

Questions and Answers

Q1- We are interested in receiving solicitations. Will you email them to us?

A1 - Go to the following website to see opportunities available.

<http://www.aed.usace.army.mil/contracting.asp>

Q2 - This is inquiring about contract Numbers W5J9JE-10-R-0025 , W5J9JE-10-R-0022 , W5J9JE-10-R-0016, and W5J9JE-10-R-0021

1- I want to know that do these projects have any rough design for estimations or not?

2- our company didn't work in some of the provinces announced in these solicitations but has good relations and reputations in there that could do contraction there like W5J9JE-10-R-0022 Khost Freng of Baghlan Province, and W5J9JE-10-R-0021 Miramor Daikundi Province please advise me if we could bid for those or not.

A2 - Go to the following website and download the solicitations and Appendices, all the information that is available is included. Appendix A & D have drawings. Appendix E has a site assessment.

You can submit a proposal on any of the advertised projects. It will be up to the source selection board to determine if a contractor meets the requirements. Also, if you do not have the experience in a particular province, you can team with someone (maybe a subcontractor) that does have the experience in that province. If they are going to be a subcontractor for you then you would need a letter of agreement in your proposal.

Q3 - Could you please kindly mention if there are any improvements in the "Letter of Assurance" issue?

A3 - There is no "letter of assurance" required. See the amendments posted with a new section 00110.

Q4 - According to section 4.11, on sheet 77 of the solicitation, "The Contractor shall design and construct the entire road and parking network".

Per page 26 of the Paghman site assessment, sheet 1022 of the solicitation, vehicle access to the site is "bad" and the site is located "2Km from the district asphalted road".

Therefore, it's reasonable to assume that the project's pricing should include the price to get the 2Km of site access road up the standards required in section 4.11 on page 77.

Is it indeed the case that we need to include in our price the price of the 2Km of road work for the site access road?

2. We did not find any dimensions for the four parking spaces inside the compound. We assume that the parking spaces should be sized to be 3m wide by 6m long. Is 3m by 6m the correct parking space size?

A4 – No, you will not be including the 2KM of road into your offer. The Contractor will however be responsible for repairing the existing road should they tear it up while working on the project.

The parking lot size is correct.

Q5 - Please refer to Solicitation W5J9JE-10-R-0023, Standard Form 1442, 13-A, there it's mentioned that one original and three copies will be submitted but on page 12 of solicitation.

A5 – You must follow the format set out in sections 00110 & 00120.

Q6 - Please let me know in price proposal where we should put our Cost Breakdown that will be our assessment / BOQ or unit prices for all items in detail.

A6 – Just filling in the CLIN on the price schedule is fine. If we need a breakdown of your cost, we will ask for it later.

Q7 - In Scope of work page No. 69 paragraph one Line 2 you mentioned total area of building 600 Sqm in support of drawing of page No. 305 and page No. 298 along with water tower, well house, fuel tank, power plant, fuel tank and re-fueling tank, but you also have given a drawing in page No. 1005 with some other buildings, hence which site plan should be considered for estimation, site plane of page No. 298 or site plane of Page No. 1005.

A7 - You should be using Page 298, not page 1005. Page 1005 is part of the site assessment and is the existing site plan.

Q8 - Now I would like to submit you a proposal from my company and the meantime I would like to participate in a joint venture for other projects as well, is it possible or not?

A8 - Yes, it is possible. You will have to show that you have the capacity to complete the projects should they be awarded to you.

Q9 - Would like to get your cooperation according to the Solicitation W5J9JE-10-R-0032 for Afghanistan Uniform Police HQ Deh Sabz Kabul. There in Documents have one restriction for Contractor about that " The Projects Must have been completed in the province in which the Solicitation Project is to be Located", but we want to bring in your kind information that if the company have constructed many building in different area in Afghanistan but didn't Construct in same Area so then what will the company do because if your organization will not give chance to build then how the company will get experience in same area".

Kindly give some Concession in this restriction.

A9 – These requirements will not be changed. If you do not have any experience working in that province you will need to partner with a company that has (Joint Venture) or have letters of commitment from subcontractors that have worked in that province. There will be 190 of these projects this year and some may be in the provinces you have worked in before.

Q10 - We want to work on solicitation (W5J9JE-10-R-0033). We don't know about the process of US Army Corps of Engineers as we worked in different location of Afghanistan with US Army Corps of Engineers but all our work was as a subcontract especially in Zabul and in Helmand province. What do we need to do for getting work as a main contractor from your? if you give us a chance for doing such as mentioned projects really you will not regret and I will look forward to your advice.

