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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. N00173-06-R-JR03
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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 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.)

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
(Signature of person authorized to sign)	(Signature of Contracting Officer)
15C. DATE SIGNED	16C. DATE SIGNED

A. The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions from potential offerors and clarify/correct the SOW.

NOTE: Strikethrough text represent deleted text and Bolded text represent added or revised text.

i. Revise Section 3, SCOPE, to delete the strikethrough text:

“ 3. SCOPE: The Contractor shall furnish the required personnel and materials, which are reimbursable, to provide Transportation Equipment Management, Operation, and Maintenance of Transportation Equipment, at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. and annex (Bldg. 256 on Bolling A.F.B.). The Contractor shall maintain transportation equipment at Naval Research Laboratory's field sites at Pomonkey, Md.; Blossom Point, Md.; Chesapeake Beach Md.; and the Midway Research Center, Quantico, Va. Except where specified elsewhere in this contract all work shall be performed during the government's regular working hours. For the purpose of this contract regular working hours are established to start between 6:30am and 8:00am Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified in other sections of the SOW. The Contractor shall maintain a computer program that tracks entire vehicle inventory, all maintenance, repair, mileage, and fuel of all transportation equipment. The contractor shall provide all ~~computers (existing Government supplied computers may be used but will not be replaced), hardware/software,~~ office supplies (pens paper envelops ect.), fax machines, this cost is not reimbursable as a direct expense.”

ii. Revise Section 3.3.9, to delete the strikethrough text:

“3.3.9. EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION AND TURN-OVER TO CONTRACTOR: ~~Enclosure No. 2 contains vehicle and equipment utilization data including cumulative miles and hours, and FY-02 period utilized miles and hours.~~ All vehicles and equipment indicated in *Enclosure No. 2*, will be turned over to the Contractor as of the contract start date in an "as-is" condition for use in the provision of services in accordance with this contract.”

iii. Section 3.3.4.3.1, Paragraph 1, is revised to read:

“The Contractor shall provide dispatched taxi service within the National Capital Region in response to requests from authorized users who may not be authorized service under Para. 3.3.3.5. The contractor shall provide On Base Tour service for VIP visits.”

iv. Paragraph 1 of Section 3.3.4.3.2. SCHEDULED SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FREQUENCY AND STOP LOCATION SUMMARY, is revised to read:

“The following are the Naval Research Laboratory's base shuttle bus schedules that shall be the Contractor's responsibility to operate. The shuttle bus service requires one (1) **twenty-four-passenger** bus and will operate Monday through Friday except Federal Holidays. The hours of operation each day will be from 6:00am to 8:30am, 1100am to 1:00pm, 2:30pm to 5:00 p.m. Stop locations and times of departure are:”

v. Revise Paragraph 3.3.5.1, to delete the strikethrough text:

“ 3.3.5.1 Customer Notification: The Contractor shall provide a maintenance schedule in writing to each operator of each vehicle with the in shop due date and time for each preventive maintenance (PM) and safety inspection (this includes off station equipment). The Safety ~~/emissions~~-vehicle inspection (if required) shall be coordinated with the (PM), Note: safety ~~and emissions~~-inspection dates can't be changed. ~~If vehicle does not get D.C. inspected on time a fine will result. The party responsible for not getting vehicle to inspection on time shall pay the fine.~~The operator of the vehicle or the QA will ensure that vehicles are delivered to building 36. The contractor will notify the customers when vehicle may be picked up. The contractor shall provide a separate list of all vehicles and custodians along with phone numbers that have not been delivered for PM to the QA by the third workday of the next month. The contractor shall provide a Vehicle PM list to the COR by the last working day of the month for the vehicles that are to have PM the following month along with vehicles that are over due with comments on why they are late in being serviced. “

vi. Revise Paragraph 3.1.1.1 to delete the strikethrough text:

“ 3.1.1.1 Project Manager: The Project Manager, shall be designated in writing by the Contractor to have complete authority to act for the contractor in every detail during the term of the contract. The Project Manager shall be responsible for the overall management and coordination of all work and shall act as a central point of contact with the Government. The contract project manager, in his/her absence, shall ensure contract employees have on site supervision whenever contract employees are at work during regular and out of hours. After normal working hours, the Project Manager shall be available within one hour at the site. The Project Manager shall meet with the COR weekly (at the COR office, times to be agreed upon after award) to review new and old work. The Project Manager shall ensure that all hard copies of IDQ, ~~bulk trash, ceremony set up~~ requests are picked up from the Contractors mailbox (located at the COR office) twice daily, once before 10:00 and after 13:00. “

vii. Paragraph 3.3.3.1 is revised to read as follows:

“ 3.3.3.1 Vehicle/Equipment Request and Record Form DD 1970): The Contractor shall prepare and process Vehicle/Equipment Request and Record Forms, **DD Form 1970 daily, weekly, and monthly respectively In accordance with NAVFAC 9-11240/13, (CDRL A010).**

Assignment Category	Requirement
(1) Sole Government Use (Class "B")	Issued on a monthly basis at Building 36 to each vehicle user; previous month Trip Tickets shall be collected and completed on the last working day of the month and new Trip Tickets issued.
(2) Government and Contractor Use (Class "C")	Issued for each occasion of usage and collected at the end of each use.
(3) General Contractor Use	Issued and collected on a monthly basis as in (1) above.

viii. Revise all references to “NAVFAC 9-11240/1” to read “NAVFAC 9-11240/13”

ix. The following are responses to questions submitted by potential offerors:

1. During the Site Visit someone mentioned that emissions' testing is not required for the NRL (Government) vehicles registered in Washington DC. Please confirm that emissions testing are required as indicated in SOW paragraph 3.3.5.1.

Response 1: Emissions testing not required. See revised Section 3.3.5.1.

2. SOW paragraph 3.2.1 requires supervision the entire time snow removal activities are being performed. Is it acceptable for one of the snowplow operators to be the supervisor?

Response 2: No, unless the requirements identified under section 3.1 Project Manager are strictly adhered to: The alternate must have equal qualifications and authority as the project manager and shall be on site while all contract work is in progress.

3. Page 42 of the solicitation requires offerors to “provide a narrative describing the extent of the Offerors ability to purchase materials/parts directly from the manufacturer in lieu of going through small local suppliers”. Is it acceptable to purchase materials/parts directly from manufacturers and/or authorized distributors versus solely manufacturers?

Response 3: Yes

4. SOW paragraph 3.1.1.2 requires offerors to provide two full time dedicated, qualified Automotive Service Excellence (A.S.E.) and International Mobile Air Conditioning Association (I.M.A.C.A.) certified Master Mechanics..." IMACA has discontinued and transferred their EPA approved Section 609 refrigerant recovery and recycling program to the Mobile Air Conditioning Society (MACS). As such, is it acceptable to provide MACS certified technicians?

Response 4: Yes. Per information found on their website www.macsw.org,

5. The CLIN Schedules on pages 2 and 19 of the solicitation appear to be numbered erroneously as they both contain CLINs 0001 and 0002. Please clarify.

Response 5: As stated in the RFP, two contracts will be awarded against the RFP, Firm Fixed Price Services and Firm Fixed Price IDIQ Services. Both will contain applicable CLINs.

6. Snow/ice removal services are required during regular hours as well as after hours as discussed throughout the SOW. If snow becomes of such a magnitude that it must be removed from the installation versus simply plowed to the side of the road, will the associated trucking/hauling costs be handled on a cost-reimbursable manner or covered under the firm-fixed price portion of this contract?

Response 6: The government will handle the removal of snow from the installation.

7. SOW paragraph 3 states, "For the purpose of this contract regular working hours are established to start between 6:30 am and 8:00 am Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified in other sections of the SOW". At what time do regular working hours end Monday-Friday? If the end time is flexible, at what time may the services provided by the contractor stop each day?

