or can experience be substituted for requirements?

Response: As stated in Attachment 1 to the RFP, Labor Categories and Qualifications are specifically listed as "Required" or "Desired".

Question 9: Is the offeror required to bid to the maximum number of hours listed in section L-14 if the SOW items can be achieved using less labor?

Response: Any resulting IDIQ contract may require issuance and performance against cost plus fixed fee completion type and/or term type task orders. The hours sets forth under Section L-14 of the RFP are specified for term type task orders ONLY. Completion type orders will be proposed as necessary for successful completion of the proposed task(s).

Question 10: Does the government have a minimum number of Key Personnel required for Project Lead/Manager (PM) and Sr. Project Engineer/Scientist?

Response: At least one (1) full-time individual must be proposed as KEY against each category listed as KEY.

Question 11: Can the government provide more insight into the rationale between CLINS 0001, 0002, 0003 which are Cost Plus Fixed Fee and CLINS 0007, 0008, 0009 which are for the same work but to be bid at Firm Fixed Price?

Response: During the contract period for issuance of task orders, the Government anticipates issuance of firm fixed price task order requirements against the SOW.

Question 12: Can the government explain why there is a Firm Fixed Price CLIN when section G-8 paragraph (c) states that all task orders will be issued on a cost plus fixed fee basis?

Response: Section G-8 is revised to reflect "Firm-Fixed Price" Task Orders.

Question 13: It is understood that the Sample Task Cost and Technical proposal is to be included in Volume I. However, this would require offeror's to place cost information for each labor category into the Technical/Management Volume. Is this the government's intention or should the cost portion of the Sample Task be included in Volume II?

Response: The proposal submitted in response to the Sample Task (technical and cost) should be included as specified under Section L-17 of the RFP.

Question 14: Is this RFP like a regular RFP issued by Navy or ONR that offers research funding to institutions like a University?

Response: This is a Full and Open competitive requirement. Interested vendors must submit a proposal in accordance with all requirements set forth in the RFP.

Question 15: How many pages constitute a typical Volume I? The maximum page allowed in the RFP, 175 pages is too many.

Response: The only page restriction is as set forth under Section L-12.

Question 16: (a) Is this RFP like a regular RFP that solicit support in research? If yes, what is the SPECIFIC subject of the RFP?

Response: This is a Full and Open competitive solicitation entitled, "Corrosion Mitigation, Coatings, Environmental, and Prevention Programs".

Question 18: What if NRL does not have a specific Equipment to use for a proposal? Can such equipment be proposed to purchase in the proposal?

Response: Section B of the RFP includes cost estimates for the procurement of material items that may be required for performance of specific tasks.

Question 19: Is only hardcopy submission accepted? Or can I send the required electronic copy of the Volume II by email to you?

Response: Proposal volumes shall be submitted in accordance with Sections L-15 and L-16 of the RFP. The "electronic copy" required under Section L-16 refer to a portable medium, not email.

Question 20: Who will conduct the security clearance and background check for a research team? Where to do it? Is it possible to finish it in one month?

Response: Offerors are required to possess required personnel and facility clearances at time of proposal submissions, as set forth in the RFP.