

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE J	PAGE OF PAGES 1 7
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 27-May-2011	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. W917PM11044901		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY AFGHANISTAN DISTRICT SOUTH (AES) US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS APO AE 09355	CODE W5J9LE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W5J9LE-11-T-0004
				X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 01-May-2011
					10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
					10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE	FACILITY CODE				
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer 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 <u>1</u> 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 you 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 APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
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 <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> 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.) The purpose of this amendment is as follows: 1. Industry Questions/Clarifications and Answers are addressed with this Amendment. 2. Chapter U is incorporated as Attachment 1. 3. The Quotation due date is hereby extended to Tuesday, 14 June 2011, 1700 hours local time. --- SEE CONTINUATION PAGES ---					
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)		
			TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 27-May-2011	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following have been added by full text:

AMENDMENT 0001

The Quotation Due Date is hereby EXTENDED to Tuesday, 14 June 2011, 1700 hours Local Time.

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1: Provide us a copy of “Ministry of Energy and Water, Rehabilitation and Extension of the Kabul City distribution Network, Chapter U, dated 01.2005”. Provide a copy of “Ministry of Water and Power, Chapter U- Distribution Standards Dated January 2005” if not the same as the first copy.

A1: Attachment 1 to this amendment is a copy of the “Ministry of Energy and Water, Rehabilitation and Extension of the Kabul City distribution Network, Chapter U, dated 01.2005”. The “Ministry of Water and Power, Chapter U- Distribution Standards Dated January 2005” is the same document as Attachment 1.

Q2: Provide us a copy of “Aybek EPC Mobile Generator Step-UP Packaged Substation and 20Kv Distribution Network, Technical Specifications VI, Parts 1-5”.

A2: This document is not available and/or does not exist.

Q3: CLIN 032 Aluminum Conductor; kindly clarify the quantity required; is it 250 Rolls each with length of 1000 Meter?

A3: 120Km in 2Km reels.

Q4: In which city in Afghanistan is the Shorandam Industrial Park?

A4: Kandahar, South East about 15KM from downtown along Highway 4 (major road) about halfway to Kandahar International Airport.

Q5: Pg 7 of 87: Scope of Work – this requirement is for the “procurement and delivery of electrical equipment and materials...” – However, there are a few sections of the RFQ that suggest that installation is required (e.g. Pg 69: Installation of Reinforcement Steel, Pg 70: Mixing, Placing, and Curing Concrete). Is installation a requirement of this scope of work?

A5: There is no requirement for installation.

Q6: Pg 74 of 87: Testing of pole – States that one in hundred numbers of each type of poles will be selected at random for testing. The cost of testing shall be borne by the contractor, including the cost of

poles. Question: If a pole is found to meet the testing standards, it is then discarded and cannot be used for the project?

A6: On delivery Contractor will provide documentation showing test results specified in the contract.

Q7: Page of 7 of 87 @ 1) SUMMARY OF WORK, para 4 states: Items need to be delivered as soon as possible, not later than 180 days after contract award. Items should be priced for short lead time (90 days) AND long lead times (180 days) → Are you asking for us to price the lead time both ways for these items (180 days and 90 days)?

A7: The max delivery of any item is 180 days. Any item that can be delivered within 90days needs to be noted as such on the BID SCHEDULE column. Any items that cannot be delivered within 90 days but within the 180 days needs to be noted as such on the BID SCHEDULE column.

Q8: Page 47 of 87, section 8 “Meter Testing and Test Inspection:” Please confirm that the actual testing of the meters must take place in Afghanistan? Are the meters to be installed by the contractor before actual testing?

A8. DABS will perform acceptance testing using item 004 on sample meters provide by contractor, after delivery of item 004 but before contractor places order for power meters with manufacture.

Q9: Page 49 of 87, section 8.2 “routine tests”: this section requires “routine tests to be carried out on all meters and each consignment of meters shall be accompanied by one set of routine test results.” Would the routine tests take place in Afghanistan onsite? Or, could the routine tests take place at the manufacturer’s facility?

A9: Same as answer to A8.

Q10: Page 49 of 87, section 10 “onsite training”: This section states that “contractor shall organize on-site training on the meter technology, installation, testing and commissioning, including operation and maintenance of energy meters, etc. for personnel specified by DABS.” – Does this mean that the contractor needs to be present during the installation commissioning phases of the project? Or, is the contractor required to provide training sessions that cover these aspects of the works and DABS personnel would perform the installation, testing, and commissioning on their own?

A10: DABS will perform all installation and testing after receipt of meters.

Q11: Pg 50 of 87, section 12 “technical assistance”: this section states that “The Bidder shall include in his offer technical assistance for the installation and operation of meters, for programming and software use, and for training for correct use of the equipment.” – can this technical assistance be done remotely or it is a requirement to have contractor staff in Kandahar for the full duration of time? Depending on the length of the installation of the overall project, this technical assistance could become very costly.

A11: DABS will perform all installation and testing after receipt of meters. Remote technical assistance is acceptable. On site assistance on product warranty issues may be required.

Q12: Pg 51 of 87, section 17 “guarantee” This section requires a two year guarantee from date of handing over the equipment system. Please define the “date of handover.” Is this the date the equipment has been installed by DABS and is fully commissioned? Or, is this the date the equipment is delivered to Kabul?