Response 7: Paragraph 3.1 states contractor personnel shall be provided for a continuous eight-hour period exclusive of a lunch break. (example; 0630-1500, 0800-1630)

8. SOW paragraph 3 states, "The Contractor shall furnish the required personnel and materials, which are reimbursable, to provide Transportation Equipment Management, Operation, and Maintenance of Transportation Equipment, at the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. and annex (Bldg. 256 on Bolling A.F.B.)". As we were not taken to Bolling AFB during the Site Visit, please confirm services are required at bldg. 256 on Bolling AFB. If services are required, please specify the type services and provide details of the vehicles or equipment that are to be maintained at Bolling AFB. Will the Government furnish bldg. 256 to the contractor for use in completing work under this contract?

Response 8: Equipment at 256 includes a forklift and emergency generator.

9. SOW paragraph 3 lists four locations (Pomonkey, MD; Blossom Point, MD; Chesapeake Beach, MD; and the Midway Research Center, Quantico, VA.) as "Field Sites" where the contractor maintains transportation equipment, yet there are seven Field Sites listed in Attachment 1, Enclosure 6 (the 4 aforementioned locations plus Brandywine, MD; Tilghman Island, MD; and Patuxent River, MD). Are services required at the four sites indicated within the SOW or at all seven sites listed in Attachment 1? Also, provide a list of equipment/vehicles, by location and type, to be maintained at each field site.

Response 9: The four sites indicated in paragraph 3. The other three sites are just part of the information provided on the attachment.

10. Will the customers at each of the field sites bring their vehicles or equipment to the NRL, building 36, for required maintenance or must the contractor send a mechanic to each site to maintain customers' vehicles? Please clarify which items are normally brought to bldg. 36 and which items are normally serviced at each field site.

Response 10: All items are to be serviced at their respective field sites unless mechanical, equipment or weather conditions prohibit maintenance.

11. SOW paragraph 3.1.1.1 indicates the contractor is required to perform "ceremony set up". We could not find any discussion of duties related to ceremony setup or any workload data within the solicitation. Please indicate the duties required to support ceremony set up and the associated workload data.

Response 11: See revised Section 3.1.1.1

12. SOW paragraph 3.2.2 discusses solid waste removal and also requires the contractor to "ensure full participation in NRL's Consolidated Reutilization and Inventory Management Program (CHRIMP)". As such, is it reasonable to assume that all costs relative to removal of solid waste from the installation as well as participation in the program are borne by the Government?

Response 12: Yes

13. SOW paragraph 3.3.4.3.1 discusses taxi service within the National Capital Region and Taxi/On Base Tour services. This reference tells us there is an average of 250 trips per month of Taxi/On Base Tour services. How long is each trip? Please provide the average time per trip.

Response 13: Taxi service approx 1 hour and on base tours 5 hours.

14. SOW paragraph 3.3.4.3.1 states, "Taxi service out of hours (IDQ) may be required each day and will average 25 hours each month". During what days of the week and hours are these trips normally conducted?

Response 14: Monday through Friday normally after regular work hours.

15. SOW paragraph 3.3.6.1 discusses vehicle cleanliness. One of the bays in bldg. 36 is a vehicle wash bay. During the Site Visit we were told that vehicles capable of fitting inside this bay may be washed as necessary and only vehicles that are too large to fit inside the bay would have to be taken elsewhere to wash. SOW paragraph 3.3.6.1 states, "Vehicle washing is prohibited on NRL". Please clarify this inconsistency. Is vehicle washing permitted within the wash bay of bldg. 36? If vehicles are not washed within the bay of bldg. 36, are associated costs handled under the firm fixed price or cost-reimbursable CLIN?

Response 15: Vehicle washing is permitted inside building 36 in the wash bay with the door closed. Associated costs are handled under the firm fixed price contract and should be reflected in the proposal based on the vehicles identified per the inventory.

16. The incorporated CBA lists three classes of drivers that are incongruent with any normal Department of Labor job classification: Shuttle/Bus Driver, Light; Shuttle/Bus Driver, Medium; and Shuttle/Bus Driver, Heavy. Please clarify the job classifications and associated duties of driving a bus or shuttle bus as well as the definition of light, medium and heavy in regards to a bus or shuttle bus.

