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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.
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		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
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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 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.)

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

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions.

1. Question: RFP Section F, Paragraph F-2(b) states that the principal place of performance shall be at the Naval Research Laboratory. For proposal purposes, is there a designated portion of hours that should be allocated to on-site labor?

Answer: No. Historically, 95% to 100% of the work has been performed on-site at the Naval Research Laboratory.

2. Question: In an effort to ensure consistency in the evaluation of proposed personnel, does the government intend to issue a formal statement concerning the qualifications of substituted or replaced key personnel?

Answer: ONR 5252.237-9705 - Key Personnel Clause cited on page 7 of the Solicitation adequately covers this.

3. Question: In evaluating cost proposals, how will the government determine the realism of proposed labor costs? Some offerors have initially proposed highly qualified (and hence more expensive) personnel with the intention of removing them after the term of the key personnel provision. Replacement personnel are often lesser qualified and bid at much lower rates. While this pricing strategy is often not evident in the cost proposal, it results in an unrealistic price as the higher priced individuals are, in fact, not replaced. We respectfully request that the government issue a statement that there must be consistency between the cost and technical/management proposals and that any plans to replace proposed personnel be fully disclosed.

Answer: The Government feels such a statement is unnecessary.

4. Question: Section L-13(2) FACILITIES requires that we provide a description of the facilities and equipment we anticipate using in order to satisfy contract requirements. "The offeror shall identify whether the equipment and facilities is government owned, corporately owned, or the property of each team member."

Section L-10, Government Furnished Property, states that "No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the Government unless provided for in the solicitation."

The only reference to any GFE/GFP is Section H-7, which states 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."

We respectfully request a list of GFE/GFP to be furnished for this contract.

Answer: Historically, the only GFE provided was in fact for on-site use and it was office space and related equipment.

5. Question: Reference Attachment 3 – Personnel Requirements.

There are inconsistent requirements in two solicitation labor category descriptions that make it very difficult to satisfy.

The Labor category description for System Engineer states that “Experience in the area of maintaining and enhancing high-speed network systems using existing platforms or developing new network systems is necessary.” This requirement is appropriately included in the labor category description for the Computer Scientist.

Similarly, the Labor category description for Computer Scientist states that “Systems engineering experience with Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellites, test equipment and satellite ground stations is particularly desirable.” This requirement is appropriately included in the labor category description for the Systems Engineer.

Please clarify if these requirements are necessary for the respective labor categories.

Answer: The Personnel Requirements for both the Systems Engineer and the Computer Scientist are correct as they are written in the Solicitation. No changes are necessary.

6. Question: RFP Reference: Attachment. J-3 Personnel Requirements. Pages 9-10

Page 2 qualifications for the Mechanical Engineer (Page 10 of the attachment) would appear to be incorrect.

Are the qualifications shown on page 10 meant to be for the Misc. Support Labor Category instead of for the Mechanical Engineer category?

Answer: Yes, the qualifications on page 10 are meant to be for a Misc. Support Labor Category. The following changes are made to page 10: **DELETE** title “Mechanical Engineer (continued)” and **REPLACE** it with “Misc. Support Labor” **ADD** the following introductory paragraph: “A miscellaneous category has been formed to account for numbers of individuals that are required to perform the efforts in diverse areas detailed in the SOW. This category included areas such as logistics, CM, administration and clerical.”

7. Question: RFP Reference: Attachment. J-3 Personnel Requirements.

The Solicitation Number (RFP N00173-05-R-LS01) on Attachment J-3 is different from the other sections of the RFP (N00173-04-R-LS02). Is this correct?

Answer: No. The Solicitation Number should be N00173-04-R-LS02 and all references to the solicitation should be the same. Remove any reference to N00173-05-R-LS01

8. Question: RFP Reference: M-2.1 Technical/Management (1) Personnel Qualifications

This paragraph references "the appropriate qualifications as set forth in Enclosure (1) of the Statement of Work." Personnel Requirements are contained in Attachment Number (3). Is Enclosure (1) meant to be Attachment Number (3)?

Answer: Yes. Any reference to Enclosure (1) in the Statement of Work should be removed and replaced with "Attachment Number (3) to the Solicitation".

9. Question: RFP Reference: Attachment (3) Page 1 and 2

Does the reference "The proposed personnel shall be available for work efforts on the first day of the contract award" refer to Key Personnel only?

Answer: No. All personnel should be available to work when the contract is awarded, however, it should be noted that this does not mean that all contract tasks will be initiated at time of award. Tasking is based on current funding levels and program requirements.

10. Question: RFP Reference: Clause H-7, Clause I-1 and SOW 3.2.2.2

H-7 (page 11) of the RFP indicates that NRL will retain possession and control of all GFP for responsibility and accountability purposes.

Clause I-1 incorporates FAR 52.245-5 and DFARS 252.245-7001, which are included in by reference, which will make the contractor responsible and accountable for GFE.

The FAR and DFARS clauses, combined with 3.2.2.2 of the SOW (page 7) strongly indicate the contractor is accountable for the GFE.

Answer: H-7 is the "On-Site Use of Government Property" provision and with this provision the Government Property does remain in the possession and control of the Government for property responsibility and accountability purposes. However, the

Clauses at 52.245-5 and 252.245-7001, as well as, paragraph 3.2.2.2 of the SOW (page 7) relate to Government Furnished Property that has actually been provided to the contractor via formal action and the contractor is then responsible and accountable for the property until it is returned to the Government.

11. Question: How does H-7 of the RFP relate to the property clauses (FAR 52.245-5 and DFARS 252.245-7001) in section I of the RFP?

How does the requirement in SOW 3.2.2.2 relate to the property clauses (FAR 52.245-5 and DFARS 252.245-7001)?

Answer: See the response to Item 10 above.