

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE J	PAGE OF PAGES 1 27
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0002	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 06-Mar-2008	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) CODE See Item 6		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W917PM-08-R-0030	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 17-Feb-2008	
			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.) The purpose of this amendment is to: 1. Provide changes to the RFP. 2. Provide answers to questions from prospective offerors . 3. Provide the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan.				
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)		
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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)		06-Mar-2008

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following items are applicable to this modification:

Section C – Descriptions and Specifications

1. Delete paragraph PWS 3.1.2.6.1 in its entirety and replace with the new paragraph 3.1.2.6.1. Corrects incorrect paragraph references.
2. Delete paragraph PWS 3.1.6.6 in its entirety and replace with the new paragraph 3.1.6.6. Deletes mine requirement.
3. Delete paragraph PWS 5.12.1 and replace with the new 5.12.1. Corrects security clearance requirements.
3. Performance Work Statement numbers 5.1 through 5.9 are not used. Corrects a numbering problem.

Section J - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments

J.1 DD FORM 254 CONTRACT SECURITY SPECIFICATION is deleted in entirety and replaced with the new form. Corrects the form entries.

Section L - Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Bidders

Delete paragraph L.4 in its entirety and replace with the new paragraph L.4. Increases page count limit.

DETAILED CHANGES

SECTION C - DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The following have been modified:

PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

3.1.2.6.1 Engineer Reporting, Part I – Preliminaries and Executive Summary. Contractor will ensure the following information is provided for all site visits conducted in the absence of AED personnel: (1) Task Request Number, (2) project number (description if no number is assigned), (3) SLT Report Number, (4) Date of Report, (5) LIR number, (6) Project Name / Target, (7) Map, (8) Grid reference/area, (9) Date, Time, Group (DTG) of mission, (10) Time on Project/Target, (11) Time off Project / Target, (12) SLT Number, (13) Number of vehicles, (14) Case History/Background, (15) Site Information (detailed in **3.1.2.6.2**), (16) Construction Progress, Quality Assurance and Safety (detailed in **3.1.2.6.3**), and (17) Executive Summary.

3.1.6.6 AED will provide secure space to store the vehicles when not in use. The contractor shall be responsible for all repair and maintenance at the contractor's own secure facilities. All expenses related to maintaining and/or repairing the vehicles will be born by the contractor. These vehicles will at a minimum meet security industry standard for level of armament of Lasco Level VI armored protection against 7.62 x 51 mm lead core steel jacked bullet. The contractor shall provide all vehicles within 45 calendar days after award of the task order. The contractor shall, in coordination with AED, establish a long term rotation plan to swap out the vehicle fleet between the 12th and 15th month of service, and each consecutive year thereafter at approximately the 9th and 12th month. At no time during this rotation will the contractor fail to meet the terms of the service contract to provide armored non-tactical vehicles which meet the requirements as specified herein. The contractor will have the surge capability to increase the vehicle fleet by twelve vehicles within 72 hours after the surge is requested anywhere in the AED AO.

5.12.1 **Security Clearances.** Contractor personnel are required to have a security clearance as shown in the table below. In addition, all Contractor personnel must meet the above-stated reliability factors. All personnel should have as a minimum a Favorable Background check.

Position	Security Clearance Required
Guards	No
AT/FP Specialists	YES-U.S. SECRET or NATO EQUIVALENT
Personal Security Officers	No
SLT Engineer	YES-U.S. SECRET or NATO EQUIVALENT
Operations Staff	YES-U.S. SECRET or NATO EQUIVALENT

Pilot/Flight Crew

NO

Intelligence staff

YES- U.S. SECRET

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

The following have been modified:

L.4 GENERAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION:

Comprehensive responses to the requirements of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are necessary to enable the Government to evaluate the offeror's understanding of, capability and approaches to accomplish the stated requirements. The offeror shall provide sufficient detail to substantiate the validity of their offer. General statements that the offeror understands the problem and can or will comply with the requirements of the RFP will be considered inadequate. Clarity and completeness are essential. Data not submitted with the proposal, but submitted previously, or presumed to be known (i.e., previous projects performed for the Government) cannot be considered as part of the proposal. All solicitation amendments must be acknowledged in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, Instructions to Offerors – Competitive Acquisitions. The proposal shall be submitted in hardcopy, one(1) original and three(3) copies as follows:

FACTOR	TITLE	PAGE LIMIT
1	Concept of Support	40 pgs, excluding résumés
2	Experience	10 pgs
3	Past Performance	20 pgs
4	Price	No pg limitation

(End of Summary of Changes)

**Questions & Answers
SET #2**

96. Other than the specifications of the vehicles as stated in the RFP are there any other factors that need to be considered, age/model year or mileage. We assume all vehicles have to be new but wanted to clarify.

96A. There are no other factors that need to be considered. Vehicles do not need to be new, but vehicles must meet the requirements in Paragraphs 3.1.6 and 3.1.7 of the RFP.

97. COE have increased past experience to 10 years from 5 years, will the number of pages in the proposal be increased for the added 5 year period for Past Experience and Experience.

97A. COE has not increased past experience to 10 years from 5 years. We did increase the number of contracts that may be submitted for consideration from 5 to 10. See question 40 of question set #1, amendment 0001.

98. What is the expected start date for the contract and how much mobilization time can we expect.

98A. The estimated contract award date is on or about 4 April with about a 60 day mobilization period. The expected start date is on or about 1 June 2008.