A10 - All of our advertised solicitation are posted on the following website:
<http://www.aed.usace.army.mil/contracting.asp>

You can print the solicitation from that website. Also, if you do not have any experience working in that province you will need to partner with a company that has (Joint Venture) or have letters of commitment from subcontractors the have worked in that province. There will be 190 of these projects this year and some may be in the provinces you have worked in before.

Q11 - As per mentioned in pre-proposal conference that we will get the presentation on Security plan as you have shown in the pre-proposal conference. Could you please upload the presentation in the AED website, so that we can have very good reference to prepare security Plan?

A11 – Slides have been loaded to the website.

Q12 - If a company has implemented a project in a bordering province where the project is planned, that means the company has experience in the area and knowledge about the population and environment prevailing in the area.

Is it enough and is the company qualified for bidding such a project?

If a company has a subcontractor having experience in the area where the project open for bid is located and the subcontracting company is expressing readiness to work for the prime contracting company, in this case, shall we provide contact details of the Subcontractor or its client?

A12 - List this information in the experience section of your proposal and explain what you have told me below.

If you are going to use a subcontractor with experience in the province you are submitting a proposal for, you will need a Letter of Commitment signed by you and the subcontractor. Place this letter in the experience section. These type letters will not count against your page limitation.

Q13 - The volume of work in Mandozai district of Khost province is already completed more than 60%, will that be considered as approved work or no that will be demolished and the construction will be started from the foundation.

A13 – That should be demolished as part of the new contract and the project started anew.

Q14 - I have misunderstanding the solicitation number (W5J9JE-10-R-0023) about drawings of solicitation do we attached the drawings in the proposal? Would you please give us information about misunderstanding?

A14 - No, you do not need to attach the drawings to the proposal.

Q15 - We are not able to download the presentation materials for the pre-proposal conference that we attended yesterday. We are waiting and please give us the exact location from where we shall be able to download the stuff.

A15 - When you are looking at the website there is a file above the tabs that looks like the below:

Documentation and Slide Presentations from the Preproposal Conference (Feb. 2-4) View Documents.

Q16 - Page limitation for past performance factor is 6 pages that will only take past performance form and commitment letter from subcontractor, are we allowed to include our letter of recommendation/appreciation and letter of award in to this factor?

A16 - Letters of Commitment should be under your EXPERIENCE tab and they will not count against your page count under Experience. You can make a simple comment in past performance "see Experience for Letters of Commitment". The 6 page limitation is all that will be reviewed, so you want to make sure you put in the most important information in those 6 pages.

Q17 - Is there any other place where we can include our letter of recommendation/appreciation or letter of award?

A17 - There is no way around the page limitation.

Q18 - You mentioned (and it's stated in the requirements that applicant has have experience in the province and submit past performance for three last years etc.etc.). What about new Companies? We are just half a year old and only chances we have - to be a subcontractors or to go for JV with someone who has well documented past. How we can proceed with the development and where are chances for new Companies egger to work? The only chance we have just JV with local constructors who are not able to bid, but are somehow presented in the region. However those, normally also haven't got any records behind. So where is equal competition? How to develop the Company and proceed further? What is a chance even to be evaluated? Can you put a word on this?

Regarding Capacity Development, this is a show stopper for the On base project to have such a rate of local workers is inefficient - for 30 locals on base you have to have at least 6 escorts and do to security issues their working hours are limited for 4-5 working hours a day. Are there any exceptions for the On Base projects?

A18 - Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria outlined in Sections 00110 and 00120. Only proposals submitted can be evaluated by the technical evaluation team. It may be advisable to get experience as a subcontractor before attempting to qualify as a prime contractor. Use your best judgment when deciding whether to submit a proposal.

Most of these are NOT on a base. We won't likely be building a UP District Headquarters on a base.

Q19 – W5J9JE-10-R-0023 Regarding site visit I think here is no site visit for this project therefore can you give us the exact address of the site that we go to site visit our self or any guidance.

A19 - Appendix E is the site assessment. (Pages 992 - 1035) All solicitations for the UP Dist HQ contain a site assessment with the location.

Q20 - W5J9JE-10-R-0022, would like to bid for the mentioned solicitation, the purpose of this email i don not receive your projects by my company email add also nowadays your projects are not listing in the USACE website, so if you could kindly help me what is the procedure for registration to send the solicitation directly to our email add which is as below in order to take part in the reconstruction of our country thanks in advance for your cooperation.

