

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE J	PAGE OF PAGES 1 13
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 16-May-2007	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY AFGHANISTAN ENGINEER DISTRICT US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KABUL APO AE 09356		CODE W917PM	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. W917PM-07-R-0070
			X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 28-Apr-2007
				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 type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" 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.) This amendment is made to provide the following information: 1. Answers questions from prospective offerors. 2. Correct sections 00150 and 01335 concerning design submittals. 3. Provide a map of the SAMPLE PROJECT area. 4. Provide the list of attendees of the pre-solicitation meeting.				
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	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		15-May-2007

The following items are applicable to this modification:

SECTION 00100 - BIDDING SCHEDULE/INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

**SOLICITATION W917PM-07-R-0070
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. In SOW it has mentioned that time of completion of this work is 600 days, is the 600 days to construct a gravel road of 42 KM, correct?

Ans: Yes-See amendment no. 2, date 11 May 07

2. In page 5 of this project PDF format in SAMPLE PROJECT PRICE PROPOSAL SCHEDULE, there is no mention of structure of the road, can you please clarify and define "Construct 42km Gravel Road"?

Ans: No, that is not correct. See SAMPLE PROJECT Scope of Work- it is clearly stated that all structures (culverts, retaining walls, bridges, washout, etc) shall be constructed.

3. Maintenance / Warranty Period: normally for gravel road there is 6 months of warranty, what is the requirement in this project?

Ans: The warranty period is 1 year for road projects regardless it is paved or gravel. See SAMPLE PROJECT Scope of Work, paragraph 7.

4. Also please kindly explain to us this line: In accordance with FAR 36.204 "Disclosure of the magnitude of construction projects", the magnitude for the SAMPLE PROJECT is estimated to be in excess of \$10 million including options. The SAMPLE PROJECT may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. Is this statement reflect this project.

Ans: This project was estimated in excess of \$10M because we have no detail surveying data. However, that does mean it will actually cost more or less than 10M. It is only an estimate. It is up to the contractor to field verify and come up with their best estimate.

5. Last question can we complete the task earlier than 600 Days?

Ans: The performance period for this project is 600 days. Of course, you can complete earlier if you can. If you can not complete within that period of time, the Liquidated Damage clause will be applied and your performance evaluation will be rated based on how you perform the work during the construction stage

6. Do you have the quantities? or should we assume it? to find the total cost.

Ans: No, we do not have any quantities since no surveying was conducted. Thus, it is the contractor's responsibility to estimate the quantity to come up with the total cost. We do not specify your method to generate the cost proposal.

7. Demining/UXO- Will USACE provide a certificate of clearance for the areas to be constructed upon?

Ans: No.

8. The number of bad weather days in the SAMPLE project does not seem reasonable?

Ans: We did not indicate any weather day on the Sample project but the performance period. Amendment 2 was issued on 11 May to change the performance period from 530 days to 600 days. The revised performance takes into account the delay due to weather, EID, holidays, etc.

If you mean the weather extension in section 01060 "special clause" it is what it is. That is the general weather extension for all projects. We will also factor additional days for each particular project based on its location in the performance period.

9. Can the attendance form be give to the attendees?

Ans: Yes this is provided in this amendment 0003.

10. Can you please tell me the Location of this project?

Ans: See attached map.

11. Do we have sub grad course?

Ans: Road construction shall include subgrade, sub-base and base course with AC pavement in accordance with the Afghan Ministry of Public Work.

12. The road is single way or double way - two lanes-

Ans: It is stated in the RFP- 7m wide (3.5m per lane), 1.5m shoulders on each side. This requirement is in MPW

13. Does the road have ditches in the sides?

Ans: Yes, all structures (ditches, drainage, culverts, bridges, washouts, etc- SEE RFP)

14. How much is the distance (length) of the road in inside and outside of Afghanistan?
Distance is shown in the RFP-

Ans: See attached map. The length of the road is shown.

15. Is the use of stone in culverts necessary?

Ans: It is encouraged to use local material (stone) for the construction of the road but the contractor needs to provide design calculations, during the design stage, to verify the design is in accordance with Ministry of Public Work (MPW).

16. How much is the Wide and Depth of Bridges and Culverts?

Ans: That is to be determined by the Contractor. The RFP states that such structures shall be designed in accordance with the latest Afghanistan Ministry of Pubic Works.