99. Question 25 from Amendment 1 states. Paragraph 9.3 on page 36 of the RFP states, "DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification is applicable. The highest security level involved on this contract is Secret." In addition, the Government has included a DD Form 254 as Attachment J.1 to the RFP, which indicates that a SECRET Facility Clearance is required. Please confirm that the successful offeror must hold a SECRET Facility Clearance approved and accredited by the U.S. Defense Security Service for the performance of this contract. Likewise, please confirm that all significant subcontractors are required to hold SECRET Facility Clearances approved and accredited by the U.S. Defense Security Service.

99A. The answer to question 25 of question set #1 of amendment 1 is amended as follows: The Prime Contractor and its Sub-contractor(s) requiring access to classified information will need a SECRET facilities clearance.

100. Question 67 of Amendment 1 also states:

"67. I note that the solicitation, which is now published, carries a DD254 which appears to specify a Facilities Clearance up to Secret (although it does specify in section 1.b of the DD254 that there in no level of safeguarding required. Please clarify whether or not we as a bidding company require a Secret Facilities Clearance?"

67A. The contract assumes all classified information will be handled at the NOC which is to be located at Qalaa House. There is no expectation that classified information will be handled at the

contractor's facility, negating a need for facility clearance. All classified information is to be gathered from government installations, to which the contractor's representatives will require clearance to obtain access. The bidding company will not need a facilities clearance.”

The requirement to maintain a U.S. Defence Security facility clearance is for contractor organizations (companies) that will be required to store and maintain SECRET information and or material. As such the facility must be accredited by the U.S. Department of Defence for this activity. The guidelines are very stringent as they should be for the storage of classified information. The process of employing an individual with a U.S. SECRET or a NATO equivalent security clearance is a totally different matter and does not require a Secret facility clearance. The clearance for all the personnel holding a security clearance will be maintained by the winning contractor and AED who is sponsoring the individual. From the meeting the requirement to store information or classified information would be maintained in the NOC or AED.

Can AED clarify this issue and reference applicable DOD guidance mandating the use of a Secret Facility Clearance?

100A. The answers to questions 25, 56 and 67 of question set 1 of amendment 1 were incomplete and incorrect. The Prime Contractor and its Sub-contractor(s) requiring access to classified information will need a SECRET facilities clearance. DoD 5220.22-M, National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), in paragraph 2-100, page 2-1-1 states “An FCL is an administrative determination that a company is eligible for access to classified information or award of a classified contract. Contract award may be made prior to the issuance of an FCL. In those cases, the contractor will be processed for an FCL at the appropriate level and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information. However, the contractor will not be afforded access to classified information until the FCL has been granted. The FCL requirement for a prime contractor includes those instances in which all classified access will be limited to subcontractors. Contractors are eligible for custody (possession) of classified material if they have an FCL and storage capability approved by the CSA. “

101. L.5.1 states:

“The Concept of Support, Factor 1, shall be in written format. It shall, at a minimum, be prepared in a form consistent with Task Order #1 Statement of Work, and the evaluation criteria for award set forth in Section M of this solicitation. The offeror’s proposal shall address all task requirements of Task Order #1 Statement of Work.”

L.5.2 states:

“The Concept of Support Proposal shall be organized and contain the following information:

L.5.2.1 deleted

L.5.2.2 Technical Approach including Staffing

L.5.2.3 Personnel Qualifications

L.5.2.4 Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for Daily Operations

*L.5.3.5 Management Methodology
L.5.2.6 Communications Plan”*

Finally, M.5. states:

*“M.5 Factors to be evaluated
M.5.1 Factor 1 – Concept of Support
M.5.1.1 Subfactor 1 (a) Technical Approach including Staffing Plan
M.5.1.2 Subfactor 1 (b) Key Personnel Qualifications
M.5.1.3 Subfactor 1 (c) Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for Daily Operations
M.5.1.4 Subfactor 1 (d) Management Methodology
M.5.1.5 Subfactor 1 (e) Communications Plan”*

Do the five areas of information that the offeror is to respond to listed under L.5.2 pertain to the Task Order #1 SOW referenced in L.5.1, or to Section C, the Performance Work Statement?

100A-1. The offeror is only required to respond to the Task Order #1 SOW.

If the five areas listed under L.5.2 apply to the Task Order SOW, where should the offeror respond to the areas in Section C, the PWS, not covered in the Task Order?

100A-2. The offeror is only required to respond to the Task Order #1 SOW.

If the five areas listed in L.5.2 apply to the PWS, then we understand we would need to create a response to address Task Order #1 as noted in L.5.1 in addition to responding the areas in L.5.2. However, the response to the Task Order SOW is not listed as a factor to be evaluated in Section M. Please clarify how this portion of the response will be evaluated.

100A-3. The offeror is only required to respond to the Task Order #1 SOW.

101. In the response to question 67, the government states: *“The contract assumes all classified information will be handled at the NOC which is to be located at Qalaa House. There is no expectation that classified information will be handled at the contractor's facility, negating a need for facility clearance. All classified information is to be gathered from government installations, to which the contractor's representatives will require clearance to obtain access. The bidding company will not need a facilities clearance.”* Because this response provides clear rationale as to why the prime contractor is not required to have a facilities clearance, and this rationale is in line with our understanding of the nature of work to be performed in Afghanistan, we assume that this answer is in fact the intention of the government and supersedes the government's answer at question 25 which states that *“The contractor must hold a SECRET facility clearance approved and accredited by the U.S. Defense Security Service for the performance of this contract.”* Please clarify.

101A. The Prime Contractor and its Sub-contractor(s) requiring access to classified information will need a SECRET facilities clearance.

102. Section C, Performance Work Statement goes from paragraph 4.14.1 straight to paragraph 5.10, although the page numbering does not indicate missing pages. Are there portions of the PWS between 4.14.1 and 5.10, or is 5.10 numbered incorrectly?

102A. It is numbered incorrectly, therefore, numbers 5.1 to 5.9 are not used.