Response 16: For proposal purposes, Offerors should be concerned with the labor classes addressed in the RFP.

17. SOW paragraph 3.3.2 discusses fuels procurement. Please clarify if fuels procurement is cost-reimbursable under CLIN 0002.

Response 17: Fuel procurement is cost reimbursable.

18. How many vehicle maintenance work orders are handled on an annual basis? What is the historical "direct labor hours" used to handle the work orders?

Response 18: The number varies respective to that year's requirement. Approximate range is anywhere between 500 and 750 work orders. Direct labor hours are also respective to that year's requirement.

19. SOW paragraph 3.3.3.1. What is the number of class C dispatches per year?

Response 19: See revised Section 3.3.3.1.

20. SOW paragraph 3.3.2.8 discusses a "Fuel Monthly Summary" which is prepared and submitted on a 3-1/2" floppy disk. Is this program provided by the Government and if so, what is it called?

Response 20: section 3.3.2.8 is clear on what information is required in the CDRL. It also states that the submittal shall be a hard copy and a 3-1/2" floppy disc. There is no program and the project manager and COR can agree on the format.

21. SOW paragraph 3.3.5 discusses the use of the "Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST)". We understand this to be a Government-provided software program at no cost to the contractor. Please confirm our understanding.

Response 21: There is no cost to the contractor.

22. SOW paragraph 3.3.9 discusses "Equipment Utilization and Turn-Over to Contractor". It says, "Enclosure No. 2 contains vehicle and equipment utilization data including cumulative miles and hours, and FY-02 period utilized miles and hours". However no utilization data is provided. Please provide the most current utilization data available.

Response 22: See revised Section 3.3.9.

23. The PWS states, "The Contractor shall maintain transportation equipment at Naval Research Laboratory's field sites at Pomonkey, Md.; Blossom Point, Md.; Chesapeake Beach Md.; and the Midway Research Center, Quantico, Va. What type of equipment is to be maintained at these locations and what type of facilities are available to provide these services at each of these locations? Please provide detailed description of the services required.

Response 23: Enclosure 2 part 1 identifies some of the types of equipment at the various field sites. There are no facilities available at the field sites to maintain equipment.

24. Paragraph 3.3.4.3.1 refers the reader to paragraph 3.3.4.5 but there is no such paragraph. Is the intent to go to paragraph 3.3.3.5?

Response 24: Yes. See revised Section 3.3.4.3.1.

25. Paragraph 3.3.4.3.1 Can the government provide the average taxi services per month separately from base tours per month?

Response 25: Taxi services avg. 243 and base tours avg. 7 per month.

26. Paragraph 3.3.4.3.2 states contractor shall provide scheduled base shuttle bus (twenty-four passenger bus) as set forth below. The below paragraph states shuttle bus service requires (1) twenty-passenger bus. Which size bus is required or should be used?

Response 26: Twenty-Four passenger bus. See revised Section 3.3.4.3.2.

27. (a) Is there any software supplied for the computers that were located in the transportation offices and dispatch center?

(b) If so what are these software items (b) is the contractor free to suggest or propose different packages?

(c) If the government does not have a fleet maintenance database/program, what software does the existing contractor use?

(d) Is it government supplied or contractor supplied?

(e) Will this software be available for continuity purposes?

Response 27

a): Software is supplied by the R&DSD IT personnel responsible for the network.

b) The contractor is free to suggest or recommend different packages but with the understanding that the government has the final say.

c) Fleet 2000

d) Government supplied

e) Yes

28. Inspection requirements (such as the underground fuels tanks) are noted as a stipulation for performance, but there are no scheduled times for them to be performed. Are these inspections annual?

Response 28: NO. Section 3.3.2.3 states "as necessary"

29. Is a new contractor allowed to assume the credit card accounts for gasoline purchases by NRL employees - accounts that are presumably held by the incumbent contractor at this time - or is a new contractor required to open new accounts? If so when will we be informed as to which gasoline companies are preferred by the NRL?

Response 29: A new contractor would probably have to open new accounts. See section 3.3.2.5 for the areas supported. Gas cards vendors should be based on the areas supported.