17. [Flight mapping]or[Satellite photography] is necessarily required between "Qalat" to "Mizan". So we would like to know if it is possible for you provide us.

Ans: Due to security reasons we can not provide flight mapping or satellite photography. See attached map for information that can be provided.

Questions on 15 May 07

1. Design submittal stage

-Spec 00150-para4.0: 35%design-65%design-Final design

-Spec 01010-para 3.6.1: Concept design-Preliminary design-Final design

-Spec 01335-para 3.8: Preliminary design (50%)-Concept design (99%)-Ready advertise(100%)-

Question: which one is to be applied for this project?

Ans: 50%, 99% and 100% for all sections. The RFP is amended by this amendment.

2. Clarification of Specification of instruction of Offeror.

-Section 00100 "SAMPLE PROJECT scope of work in the section 00800"

Question: 00800 is Special Contract Requirements. Please clarify.-

Ans: Section 00800 has all clauses specific to this solicitation.

3. Clarification of Specification Section 01010 of Task Order Scope of Work

-Para 1.2 "The contractor shall propose a price per person per year for each contract year for providing these services. (See Section B. Services or Services and Prices)"

Question: Please clarify the whole paragraph:

Ans: This sentence and the requirement are deleted by this amendment.

4. Performance schedule

-Spec 01010-para 3.3.1.: CPM

-Spec 01321-para 1.1.: Bar Chart

Question: Bar Chart is to be used as instructed in Scope of Work. Please clarify.

Ans: The CPM-NAS schedule will be used at a later time during the construction stage for a thorough schedule. It is not mandatory. The Contractor may submit either horizontal bar schedule or CPM-NAS schedule for the Government approval.

5. Spec Section 00010 "Price Proposal Schedule"

Bid Items No. Option 2 and 3

Questions: 1. What is the paving material, Asphalt or Concrete?-

Ans: Asphalt Concrete (AC pavement)

6. To fill in the price for Option 2 and 3, among the amount of the difference between graveled and paved and the total amount of paved road, which one is to be used? Please clarify.

Ans: Option 2- Paved through villages- It means that you need to provide the cost for 100mm AC pavement for 15km only, since Base bid has already covered the entire 42km of gravel road structure.

Ans: Option 3- Paved entire road (42km). It means you provide the cost for 100mm AC pavement only, since Base Bid has already covered the entire length of the road for gravel road structure.

7. It is shown in section 00010, Price Proposal Schedule, that the road to be executed is 42Km gravel road, i.e.: composed from subgrade, Subbase and base course. On the other hand, it is mentioned in the optional items 2 and 3 that the contractor must bid on constructing paved road. Is it meant here that the contractor must bid on paving the road only or the price must include constructing a paved road that includes subgrade, Subbase, base course and then asphalt?

Ans: This project consists of the base contract and three options-

The base contract: is to construct gravel road including all structures

Option 2- Paved through villages- It means that you need to provide the cost for 100mm AC pavement for 15km only, since Base bid has already covered the entire 42km of gravel road structure.

Option 3- Paved entire road (42km). It means you provide the cost for 100mm AC pavement only, since Base Bid has already covered the entire length of the road for gravel road structure.

8. Will the shoulders be paved or only the two main lanes?

Ans: The road will be paved from shoulder to shoulder (10m wide)

9. You mean by 1.5 meters shoulders:

Ans: Shoulder on both sides- 1.5m on each side

10. In addition, the price estimate is different between various locations in Afghanistan because of security. I mean that this sample project is from Qalat to Mizan Road. I'm sure that the price of this area is higher than constructing a road from Kabul Airport to Bagram Airfield and it is lower than working a road in Terin Kowt to Dihrawoud. Will the price that we will provide be constant for all of Afghanistan area or only for Zabul Province or only for this specific road?

Ans: No, each project is different based on the location and its existing condition. The cost proposal is specifically for the SAMPLE PROJECT only.

SECTION 00150 CHANGES

A. Delete Section 00150, The Design Build Process, paragraph 4., SAMPLE PROJECT SCHEDULE, in its entirety and replace with the new paragraph 4. below:

“4. SAMPLE PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The following is a suggested internal design schedule and is subject to modification by the Offeror to suit their particular method of operation. Overall time constraints are required and cannot be changed except by contract modification. Prospective offerors shall be required to submit a complete schedule for design and construction that meets or exceeds the overall time goals of the Government for this project.