103. Amendment 1 provided a new paragraph for paragraph L.6.4, however it doesn't seem that any text was changed. Please clarify.

103A. "e.g." was dropped from paragraph L.6.4.

104. Reference RFP paragraph L.6.4.

Information required in the above paragraphs shall be provided for each proposed subcontractor who is anticipated to perform a significant portion of the effort.

"Significant" is defined for these purposes in terms of estimated dollar amount of the subcontract (e.g., \$550,000 or more). With regard to prime contract assignments that will be performed by the prime service provider and not a proposed subcontractor, the prime service provider shall indicate:

- What internal corporate bodies/divisions will accomplish which portions of the effort.*
- Whether or not those divisions were responsible for performance under the previous contracts cited for the instant proposal, and*
- If those divisions have relocated since the accomplishment of previous cited contract efforts, a description of any changes arising from that relocation in terms of key personnel, facilities and equipment.*

Since this section is part of the description under Factor 3 – Experience, please explain what is meant by "With regard to prime contract assignments that *will be* performed by the prime service provider..." and "What internal corporate bodies/divisions *will* accomplish which portions of the effort."

104A. AED recognizes that some companies have sub-divisions or bodies in a variety of businesses within the parent company. Therefore, AED requires information on the sub-division or body within that parent company that will actually perform the work in Task Order #1.

105. In the response to question 41, the government stated: "Offerors are invited to submit proof of good past performance (in the form of certificates, letters of commendation, etc.) for the ten contracts presented for the Experience Factor." Since there is a 10-page page limit to this volume, and the questionnaires must be submitted as a part of the 10 pages, can the "certificates, letters of commendation, etc." be excluded from the page count?

105A. Agreed. Certificates and letters are excluded from the page count.

106. Can you confirm the timeframe for questions? Currently questions are due to be submitted by the 10th and answers published by the 14th. However, this gives insufficient time for hand

delivery of the submission. Offeror suggest questions to be submitted by the 7th March and answers published by the 10th March, if not deadline to be extended.

106A. No. We will keep to the schedule as planned. AED will make an effort to answer any questions submitted by 10 March 1700 hours local Kabul time by 12 March, 1700 hours local Kabul time. We will accept questions until 10 March 1700 hours local time.

107. Can you please confirm that para 7.1.1 of the PWS (page 32) on the provision of life support includes the air crew?

107A. Para 7.1.1 of the PWS does not include life support for the air crew. Para 7.1.1 refers to members of the SLTs and the NOC.

108. Will USACE provide Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) such as KY-58s, ARC-201, ARC-220, and ANCDs for COMSEC requirements (not available to civilian operators)?

108A. AED does not require the contractor to provide COMSEC equipment for this task order. If this becomes a requirement in the future, it will be negotiated at that time.

109. What are the transponder requirements (i.e. Mode 4)?

109A. The contractor is to determine and supply the transponder that is compatible with the provided tracking system.

110. Is USACE providing all sling-load equipment (equipment such as sling-legs, chains, nets, etc)? Not knowing the exact requirements of the items to be flown externally will preclude us providing the correct equipment.

110A. No, AED is not providing these items.

111. Is Automatic Flight Following equipment like Sky Connect or Blue Sky appropriate?

111A. Aircraft are not required to be tracked by the NOC.

112. Is there an IFR requirement (Instrument Flight Rules) for either rotary or fixed-wing aircraft?

112A. Aircraft must comply with DoD CARB requirements.

113. For rotary-wing: How much endurance (flight time) is required to lift 5000lbs? What are the maximum temperatures and altitudes for this performance requirement (amount of fuel on-board, temperature, and altitude)?

113A. Aircraft must be able to operate year round throughout Afghanistan in accordance with question 55 of Amendment #1. There are no additional performance requirements.

114. What US support can be expected at Kabul (i.e. Crane support, Nitrogen, Wash carts, light stands, hanger space)?

114A. None.

115. What type of is Fuel provided? (i.e. JP8, F34/35, JetA/A1, TS1)

115A. Standard fuels are available for all standard NATO rotary aircraft. If AED does not provide the fuel, AED will reimburse the contractor for the cost of the fuel. The contractor must first inform AED before acquiring fuel on behalf of AED before requesting reimbursement for fuel.

116. Will ammunition be provided by USACE/AED?

116A. No.

117. The FAA has “unofficially” declared that it is unwilling to certify Part 135 operations in Afghanistan (per precedence of not willing to certify Hummingbird Aviation, LLC in Feb 2008 for operations in Afghanistan). Based on this precedent, no Part 135 Operations Specifications will be approved for Afghanistan (which is a requirement for Part 135 Ops). Is the host country’s Operation’s Certificate adequate?

117A. DoD CARB will determine what is adequate. AED has no information regarding whether DoD CARB will accept the host country’s Operation Certificate.

118. Based on the FAA’s unwillingness to issue a 135 certificate for Afghanistan is the CARB requirement valid?

118A. Yes, DoD CARB requirement applies to all military and DoD civilians regardless of duty station. See question 18 of Amendment #1.

119. Section 3.1.8.28 states that up to 20% deviation of flight time from a set matrix is allowed. What airspeed is this based on (most aircraft cruise at 105-110 kts in “standard” conditions, a reduction may be required based on alt/temp/load). Also, external loads may require up to a 50% speed reduction, due to load stability/aerodynamics. Will there be an exception for external loads?

119A. The contractor and the Government will negotiate the destination matrix based on the airspeed of the aircraft provided. External loads that will significantly affect the airspeed will fall under the sentence “For destinations not on matrix, a flight time will be negotiated.”