30. There is no obvious mention of auto insurance for these government owned vehicles. Will the contractor be securing its own insurance or is that maintained by the government?

Response 30: Contractors are required to comply with FAR clause 52.228-5, Insurance - Work on a Government Installation.

31. Since the contractor is now connected to the NRL network on site, is there a limit to the number of computer users (i.e., our employees) we may be allowed? Also, since we would be on the network of the NRL, are we expected to provide an IT security plan or will one be made known to the winning contractor upon award?

Response 31: There is no limit to the number of computer users, only computers. The machines are government furnished equipment and the network is NRL controlled. The contractor requires no IT security plan but the governments IT plan and security disclaimer govern them.

32. Is the contractor required to maintain and replace the walkie-talkie radios at it own expense or are these to be maintained by the government?

Response 32: The government provides the base station located in the current dispatch office and the mobile units in certain vehicles. Walkie-talkies are not provided or maintained by the government for this contract.

33. How many contractor employees are currently stationed at the NRL locations mentioned in the solicitation documents that are away from the main NRL facility (e.g., Blossom Point, Quantico, etc.)?

Response 33: None. All contractor employees are stationed at NRL main site.

34. During the Site Visit we were told that the "grounds contractor" also shared two bays of the building 36, to include the rest room facilities. Do they have keys/access to the building? Do they use the "locker room?" Do they share in the janitorial services and expenses? A primary concern here is our responsibility to secure government property under our control and the associated difficulties in doing so if this is a joint-use building.

Response 34: The grounds contractor does not have keys to the building. The grounds contractor does not use the locker room. Sharing in the janitorial services and expenses are left to the project managers to work out.

35. SOW Paragraph 3.1 states, "The Project Manager, or a designated alternate with equal qualifications and authority, shall be on site while all contract work is in progress to provide supervision, receive notices, reports or requests from either the Contracting Officer, COR, or QA". Is it the intention that the Mgr or Alternate be on-site from 6 AM, when the shuttle bus starts running, to 5 PM, when the shuttle bus runs end? Or later, when a taxi driver may return? Also, does this include all out-of-hours IDQ work?

Response 35: Yes. Paragraph 3.1 states "shall be on site while all contract work is in progress."

36. SOW Paragraph 3.3.3.1 indicates use of a NAVFAC Form 9-11240/1. We cannot locate the form. Respectfully request the Government validate the form number and provide a copy of the form to offerors.

Response 36: See revised Section 3.3.3.1. Should read NAVFAC Form 9-11240/13 Operators inspection guide and trouble report. This form is to be used in conjunction with DD Form 1970 Motor vehicle utilization record. All forms shall be provided to the potential contractor upon award or soon thereafter.

37. Indefinite Quantity Work (IDQ). There is no provision for billing regular hours versus out-of-hours work. Suggest the Government consider establishing a CLIN schedule to allow billings at regular and out-of-hours rates. This may prove to be a cost-savings to the Government.

Response 37: The Government will consider this alternative.

38. It appeared that the gentleman who conducted much of the tour during the site visit will likely be serving as the COR during the course of the contract. Would that be the correct assumption?

Response 39: The COR(s) will be set forth under section G-2 of the resulting contract.

39. During the site visit a significant pile of used lead tire balancing weights was noticeable. While there is some discussion of the contractor's participation in the CHRIMP solid waste recovery process already in existence at the NRL, the contractor is asked to provide a "solid waste disposal plan." Is the contractor responsible for arranging the recycling of lead and the recycling of other solid waste materials or are such contractors already secured under the CHRIMP program?

Response 39: No. Contractors are already in place and are contacted through the NRL environmental section.

40. The RFP document contains multiple versions of Sections B, C, H - among others. Should we consider that one of these versions governs over the other version or will they be merged by modification or amendment?

Response 40: As stated under Section L-5 of the RFP, the government contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price services contract and a Firm Fixed Price IDIQ services contract resulting from this solicitation. Both contracts will be awarded to a single offeror. This is done for administrative purposes only.