Notice to Proceed	Following Award of Contract (upon written notification)
Design Phase, Part 1	Basic Services Pre-design Meeting within 7 days from Award of Contract

Submit Preliminary Design Submittal <i>(50% completion level)</i>	30 days following Award of Contract
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Submittal Review Conference	Within 7 days after 50% <i>(location TBD)</i> submittal REVIEW is completed
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Authorization to Commence Design Phase Part 2	Upon approval of first design submittal
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Build Phase authorization to commence	Upon approval of corrected first design submittal site preparation, and drainage construction
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Submit Concept Design Submittal <i>(90% completion level)</i>	30 days from Authorization for Design Phase, Part 2
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Submittal Review Conference	7 days after 90% <i>(location TBD)</i> submittal REVIEW is completed
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Submit 100% Design for Review and Approval	Within 30 days following 2 nd review period
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Build Phase Authorization for Remainder of Work	Upon approval of final submittal
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Total Design and Construction Period	600 calendar days (performance period includes design and construction phases)”
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SECTION 00800 - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 01335 CHANGES

B. Delete Section 01335, SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES FOR DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS, paragraphs 3.8 DESIGN STAGES, 3.83, and 3.84 in their entirety and replace with the new paragraphs 3.8, 3.83, and 3.84 below:

3.8 DESIGN STAGES

The Contractor shall schedule the number and composition of the design submittal phases. Design submittals are required at the Preliminary (50%) and Concept (90%) design stages and at the Final (100%) stage. The requirements of each design stage are listed hereinafter. The number and contents of the design submittals phases shall be reflected in TAC Form 122-E as well as in the Contractor's design progress schedule.

3.8.3 90% Design Concept Review Submittal

The review of this submittal is to insure that the design is in accordance with directions provided the Contractor during the design process. The only effort remaining between the FINAL DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL and the "CLEARED FOR CONSTRUCTION" DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL is the incorporation of the Government Review Comments. The Contractor shall submit the following documents for Final review:

a. Design Analysis, developed to a 90% design stage. The Design Analysis shall be in its final form. It shall include all backup material previously submitted and revised as necessary. All design calculations shall be included. The Design Analysis shall contain all explanatory material giving the design rationale for any design decisions which would not be obvious to an engineer reviewing the Final Drawings and Specifications.

b. 90% Complete Construction Specifications. The Draft Specifications on all items of work submitted for Final Review shall consist of marked-up proprietary specifications.

c. 90% Complete Construction Drawings. The Contract Drawings submitted for Final Review shall include the drawings previously submitted which have been revised and completed as necessary. The Contractor is expected to have completed all of his coordination checks and have the drawings in a design complete condition. The drawings shall be finalized at this time including the incorporation of any design review comments generated by the Preliminary design review. The drawings shall contain all the details necessary to assure a clear understanding of the work throughout construction.

d. The Government's 50% Design Review Comments with the Contractor's annotation to each comment.

3.8.4 "Cleared for Construction" Design Review Submittal (100%)

After the FINAL DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL review, the Contractor shall revise the Contract Documents by incorporating any comments generated during the FINAL DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL and shall prepare final hard copy Construction Specifications. The Contractor shall submit the following documents for the design complete submittal:

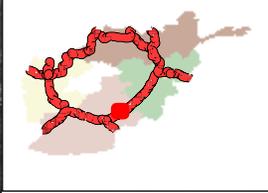
a. Design Analysis

b. Construction Specifications

c. Construction Drawings

d. The Government's FINAL (90%) DESIGN REVIEW SUBMITTAL comments with the Contractor's annotation to each comment. Once the design documents have been "Cleared for Construction" by the Contracting Officer, the Design-Build Contractor shall clearly identify each document by annotating it as "Cleared for Construction".

Overview Map



Sample Project

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Mizan
66.5167 E, 32.175 N

Road Qalat to Mizan
42 KM

Zabul

Qalat
66.9051 E, 32.1036 N

Roads update April 28, 2007

Legend

-  Mizan to Qalat
-  Cerp_Roads_Points_Lat_Long
-  All Road Projects



RC East, Central and South
Afghanistan
ESRI ArcInfo 9.2
CGS WGS84
USACE-AED-GIS
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9-May-07

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