120. What is the quality of housing to be expected? Will it be within IACO standards?

120A. The quality of housing will be comparable to the AED living conditions at each living site minus a room computer and telephone. SLT members will have a single 8’ by 16’ furnished

room at the AED Qalaa house compound in Kabul, and a single 8' by 10' furnished room at the other locations.

121. It is still confusing as to how to accurately cost the 0-50 hour per month aviation cost at a per hour rate.

There are essentially two elements to costing fixed and rotary wing assets – the first is the 'positioning fee', this is the cost of the airframe and crew being on the ground available to fly in support of a client whether it sits idle or flies and these costs are quantifiable and explicit. They include aircraft standing lease costs, crew salary, life support transportation, security etc. The second is the 'running costs' – this is the costs involved in operating the airframe in terms of maintenance, lubricants (fuel in this case is GFE) and other consumables.

The RSSS solicitation requires a guaranteed airframe on 24 hours notice. Even though not asked for, the reality is the supplier must provide a 'dedicated' airframe to meet the 24 hour requirement. The ability of the aviation supplier to sell hours to other clients is non-existent because they cannot guarantee that AED will not require the aircraft on any given day. The aviation company is unable to offset costs against other potential usage in this case and, not unreasonably, don't want to have an airframe sitting on the ground costing them money but not generating income.

There are a couple of options here so that the aviation companies can quote accurately on this cost:

- * Firstly the AED should quote a minimum guaranteed usage rate per month for both fixed and rotary hours. This figure can then be used to calculate the hourly rate which includes amortization of the 'positioning fee' and the running costs for those guaranteed hours. AED may wish to use their historic usage rate for the rotary asset and project the fixed wing requirement or use historic data from the use of PRT air or military assets; or
- * The second option is that the AED could include a stand alone CLIN for the positioning fee which would a per month lump sum for having the aircraft available to them at 24 hours notice and the hourly rate would involve running costs only; or
- * The third option is for the 24 hours guaranteed availability is dropped and 96 hours or more is allowed. If AED wish to retain the 24 hour requirement then the aviation suppliers will have to dedicate an airframe with the associated cost amortized across a guaranteed monthly usage rate or a one off positioning fee.

Also the TO 1 pricing table designates 450 hours annually of rotary aircraft hours – is this a guaranteed usage rate or a usage rate for price comparison only between offerors? If the 450 hours are not for price comparison only, and if the government intends to award TO 1 as priced, then this by necessity binds the government and client to fly and pay for a minimum of 450 hours. Is this the government's intent? If not, what is the intent? Again this involves accurate pricing of the positioning fee that is to be amortized across a guaranteed number of hours. The

less hours that are guaranteed the greater the per hour rate will be to cover the positioning costs and the running costs.

121A. The 450 hours is our estimated annual usage. AED will require the use of the rotary asset for 450 hours annually.

122. Section 5.12.1 specifies that the SLT engineers have a secret clearance. Our understanding is that current DoD policy requires a security clearance on contractor personnel who will come in contact with or have access to classified information only up to the level of classified that they will handle. Your answer to question 81 cited below seems to warrant a FOUO classification category at most for the reasons cited. We believe that the requirement for a Secret Clearance may be inadvertently limit the competitive environment of this solicitation. "81A. The SLT engineers will have access and knowledge of project plans, site layouts and force protection measures/engineering for ANA, ANP and other sensitive installations."

Given that the SLT engineers not have access to classified information and therefore will not be transmitting classified reports will the Government remove the requirement for a security clearance for SLT engineers be removed from the solicitation?

122A. No.

123. FAR Subpart 9.500 addresses OCI issues. Given the potential for a conflict where a Contractor may be performing critical QA/QC inspection on its own projects or the Contractor has access to data such as project plans, site layouts, force protection measures for other projects that may involve competitors and give that Contractor an unfair advantage, it is surprising that there is no OCI Clause in the contract. Does the Government intend to insert an OCI clause into the solicitation and will the Government consider award to any Contractor that may be evaluating its own work or is given the unfair advantage of having insight into other competitors construction work? If the Government does not intend to consider insertion of an OCI clause in the solicitation/contract, how will it ensure that such unfair advantage is not gained by a Construction Contractor?

123A. AED will address Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) on a task order basis as required and we do not foresee a problem at this time.

124. Further to my earlier questions, the cutoff for Q&A is the 10th with answers to be posted by the 14th. This is four days from the submission time. If there are answers that materially affect the responses, will the Government consider extending the submission deadline?

124A. No. The cut off date will remain at 1700 local Kabul time on 10 March 2008. The submission deadline will remain at 1700 local Kabul time on 18 March 2008.

125. Reference: Schedule B.3; page 10

Question: What is the acronym "LS" mean? (lump sum?)

1A. LS means lump sum.

125. Reference: Schedule B.3; page 10, CLIN 0004 description Armored Non-Tactical Vehicles Lease and Main Charges—32 vehicles for 12 mo.

Reference: Same page; CLIN 0006 Vehicle Tracking Satellite Airtime (monthly airtime cost for 35 vehicles).

Discussion: There appears to be a discrepancy in the number of vehicles listed that will require tracking.

Why is there a difference in number of vehicles?

125A. The 32 vehicles, which are included in the first task order, are required for the eight (8) security liaison teams (SLT) and an additional 35 existing AED vehicles will require transponders. Please note that in question Set #1 of Amendment 1, answer 59A incorrectly stated 38 vehicles. It should have stated 35 vehicles.

126.. Are there (3) Government vehicles that we will be tracking?

126A. There are 35 existing vehicles in addition to the 32 vehicles for the SLTs that will need to be tracked.

127. Reference: PWS Page 6

Discussion: PWS notes there LNs assigned per SLT.

Will LNs have access to FOBs throughout the AO applicable to this contract?

