

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions posed by a potential offeror. The questions and answers are as follows:

1. Is there a Government estimate for travel?

Travel estimates were inadvertently omitted from the RFP. The following clause is added as L-14 :

L-14 ESTIMATED TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

For the purposes of preparing their proposals, offerors should assume that the following travel will be required:

- 1) 6 trips/year, 2 days duration each, 1 person, apportioned as follows, from Washington, DC to:

Albuquerque, NM, 2 trips per year,
Arlington, TX, 2 trips per year,
Melbourne, FL, 2 trips per year,

for the purpose of supporting the NRL radiation hardening CRADA.

- 2) 1 trip/year, 5 days duration, 2 persons, from Washington, DC to 2 east coast, 1 mid-west and 2 west coast locations to attend the IEEE Nuclear and Space Radiation Effects Conference for the purpose of meeting with other workers in the radiation effects field to keep abreast of the latest theoretical and technological developments.
- 3) 1 trip/year, 5 days duration, 2 persons, from Washington, DC to 2 east coast and 3 west coast locations to attend the Hardened Electronics And Radiation Technology (HEART) conference for the purpose of meeting with other workers in the radiation effects field to keep abreast of the latest theoretical and technological developments.
- 4) 1 trip/year, 5 days duration, 2 persons, from Washington, DC to 2 east coast and 3 west coast locations to attend the IEEE International SOI Conference for the purpose of exchanging information with other workers on silicon on insulator materials.

2. It appears that the Government has underestimated the anticipated direct labor hours required for the Ph D category. Is the "Anticipated Distribution of Direct Labor Hours by Labor Category in Clause L-12 correct?

No. There is an error on page 29 of the solicitation. For Task 2.7, for the "Last 2 Years" column, the number of anticipated labor hours should be 1040 hours, and the number of hours stated for the technician category should be 0 hours.

3. The solicitation indicates that offerors should maximize the use of double sided copying, but that the proposal length should not exceed 50 pages. Are these 50 pages single sided or double sided ?

The technical proposal should be limited to 50 single sided pages.

The Government also wishes to indicate that the second sentence of Section M-2 is revised to read:

"The technical factor is more important than the cost category."

The closing date and time for the receipt of proposals remains 4:00 p.m. March 8, 1999.