

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001 3. EFFECTIVE DATE 16 MAR 04 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. _____ 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) _____

6. ISSUED BY CODE N00173 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE _____
 CONTRACTING OFFICER
 NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
 4555 OVERLOOK AVENUE SW
 WASHINGTON, DC 20375-5326
 ATTN: CODE 3220.CR

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
 TO ALL OFFERORS

(X) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. N00173-04-R-CR01
 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) FEB 17, 2004
 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. _____
 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) _____

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 2 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 your 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 ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	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.)

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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	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
<i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>		<i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>	

The purpose of this amendment is to provide answers to questions from potential offerors, revise H-7 On-Site Use of Government Property, and extend the solicitation.

1. Potential offerors questions and answers.

Question 1: Where is the primary location for performance? Several locations have been mentioned.

Answer: The Government anticipates the Engineering type personnel may expend 70% of the time at the DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Office (HPCMO), Arlington, VA. The other 30% is anticipated to be at the Contractor site. The Government anticipates the Information Assurance Engineer may expend 30% of the time at the HPCMO, 40% at sites listed in the Statement of Work (SOW) Attachment (1), Paragraph 4.0, and 30% at the Contractor site. The Government anticipates the Computer Scientist may expend 70% of the time at the HPCMO and 30% of the time at the Contractor site and/or sites listed in the SOW. The Government anticipates the Program Analyst may expend 75% of the time at the Contractor site and 25% at the HPCMO.

Question 2: The requirement calls for a Management Plan, the evaluation factors evaluate the Management Plan, but there are no hours or tasks specified for project/contract/task management. Do the 7600 hours include management hours and labor category for manager, or are those hours specifically for technical support and the proposers must add management task and hours?

Answer: The hours identified in Section H-3 Level of Effort are the anticipated mix and distribution of the work to be performed. The offeror should submit a plan for assuring successful performance of the contract by describing the extent of corporate experience in performing, accomplishing, and managing projects related specifically to tasks in the Statement of Work (SOW), including the degree of corporate oversight, as stated in Section L-12 of the solicitation.

Question 3: Is it presumed that the Contractor facility will have a direct DREN and SDREN connection for security network monitoring, intrusion detection, network based security assessments, and the like? Or will all system/network activity be performed from the Government sites only?

Answer: No DREN or SDREN connection is required. Work can be performed at the Contractor site using their Internet Service Provider (ISP), but this will not be the primary location.

Question 4: Who (if any) is the incumbent Information Assurance provider?

Answer: There is no specific incumbent for the Information Assurance provider. The incumbent for the previous requirement is Allsys, Inc., Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

Question 5: Is there any Intrusion Detection System in place (and, if so, which)?

Answer: Yes. High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP) enhanced Joint Intrusion Detection System (JIDS) and similarly enhanced Snort, plus other scripts and lower level tools.

Question 6: When is the award date?

Answer: The anticipated award date is late May 2004.

Question 7: What is the payment schedule (i.e., when can the selected vendor bill for costs and when can the selected vendor bill for fees)?

Answer: See Section I-1, FAR 52.216-7 Allowable Cost and Payment (DEC 2002).

Question 8: In the course of providing evaluations or recommendations, will the selected vendor be responsible for procuring hardware, software, or software licenses?

Answer: Not likely except in urgent and/or compelling situations.

Question 9: At what point will clearances need to be in place (i.e., at award date or prior to project commencement)? Are "interim clearances" acceptable?

Answer: Security clearance is preferred at the time of award. An Interim clearance will not allow access to all necessary areas required by this effort.

Question 10: Would it be possible to receive the prior solicitation (i.e., assuming one was produced for the original posting date of October 9, 2003)?

Answer: Only one solicitation is issued. The solicitation may be downloaded at <http://heron.nrl.navy.mil/contracts/listfrp.htm>

Question 11: Should the costs include hardware/software allocations for office equipment, etc.?

Answer: Office equipment, computers, etc will be provided as Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) on a rent free basis for on-site work. Materials required in support of the SOW may be required and are estimated at \$4,000.00 per year. The offeror is expected to have adequate general purpose office equipment at its site.

Question 12: Can invoices for cost be submitted monthly for payment?

Answer: The Government anticipates the award of a Cost Plus Fixed Fee term type contract. Invoices must be submitted and will be paid in accordance with Section I-1, FAR 52.216-7 Allowable Cost and Payment (DEC 2002), FAR 52.216-8 Fixed Fee (MAR 1997), and Section H-3, ONR 5252.216-9706 Level of Effort (DEC 88).

Question 13: Will the fixed fee be paid in full at the end of each year or will partial payments be made with each cost invoice?

Answer: See answer 12.

Question 14: What criteria, if any, other than the equation in B-1 may be used to reduce the fixed fee?