127A. The LNs will not have access to all FOBs but will have access to FOBs where needed.

128. Will the LNs be required to possess regionally-specific badges?

128. Yes. The contractor will need to coordinate with ISAF Regional Commands at each location to determine specific badge requirements.

129. Reference: PWS 3.1.6.4

Discussion: Regarding Vehicle Electronics: The ECM “DUKES” system is only available from DOD through the CREW/JCREW Program Office.

Will Offerors be required to install the ECM equipment?

129A. Yes.

130. Will the ECM equipment be GFE?

130A. No.

131. If ECM will be GFE, can the Government provide mounting templates and installation requirements so that Offerors can incorporate mounts and wiring during vehicle production?

131A. ECM will not be GFE.

132. Reference: PWS Page 20 Para 3.1.6.1

Discussion: PWS indicates that the COR must approve vehicle types.
Can the COR provide a list of approved vehicle types so that Offerors might properly propose vehicles?

132A. No. See paragraphs 3.1.6 and 3.1.7 of the RFP for vehicle requirements.

133. Reference: PWS 3.1.6.5

Discussion: The vehicle requested are SUV's with fighting ports and other features associated with high-profile armored vehicles. We are concerned that this type of vehicle will present such a large signature that they will defeat the purpose of maintaining a robust security posture. Would the Government consider changing the types of vehicles requested such that two vehicles are of the "Fighting Follows" type (these vehicles have fighting ports but are lower in profile than those requested in the PWS) in place of the more visible and more attention-grabbing armored type requested.

133A. Please follow the RFP requirements. See paragraph 3.1.6 and 3.1.7 of the RFP for vehicle requirements.

134. Reference: PWS Page 20 paragraph 3.1.6.1

Discussion: 3.1.6.1 requires B6 armored vehicles of the same make, model, and body type commonly used by NGO/GOs in theater of operations. Indigenous B6-type vehicles do not normally have "V" Shaped belly pans integrated into sideboards. These conflicting requirements are not normally configured on "low profile" vehicles in the region with B6 protection. Are the requirements associated with the Contractor vehicles in prioritized order of importance or will the vehicles incorporate all specific as detailed?

134A. The vehicles must include all the specifics detailed.

135. Reference: PWS Page 21 paragraph 3.1.6.6

Discussion: PWS indicates that vehicles will meet Lasco Level VI armored protection against land mines and resist 7.62mm X 51mm lead core steel jacketed bullets. Lasco Level VI armored protection does not indicate level of mine protection tested or afforded under this standard. Can the COR provide the Lasco International Group standard or N.I.J. Standard 0108-01 Level of protection required for both mine protection and small arms?

135A. The level of protection required is full coverage design to include battery protection and fuel tank protection. The main body of the vehicle will have the Lasco level VI on all four sides. This is left and right side doors, roof, under carriage, back of vehicle. There is no requirement for protection from mines. PWS paragraph 3.1.6.6 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new paragraph 3.1.6.6.

136. Reference: PWS 3.1.6.6

Discussion: PWS states that maintenance is to be provided by the Contractor. There is no mention in the PWS of mechanic billets. Is there maintenance shop space provided GFE or will the Contractor be required to provide this space?

136A. Maintenance shop space will not be GFE.

137. Is it permissible for Offerors to include mechanic billets to service vehicles?

137A. No.

138. Reference: PWS 7.2.3

Discussion: U.S. Government law requires that in order for Offerors to legally provide all weapons requested by this contract, a letter from the Client stating that the weapons are needed for the contract must be provided before the Offeror can supply them in support of the contract. Will the Government provide this letter?

138A. Yes.

139. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Discussion: To adequately design an appropriate communications and tracking architecture, the hardware and facilities must be known.

What level of primary and redundant power support is available in the current NOC facility?

139A. The offeror is required to provide 30 minutes of UPS battery back-up for NOC communications, instruments and computers.

140. What type of ventilation and environmental control exists for the NOC?

140A. The NOC is currently heated and cooled with split pack units.

141. What are the NOC watch floor requirements? Raised auditorium / flat channelled?

141A. There s no raised floor.

142. What is the level of security in the area the NOC building is located?

142A. The NOC building is U.S. Secret and is located in a secure guarded compound patrolled by guards.

143. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Discussion: One fundamental parameter essential to cost-effective communications and tracking system architectures revolves around the number of individuals or units that must be tracked or maintained in communication.

How many users (internal to the NOC) and teams / vehicles are expected to be supported by the infrastructure and NOC communications system?

143A. The contractor will track every AED vehicle furnished with a contractor issued transponder.

144. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Will there be adequate space in the envisioned NOC facility for a satellite hub?

144A. Yes.

145. Reference: PWS 2.1.1

Question: Will the Government supply the Blue Force Tracker systems that integrate the AED teams to NOC for reporting?

145A. No.

146. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Will separate VTC rooms be required for secure / non-secure VTCs?

146A. No.

145. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

What type of communications systems are or will be utilized to transmit from AED team vehicles to NOC for reporting?

145A. This is to be determined by the contractor.

146. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Discussion: The boundaries for the NOC infrastructure are important to know to accurately price and structure the system. An example of the "NOC Boundary" would be that the Offeror be responsible for all NOC / AED team vehicle communications support (O&M). Conversely, the Government might decide that the boundary does not extend to O&M support of Government equipment associated with a NOC infrastructure.

Would the Government provide a clear definition of the boundaries associated with the Offeror's internal NOC infrastructure?

146A. The NOC boundary would be that the contractor be responsible for all AED non-tactical vehicle communications support but does not include any support on GFE.

147. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Will out-buildings require connectivity?

147A. No.

148. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Discussion: Local incidental construction may be required to supplement or support communications architectures or systems.

Question: Who will approve incidental construction?

148A. If required, the KO (Contracting Officer) has approval authority.

149. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Question: Does the current NOC site have access to the Defense Network for NIPR, SIPR, CENTRIX?

149A. Yes.

150. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Will the Web Portal be used by Local Nationals not associated with the Offeror's staff?

150A-1. No.

If yes, will the personnel be permitted by the USG to use the system?

150A-2. Not Applicable.

151. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Who is the DAA for this effort?

151A. If required, Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA).

152. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Who will be responsible for providing user clearances for the secure portal?

152A. The contractor.

153. Reference: PWS 2.1 Page 41-45

Question: Will life cycle management for the communications and tracking systems be included in the primary contract or a separate contract?

153A. All equipment must perform as stated in the RFP and included in task order #1.

154. Reference: PWS paragraph 3.1.8.1

Discussion: It may be that flying hours are determined from "engine start" (or "take-off") to "engine shutdown" (or "landing"). As well, flight time is typically measured to the nearest 1/10 hour expressed in local time.

Please confirm what comprises a flight hour.

154A. A flight hour is from take-off to landing and measured to the nearest 1/10 of a hour.

155. Reference: Para 3.1.8.23 Cargo Types

What is the maximum cargo load that the aircraft will need to carry?

155A. Task order 1 only has a requirement for helicopter and the requirement is stated in question set #1 amendment 1, answer 60A.

156. Reference: Para 3.1.6.28 Destinations

Question 1: Please provide the referenced destination matrix.

156A. The destination matrix will be negotiated between the contractor and the Government as required.

157 . What are the surface conditions of the LZ/PZ at the primary areas (Length/Width, elevation, surface type)?

157A. Surface conditions vary from hard packed dirt to asphalt. For fixed wing aircraft the requirement is a twin-engine STOL type aircraft.

158. Reference: Para 3.1.8.21 Recovery

Discussion: In similar hostile environments, we have found that dual-ship rotary operations enable recovery of passengers if an aircraft is damaged or destroyed by enemy fire. In recent cases, passengers' lives were saved as a direct result of the 2nd aircraft's ability to recover passengers from the downed aircraft.

For this solicitation, are dual-ship missions required or expected?

If dual-ship missions will be required, does the 450 hours quoted in the PWS apply to one single aircraft—thereby implying a total of 900 hours—or the combination of aircraft—implying approximately 225 hours per aircraft?

158A. Dual-ship missions are not required for task order 1.

159. Reference: PWS paragraph L.5.3.4

Discussion: There is a 40-page limitation for the Concept of Support section of the proposal. In paragraph L.5.3.4, the PWS requires Offerors to submit a current Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the last period wherein these documents were filed, as well as a Dun and Bradstreet Supplier Information Report. This information will, for some companies, run to almost 40 pages in itself.

Will the Government exempt the required financial/business information from the included page count?

159A. Yes.

160. Reference: PWS paragraph L.6.4

Discussion: Information required for past performance and experience (limited to ten pages each) is also required for subcontractors performing a significant portion of the effort. If the Government limits the pages available for past performance and experience for the Prime, but then constructively halves the number of pages available to the Prime by requiring past performance and experience data from subcontractors, they risk insufficient data being submitted.

Would the Government permit an additional ten pages for Subcontractor's past performance / experience?

160A. Yes. Total page count for Past Performance is increased to 20 pages.

161. Page 5,7,9, CLIN 0300 & 0301. The CLIN structure for both fixed and rotary wing aircraft is confusing: CLIN 0300 AA and 0301 AA are understood as reflecting an hourly rate. CLIN

0300AB and 0301AB are also understood as representing 50 hours multiplied by this hourly rate. However, 0300 AC and 0301 AC cannot be calculated as the number of hours of flying is not clear (it only states above 50). Should the CLIN be the hourly rate of flight time for 50 hours or above?

161A. See question 49 in question set #1, amendment 1.

162. Page 14, Paragraph 1.5 Would it not be better to have a separate CLIN for security management? To include these costs in a wrap rate in Schedule B.2 will skew the value of the other CLINs and make comparisons across so few other Direct Labor CLINs more difficult.

162A. No.

163. Page 14, Paragraph 2.9. Is it intended for the term 'Expat' to apply to US citizens only?

163A. See question 4 in the first set of questions.

165. Page 32 Paragraph 7.1.4. This seems to indicate that the contractor is responsible for administrative arrangements for management staff (personnel, logistics and communications). Is this correct, given that there is a contractual requirement to build a communications architecture/website (page 46, para 2.6) and maintain all records and a Government Property administrative system (page 32, para 7.1.6)?

165A. Yes.

166. Page 32 Paragraph 7.1.5. Are above staff- personnel, logistics and communications- 'eligible' and entitled to life support and office space?

166A. No.

167. Page 34 Paragraph 8.4.1. Are not hourly labor records impractical? Given that all staff would be on duty or stand-by would not a presence report / contracted number report be more useful?

167A. A presence report is okay as long as the presence report states the number of hours by number of individuals that were presence for duty.

168. Page 33 Paragraph 7.2.3. Given that significant cost savings would accrue is the Government/AED prepared to supply ammunition?

168A. No.

169. Please will you confirm that there is no requirement for: additional vehicles for AED personnel, fixed wing aircraft and static guard force in Task Order 1?

169A. There is no requirement in Task Order 1 for additional vehicles for AED personnel, fixed wing aircraft and static guard staff.

170. Please confirm the final date for question submission?

170A. Confirmed as 10 MARCH 2008, 1700 hours local Kabul time.

