Afghanistan MATOC's
W917PM-07-R-0105/W917PM-07-R-0110
Question and Answer Set #2

Question 1: In Section 00010 – Solicitation Contract Form, page 3 and 4, should we fill in the solicitation? Should we fill it with the total proposal amount for the Sample Task Order?

Answer 1: No this Section is not filled in by the offerors. The proposal amount for the Sample Task Order is not entered in this Section. The Government will fill this Section in with the yearly ceiling amount at time of contract award.

Question 2: In order to prepare a sound and complete proposal, we kindly request you extend the bid closing date two more weeks (Solicitation W917PM-07-R-0105).

Answer 2: The proposal due date for solicitation W917PM-07-R-0105 has been extended to 3 July 2007 by Amendment 0003. The proposal due date for solicitation W917PM-07-R-0110 remains the same for 3 July 2007.

Question 3: We request that the Government reconsider its decision to keep Section 0800, Item F, entitled "Attacks from Hostile Entities" as part of the solicitation. During the course of this contract, it is a certainty that work, particularly in the embattled border regions of Afghanistan, will be subject to enemy fire, bombing, etc. It is unrealistic to assume a contractor can absorb these risks without recourse for items certainly out of its control. At a minimum, please reconsider including a "War Risk" or similar clause in the solicitation.

Answer 3: The Government intends to leave Item F, Attacks from Hostile Entities, in the solicitation because the Government desires that the successful contractor assume the risks inherent in performing work under the contract. A Ware Risk clause will not be included in the solicitation.

Question 4: During the execution of work under this contract, will the Government provide written acceptance of completed work on an activity-by-activity basis?

Answer 4: In Section 00700, Contract Clauses, refer to Clause 52.236-11 Use and Possession Prior to Completion.

Question 5: During the pre-proposal meeting, the Government indicated that if a task order (TO) was awarded to a contractor and the contractor did not accept the

TO, that the contractor would not be given any more TO opportunities. Could the Government please clarify and/or verify this statement?

Answer 5: There is a procedure for issuing and awarding Task Orders. For example five contractors are awarded the base contract. When a project is identified a solicitation document will be issued to all five contractors. Each contractor has a choice of submitting a proposal on that requirement. This is the stage where the contractor decides they want to perform the work and submit a proposal. The contractor is not required to submit a proposal on each solicitation that is issued against the base contract. In addition the contractor can withdraw his proposal by written notice any time before award.

Question 6: If the value of a TO (including potentially the sample task) exceeds the intended MATOC contract range of $1 to $5 million (W917PM-07-R-0110), is it the Government's intent to break the TO into multiple awards to multiple contractors of $1 to $5 million each?

Answer 6: No the TO cannot be split into multiple awards to keep the project within the contract range. If all the proposals received are over the contract's maximum range ($5 million) then a decision would be made to either repackage the project (reduce scope, etc) or reissue the solicitation. This should not happen since the Government prepares an estimate for each project. FAR 16.505 states "Orders shall be within the scope, issued within the period of performance, and be within the maximum value of the contract."

Question 7: If the sample task results in multiple awards to multiple awardees, how should General Requirements costs be proposed? That is, should mob/demob, supervision, management, security, etc. be included individually in each CLIN? If so, will a revised Proposal Schedule be provided to allow for this?

Answer 7: The sample task order will not be awarded to multiple awardees. The sample task order can only be awarded to one contractor. The base contract can result in multiple awards. If the sample task order is awarded it would be given to one of the contractors receiving a base contract award. The task order will be evaluated as stated in the technical and price evaluation criteria.

Question 8: Should offerors propose on the sample task under the assumption that the sample task will be awarded as one TO to one offeror?

Answer 8: Yes. As stated in Answer #7, if the task order is awarded it will be one task order to one contractor.

Question 9: Are there any page limitations for the proposal?

Answer 9: No.