41. There are requirements for the contractor to discuss how a parts supply will be acquired and handled. Will the contractor be reimbursed for maintaining an inventory of supplies, or are the expectations that supplies of parts and materials are to be procured following a "just-in-time" (JIT) supply process?

Response 41: No inventory of supplies will be maintained. Supplies will be ordered with enough lead-time prior to the scheduled equipments PM. Equipment break down supplies will be ordered as soon as possible with the quickest possible turn around time to minimize equipment down time.

42. To what use is the propane fuel put? Are the small, golf-cart type vehicles fueled by propane or is the contractor merely making it available for use and the consumption of other offices at the NRL?

Response 42: Information not required for bidding purposes.

43. Under section "3.3.2.5 Fuel Credit Cards" – mention is made of the contractor's requirement to provide national brand gasoline credit cards for issuance to NRL employees at the NRL and several other locations where the NRL has a presence in the CONUS. A total of 14 cards are to be secured and issued – how many of these cards will be based at the NRL home site and how many will be distributed at the other sites mentioned?

Response 43: Information not required for bidding purposes.

44. In regards to the credit card issue, - is there any provision by the government to protect the contractor against liability resulting from loss, misuse or fraudulent use of the cards or is that the responsibility of the contractor?

Response 44: The Government is liable for any unauthorized card usage by Government employees, but not unauthorized use from loss or stolen cards.

45. There were several hand-held, two-way radios in the offices of the contractor. Is the contractor responsible for the cost of replacing these radios as their useful life expires or is that the responsibility of the government?

Response 45: See response to Question 32

46. During the site visit, mention was made that the replacement of the computers and certain other equipment would be the responsibility of the contractor. Is there a ceiling cost level placed on the value of such equipment which is always attributable to the contractor (e.g., contractor pays the first \$2000 of any piece of operational equipment that needs to be replaced) or is this contractor cost burden only applicable to the computers and other such items as were mentioned?

Response 46: See Revised Section 3, SCOPE. The government is providing the network and also providing the computers. Refer to question 31.

47. "The Project Manager shall have at least three (3) years of recent (within the last five (5) years) experience in the management and supervision of transportation, equipment maintenance, for a facility of the approximate size and characteristics of NRL."

"The Project Manager, or a designated alternate with equal qualifications and authority, shall be on site while all contract work is in progress to provide supervision, receive notices, reports or requests from either the Contracting Officer, COR or QA."

This requirement of having a designated alternate with equal qualifications and authority be on site while all contract work is in progress (6:30 am to 4:30 pm) would necessitate the hiring of either two part time managers or one full time manager and a part time manager with equal qualifications. The way this requirement is written would require the hiring of a Project Manager to work a ten hour day or two (2) part-time Project Managers.

Will the government accept the contractor assigning equal authority to an individual not holding equal qualifications in cases where the Project Manager is off-site?

Response 47: NO. Section 3.1 states that the contractor shall provide sufficient full time supervision. Not part time. If the contractor so chooses to provide an alternate for the identified key personnel project manager, then the alternate shall have the same authority and also equal qualifications to fulfill the terms and conditions of this contract.

48. The solicitation is not clear on normal working hours. It states that the regular working hours are established to start between 6:30 am and 8:00 am, but does not provide a ending time. In order to correctly estimate staffing requirements, a normal workday needs to be defined.

Response: The 6:30am thru 8:00am range is set forth as the allotted time periods from which the standard eight-hour day STARTS.

Response: A normal work day is defined in section 3.1 first sentence.

Additionally, how many hours per day is the contractor required to provide dispatching services?

Response: Eight hours- paragraph 3.1

49. SOW 3.3.6.1 states in bold print that "Vehicle Washing is prohibited on NRL". Does that include all vehicles or only those vehicles which do not fit into the B-36 wash bay?

Response: All vehicles are prohibited from being washed in the open on NRL. If the vehicle cannot be washed inside the wash bay with the door in the down position, then the vehicle will have to be taken off the lab to be washed at a designated place approved by the contracting officer. Also refer to question 15.