171. Please confirm that the under slung load lift capacity of rotary wing aircraft is 2,500 lbs, not 25,000 lbs as stated in the pre-solicitation meeting?

171A. See question 60 in question set #1, amendment 1.

172. Please confirm that the NOC, its life support and administrative facilities will be collocated at the AED HQ in Kabul?

172A. The NOC, life support for the NOC staff and administrative facilities for the NOC staff will be collocated at the AED HQ in Kabul.

173. Will AED provide end-user licenses for controlled equipment?

173A. No.

174. Is fuel available for SUVs at all AED locations?

174A. Yes.

175. When the proposal is submitted, can the Dun & Bradstreet Report be attached as an Appendix to the Price File (Factor IV) and will not count towards the page limit as it is likely to be in excess of 6 pages?

175A. The Dun & Bradstreet Report and Balance sheet can be attached as an appendix and will not count toward the page limit.

176. In a similar vein, could you confirm that letters of commendation (supporting evidence to Factor III) can be submitted with our proposal as an appendix and that they will not be included in the page count.

176A. The letters of recommendation can be attached an appendix and will not count toward the page count.

177. Finally, your advice would be appreciated on the following query. The answers provided to questions within the Amendment seem to be contradictory regarding the specific clearance required for the Director of Operations. Therefore, can you please confirm if the Director of Operations can have either a US Secret Clearance or a UK/NATO SECRET clearance?

177A. See Question 28 of Question Set #1, amendment 1. Disregard the answer provided by question 79 of answer set #1, amendment 1. Also, provided below is the amended PWS paragraph 5.12.1:

5.12.1 Security Clearances. Contractor personnel are required to have a security clearance as shown in the table below. In addition, all Contractor personnel must meet the above-stated reliability factors. All personnel should have as a minimum a Favorable Background check.

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Personal Security Officers	No
SLT Engineer	YES-U.S. SECRET or NATO EQUIVALENT
Operations Staff	YES-U.S. SECRET or NATO EQUIVALENT
Pilot/Flight Crew	NO
Intelligence staff	YES- U.S. SECRET

178. Can you tell me what kind of B6 vehicles are required for the contract?

178A. See Paragraph 3.1.6 and sub paragraphs and paragraph 3.1.7 of the RFP.

179. Our question pertains to Paragraph 2.6.3 of the Task Order 0001's SOW. Specifically, the SOW requires the contractor to provide a "satellite based transponder tracking software platform which enables a visual map-based display of active vehicle transponders throughout Afghanistan. Each transponder must be mobile and able to be taken out of the vehicle by the end user without the use of tools. The software host for the map-based display must be BCS3 compatible."

In Iraq, the Gulf Region Division of the US Army Corps of Engineer has deployed a map-based software tracking solution (GDMS/Tapestry) that meets the requirements stated in paragraph 2.6.3 of the Task Order 0001's SOW. It is well known amongst private security contractors that Tapestry's product is the only software authorized to feed civilian convoy data into BCS3.

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Tapestry recommends that the Government provide, as GFE, the GDMS/Tapestry tracking software in lieu of developing a new solution. This approach would be in concert with DOD's policy to reuse existing software.

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179A. The contractor will provide software per the requirements in the RFP.

180. Ref. this RFP, is the bidder required to be a secured cleared company or only for personnel as identified in 5.12 Security Clearance Requirements.

180A. The contractor or their Subcontractor must hold a SECRET facility clearance approved and accredited by the U.S. Defense Security Service for the performance of this contract. Please note that questions 25, 56 and 67 of question set #1 of amendment 1 answered this question incorrectly.

181. Ref. 3.1.4, Fixed Site/Static Security; Do you have a specific number of posts to be guarded?

181A. Not Applicable. This is not required for task order #1.

182. Is Task Order 1 as currently written going to be awarded with the basic IDIQ contract?

182A. Yes.

183. If appropriately trained and qualified LNs with the skill sets/qualifications and language skills defined in the RFP were offered in the SLT composition, will they be allowed access (under escort if required) into the PRT sites for mission briefings, training and other team related activities with the rest of the team? Team unity is critical in security missions, especially briefing as a team.

183A. Access is determined by the individual PRT commanders.

184. Are the subcontractor commitment letters considered outside of the required page count?

184A. Yes.

185. Reference question set #1, amendment 1, question 12:
What is skill level 10 referred to below?

185A. Skill Level 10 identifies entry-level positions requiring performance of tasks under direct supervision.

186. Does the government intend for the SLT shooters to "Employ, fire, and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. Locate and neutralize mines, operate in an NBC environment, process prisoners of war and captured documents?" These are at skill level 1 and requirements increase above this as skill levels increase. Please clarify, or perhaps remove the last sentence of the new 3.1.3 since the rest of the paragraph gives a job description.

186A. The AED does not expect SLT shooters to employ, fire, and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines, or locates and neutralizes mines, or operate, mount/dismount, zero, and engage targets using night vision sight. The SLT Shooter positions are opened to all individuals (men and women) that qualify. AED does expect shooters to be proficient in the use of individual weapons listed in paragraph 7.2.3 on page 33, and be able to perform as a member of a fire team during an attack.

187. Amendment one the RSSS RFP paragraph 3.1.3 states:

3.1.3 Security Liaison Team Shooters – Normally used to supplement the SLTs beyond the base six personnel described in 3.1.2, the SLT Shooters' main responsibilities include actions to counter, deter, detect and respond to threats to designated government personnel using their training (skills) and tools such as: Rules for the Use of Force (RUF), Rules of Engagement (ROE), rules regarding Escalation of Force (EOF), threat analysis, personnel security operations, operational security (OPSEC), responsive communications, and integrated team support. Duties will typically involve general convoy security and travel protection including, but not limited to, protection of designated personnel from terrorist or criminal attacks during travel to and from project worksites, static security while engaged in the performance of duties at project worksites; convoy route briefings; convoy command and control; actions upon contact; and vehicular Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) in accordance with the U.S. Army Standards to help ensure maximum readiness of Contractor Furnished vehicles. SLT Shooters will meet U.S. equivalent standards for military occupation series (MOS) 11B at skill level 10.