A12: It is the date the equipment is received by USACE in Kandahar.

Q13: Many of the items reference “Ministry of Water and Power, Chapter U –Distribution Standards, dated January, 2005.” Can you provide this standard for prospective bidders?

A13: See answer A1.

Q14: Pg 69 of 87, section 6 “storage and protection of materials” this section provides standards for the storage of cement, aggregates, and steel. In some cases the need for special facilities is required. Will DABS or the USG provide these storage facilities to the Contractor?

A14: USG and DABS will provide storage facilities for materials. Poles need to be delivered with staking and bracing materials which will allow poles to be stacked on flat ground and multiple levels. All materials will be delivered in appropriately storage configuration. No lose items.

Q15: Are the I digital energy meters part of a AMI/AMR system in Afghanistan?

A15: Current AMI/AMR (Automatic Metering Infrastructure/Automatic Meter Reading) is not being used in Afghanistan.

Q16: For line item # 36, would you please give us more details about lightning arrester that you need?

Q16a: What is the “Line Discharge Class” of arrester according to IEC, i.e: Class: 1 or 2 or 3

A16a: Class 1

Q16b: What is the required “type of housing” of the arrester, i.e: silicone or porcelain

A16b: Polimerc

Q16c: What is the required “creepage distance of the housing”, i.e: 25 mm/kV or 31 mm/kV or different

A16c: Greater then 25mm/kv

Q16d: What is the required “Max. Continuous Operating Voltage (Uc)” of arrester

A16d: 21.6KV

Q17: Can you please specify as to, which manufacturer are you looking for?

A17: The Government is requesting Brand Name or Equal for all items listed, per Paragraph 3 of the Statement of Work.

Q18: We (ADCEC) is interested to bid on subjected solicitation so we would like to know about the payment procedure of subjected project. please provide us with our required information ASAP.

A18: Payment is made by the Government via Electronic Funds Transfer. The contract awardee will be provided additional payment instructions.

Q19: in bid schedule item 032 Aluminum conductor - 120/20 ACSR wire (KM), Our understanding the required quantity is 120 KM , is our understanding right or wrong? Please confirm.

A19: Their understanding is "right".

Q20: This is regarding the above project. I was wondering if we can supply 11.7m metal poles instead of 12m so it can fit in a 40ft containers when we do the delivery.

A20: The Government cannot deviate from the requirement.

Q21: Do we take quotation from another electrical company but same Product for above subject solicitation? and made in Germany. Our main office in Germany did request that questions. We are interested to this solicitation to Provide you electrical material. Our Main office in Germany contact with following company relate to quotation but that company said I cannot give quotation to many vendors. Kindly request you Please contact with that company and tell them it is open bids anybody can bid in this jobs. Model MT300/MT310 Manufactured by ZERA GmbH of Konigswinter Germany or approved equal.

A21: The Government will not contact the company. However, Model MT300/MT310 Manufactured by ZERA GmbH of Konigswinter Germany or approved equal may be quoted.

Q22: These Electrical items are provided and deliver by Contractor so how about installation of this electrical items or installation is not required?

A22: The contractor is only supplying and delivering the parts to a warehouse (supply contract). The Government will provide installation through other means.

Q23: Are we obliged to quote for all items or you will segregate the awards?

A23: Offerors must provide a quotation for all items.

Q24: Where the delivery location in terms of country? is it USA or Kandahar?

A24: Final delivery is to Kandahar Afghanistan.

Q25: What are the preferred countries of Origin? We know that China, Cuba, Iran, N.Korea and Syria are not a desired origins, can we offer Indian? Or you prefer only USA?

A25: Final delivery is to Kandahar Afghanistan.

Q26: Will you please extend the bid closing date for one more week?

A.26: The Quotation Due Date is hereby EXTENDED to Tuesday, 14 June 2011, 1700 hours Local Time.

Q27: Can a Foreign company bid on this project. Our company do not have any registration with the local Authorities in Afghanistan? Also, are there any addendums to this Solicitation?

A27: Yes, this is Full & Open. Anyone can bid. Amendment 0001 is the first Amendment to the solicitation.

Q28: Here is the grid coordinate in the solicitation: MGRS41RQQ679799750. To convert this we need an even number of numbers, this is a 9 digit grid. It either has one too many numbers or is missing one to make it an 8 or 10 digit grid coordinate.

A28: The coordinates are 41RQQ6779097385.

Q29: SF 1449 states 2 copies are required, yet solicitation requires electronic copy. Please confirm which is required (hard copies or soft copy)?

A29: In accordance with number 3. Proposal Submission Address, electronic submission is required. Do not submit hard or paper quotations.

Q30: Furthermore, the requests for insulators lack specification. Please provide specifics such as ANSI class numbers, dimensions, and specifics about the insulators -- what type of head, etc.

A30: Remove Item 006 "Insulators" (already in items 020,021,022)

Q31: Can you let us know further details for the needed Digital energy meters ? Revenue or sub metering?

A31: Revenue

Q32: What information is demanded to read out?

A32: Kwh

Q33: Is it communication or direct reading from display

A33: Direct reading - must be able to be read with infrared.

--End of Questions--

(End of Summary of Changes)