A20 - Go to the following website and click on the "solicitation" tab to see solicitation W5J9JE-10-R-0022 and click on the underlined number. You will be able to download it and print it. It is a rather large file (28MB - 31MB) so it may take some time to open. Because of its size I cannot email it.

<http://www.aed.usace.army.mil/contracting.asp>

Q21 - I couldn't find an amendment on SOL# W5J9JE-10-R-0020, ANP UP District at Pul Ahsar, Baghlan Province on AED-N website.

Could you inform me about releasing any amendments on above mention solicitation, and what about closing date?

A21 - Go to the following website and click on "Amendments", then go to page three or four and you will find the amendment dated 1/19/2010.

<http://www.aed.usace.army.mil/contracting.asp>

Q22 - Did you need the cost break down in price proposal or just filling of CLIN in price schedule is ok?

The Government asks as about three copy of technical proposal so can we put it in one file or we must put it in three separate files and one package?

A22 - Just filling in the CLIN on the price schedule is fine. If we need a breakdown of your cost, we will ask for it later.

Put it in three separate files and one package.

Q23 - A review of the RFP for the Borka UP District HQ Project, W5J9JE-10-R-0024 shows that there is no Standard Form 1442, no Section 00010 and no Section00600. Please issue an Amendment that will contain these items.

A23 - Print the solicitation and you will find pages 2 thru 63 at the very end with all the pages you are looking for.

Q24 - W5J9JE-10-R-0039 HQ SHEBERGHAN JAWZJAN, We are preparing our proposal for the above mentioned contract. Our question is about design standard (CJ-ENJ App B - Austere definitions). Should we follow the scope of work and technical requirement instructions or the design standard (CJ-ENJ App B - Austere definitions) requirements?

For example scope of work calls 1 generator and design standard (CJ-ENJ App B - Austere definitions) calls N+2.

A24 - Confirmed, scope of work calls for 1 generator, which is what we are asking for. CJ-ENG App B austere definitions do not apply.

Q25 - ANP projects at some districts of Khost province like (74 PDT RFP tanai , 73 PDT RFP mandozai , spera). So we have information about these projects that a few percent construction work how already completed so we want to estimate these projects and we don't know that estimate all the quantity of projects or non worked quantity's

A25 - Yes. The existing structure is to be demolished and carried away. Your proposal should include pricing for all aspects of the project from start to finish.

Q26 – How much Importance is given to companies who worked on ANP projects?

A26 – Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) will look at what is presented in each proposal and make their determinations from the information provided in accordance with sections 00110 and 00120.

Q27 – Reimbursement for the cost of DBA Insurance is a problem.

A27 – You should be contacting the Contracting Officer for the contract and letting them know that you are having a problem getting reimbursed. You may have to file a claim with the contracting office that issued the contract.

Q28 - Any quick methodology of getting approval for plans, designs, etc?

A28 – This should be asked at the first post award conference with the Program Manager and COR.

Q29 – We did not hear anything about Quality Control Plan (QCP).

A29 – See section 01451 for information on the QCP.

Q30 – Section 00110, paper size, can we use standard A4 paper size instead of 8.5 x 11 inch?

A30 – Must use what is asked for. If you cannot find the 8.5 x 11 inch paper, I would suggest using a paper cutter to shorten the A4 paper.

Q31 – Past Performance Table item #5 requesting for listing of current projects, please explain how many contracts we have to list on this item.

A31 – The solicitation states “All projects currently underway”.

Q32 – How do we get in on projects of less than one million?

A32 – Watch the website for advertised solicitations, as not all are over one million.

Q33 – We have experience as a subcontractor working on these type projects. Will this experience help in the evaluations?

A33 – The experience you list in your proposal is what will be looked at and you should list the experience that you feel will help your company during the evaluations by the Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB). They will look at what is presented in each proposal and make their determinations from the information provided.

Q34 – Once we get the project shall we pay immediately the DBA?

A34 – If you are awarded a project, the first thing you should do is acknowledge the award, apply for your DBA Insurance and start putting your people in SPOT. DBA insurance takes 7 working days to process, which means it can take 10 -14 calendar days to process.

Q35 – Subfactor 1, Key personnel. Can we use one project manager for Design and Construction?

A35 – Section 00110 does not specify that one person cannot fulfill more than one role. You may want to explain in your management plan if you do this.

Q36 – Capacity development – asking for name and CV of Capacity developer. Is this put in the list of Key Personnel?

A36 – Put the name in the list of Key Personnel and in Tab 3 Organizational Flow Chart. Also include the resume.