Answer: See answer 12.

Question 15: Will all contractors be expected to work at the same facility?

Answer: See answer 1.

Question 16: Are we required to name specific individuals for purposes of the bid or at the time of award?

Answer: The offeror must submit specific resumes' with their proposal in accordance with Section L-12 Personnel Qualifications.

Question 17: Does the mix of labor categories still fall within the total 7600 hours?

Answer: Yes

Question 18: Will an offerors proposal be evaluated differently if more than one individual is assigned to any single labor category?

Answer: If a single labor category will be performed by multiple individuals, these shall be addressed in the Management Plan.

Question 19: If the actuals for option years vary from the estimates included in the bid, will the selected vendor be held to the estimated numbers?

Answer: See answer 12.

Question 20: Are bidding vendors allowed to submit other labor categories than those listed in Section H-3?

Answer: See Section L-12 Volume I – Technical Proposal, first paragraph.

Question 21: What list of material was used to arrive at the estimate of \$4,000?

Answer: No material list is available. This is a general estimate to consider various parts and components that may be required during the effort. The offeror must propose in accordance with L-14 Material Estimate for evaluation purposes. Material costs will be reimbursed actual and verifiable material and other direct associated expenses.

Question 22: What travel schedule was used to arrive at the estimate of \$30,000?

Answer: The travel schedule is dynamic and based on the requirements of site visits. Each year up to 16 supercomputing facilities will be visited. In addition, approximately one third of the SDREN sites (approx. 10) will be visited. These visits may be a few days and upwards to two weeks. The offeror must propose in accordance with L-15 Travel Estimate for evaluation purposes. Travel costs will be reimbursed in accordance with federal travel guidelines.

Question 23: Section L-16 Multiple Awards – Does this imply that partial awards may be made? If partial awards are made, how will fixed fees be calculated?

Answer: Yes, the Government may make multiple awards from this solicitation, based on each offerors proposal. Also, see answer 12.

Question 24: Attachment No. (2) Personnel Qualifications – Item D Computer Specialist and/or Program Analyst – is this a project manager junior level or contract manager) i.e., is this individual expected to be managing the contractors or working for the DREN Program Manager?

Answer: This labor category provides information to the HPCMPO management staff and must meet the minimum qualifications stated in Attachment No. (2).

Question 25: Attachment No. (2) Personnel Qualifications – Can experience be substituted for a degree?

Answer: No. The offeror must meet or exceed the minimum personnel qualifications stated in Attachment (2), Personnel Qualifications.

Question 26: The Government calls for the Contractor to develop and provide CERT solution. Does this imply the "actual" CERT site and staff, or simply the plan required to stand up a functional CERT?

Answer: The Government requirement is for a plan and consulting personnel not facilities or the operational staff. The Government tasking level is not for an actual CERT.

Question 27: The level of effort described in the five main tasks appears to be significantly greater than the 4 required FTE personnel. Is the Contractor expected to just assist the Government in all areas, or will the specific tasks performed be tailored to the available manpower. Specific examples include:

- a. 3.2.2 calls for Penetration testing of the DREN WAN. The proposal identifies 78 CONUS sites and mentions several OCONUS sites. This requirement alone could easily require more than 4 FTE to cover 100% of the DREN sites.
- b. 3.3.5 calls for assisting in the preparation of accreditation documentation for the HPCMP and its parts. This again could require a significant portion of the available 4 FTEs.

Answer: In both cases the intent is to integrate with and provide support to Government staff. In the case of the testing of sites, there would be scheduling such as not to do all sites in any given year. In the case of the second example, this is also a support role that may include some original efforts in collaboration with others as well as maintenance activities of the accreditation documentation.

Question 28: Will the Government provide the Fixed Fee percentage?

Answer: See answer 12.

Question 29: L-9 indicates no Government material, labor, or facilities. Will this work be performed in Government spaces and will office equipment etc. be provided?

Answer: See answer 11.

Question 30: Will the Government provide specifics as to the size and network complexity of the sites and systems requiring penetration testing and/or C&A support?

Answer: The Government will provide such information prior to and during the performance of the effort. Visits to sites are scheduled, and prior to each visit the scope is defined for the testing. C&A support is only associated with the actual DREN and SDREN. Each site is responsible for accreditation of their site. The sites must provide the C&A information as part of their connection approval to obtain a DREN or SDREN connection.

2. Paragraph H-7 ON-SITE USE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY is revised to read:

Government facilities and equipment specified or approved for use in the performance of any portion of the contract at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), any of its field sites, or other Government sites, may be used by the contractor's personnel on a rent free basis. All such property shall be considered to remain in the possession and control of the NRL for property responsibility and accountability purposes.

3. The solicitation is extended until March 24, 2004, 4PM Local Time.