187A. Below is from the Army web and describes an 11B MOS.

11B: Infantryman

Major Duties: The infantryman supervises, leads, or serves as a member of an infantry activity that employs individual or crew served weapons in support of offensive and defensive combat operations. Duties for MOS 11B at each level of skill are:

* *Skill Levels <<http://www.us-army-info.com/pages/mos/skills.html>>*

* *Skill Level 1 MOSC 11B10. Assists in the performance of reconnaissance operations. Employs, fires, and recovers anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. Locates and neutralizes mines. Operates, mounts/dismounts, zeros, and engages targets using night vision sight. Operates and maintains communications equipment and operates in a radio net. Operates in a NBC contaminated area. Constructs field expedient firing aids for infantry weapons. Performs as a member of a fire team during a movement to contact, reconnaissance, and*

security, an attack, defense, situational training exercises and all infantry dismounted battle drills. Processes prisoners of war and captured documents.

** Skill Level 2 MOSC 11B2O. Performs duties shown in preceding level of skill.*

Leads an infantry team in combat operations, providing tactical and technical guidance to subordinates and professional support to both superiors and subordinates in the accomplishment of their duties. Leads, supervises, and trains subordinate personnel. Calls for and adjusts indirect fire. Evaluates terrain and selects weapon emplacement. Controls organic fires. Installs and recovers anti-handling devices on anti-tank mines and electrical and non-electrical demolition charges. Supervises construction of hasty fortifications and receipt, storage, and issue of ammunition. Records operational information on maps. Receives and implements combat orders, directs deployment of personnel in offensive, defensive, and retrograde operations. Requests, observes, and adjusts direct supporting fire. Evaluates terrain and supervises the emplacement of sighting and firing all assigned weapons. Uses maps and map overlays, performs intersection and resection, and determines elevation and grid azimuths. Leads a fire team during a movement to contact, reconnaissance and security, an attack, defense, situational training exercises, and all infantry dismounted battle drills.

** Skill Level 3 MOSC 11B3O. Performs duties shown in preceding level of skill.*

Leads an infantry squad and/or a reconnaissance (scout) team during combat operations. Supervises tactical deployment of assigned element in offensive, defensive, and retrograde operations. Provides tactical and technical guidance to subordinates and professional support to both subordinates and superiors in the accomplishment of their duties. Receives and issues orders. Coordinates action of the element with adjacent and support elements and organic and supporting fire power. Ensures collection and proper reporting of intelligence data to unit. Adjusts aerial fire support. Analyzes terrain. Conducts tactical operations for a squad, operations of a patrol base, and NBC operations. Maintains operational security. Prepares, operates, and maintains secure communications equipment. Leads a squad during movement to contact, reconnaissance and security, an attack, defense situational training exercises, and all infantry dismounted battle drills.

** Skill Level 4 MOSC 11B4O. Performs duties shown in preceding level of skill.*

Supervises an infantry or reconnaissance (scout) platoon in combat operations and intelligence information gathering. Leads a platoon during a movement to contact, reconnaissance and security, an attack defense, situational training exercises, and all infantry dismounted battle drills. Provides tactical and technical guidance to subordinates and professional support to both subordinates and superiors in the accomplishment of their duties. Supervises the occupation of an assembly area. Employs NBC defensive teams. Plans for, supervises preparation of, and conducts NBC operations. Performs battle damage assessment. Develops a platoon training plan.

** Skill Level 5 MOSC 11B5O. Performs duties shown in preceding level of skill.*

Supervises an infantry company in combat. Plans, coordinates, supervises, and participates in activities pertaining to organization, training, combat operations, and intelligence of units at battalion or higher. Provides tactical and technical guidance to subordinates and professional support to both subordinates and superiors in the accomplishment of their duties. Serves as the principal noncommissioned officer in an infantry company; supervising the processing of operations and intelligence information in an infantry battalion or higher level unit.

Physical demands rating and qualifications for initial award of MOS. The infantryman must possess the following qualifications:

(1) *Physical Demands Rating* <<http://www.us-army-info.com/pages/mos/demands.html>> : very heavy

(2) *Physical Profile* <<http://www.us-army-info.com/pages/mos/profile.html>> : 111221

(3) *Color discrimination of red/green*

(4) *Correctable vision of 20/20 in one eye; 20/100 in other eye.*

(5) *Minimum score* <<http://www.us-army-info.com/pages/mos/asvab.html>> of 90 in aptitude area CO.

(6) *Formal training (completion of MOS 11B course conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army Infantry School) mandatory.*

The major duties, physical demands, physical profile, and skill levels were obtained from Army Pamphlet 611-21.

188. Is there a requirement to field two intelligence analysts at all times (i.e., do we need to factor in additional staff for rotation purposes, or do we need to field a total of two?).

188A. AED is only requiring the fielding a total of two intelligence analysts.

189. Is there a requirement for permanent cover for the AT/FP Specialist?

189A. AED is only requiring the fielding of one AT/FP specialist.

190. In addition to the listed NOC staff, do AED anticipate the need for any watchkeeping staff? In order to maintain overwatch on all AED – related movement, and monitoring of radio nets, there will be a requirement to man an ops desk throughout the hours of operation (16/7). There is no provision for any staff in the NOC to do this.

190A. See paragraph 2.2.2 of Task Order #1 concerning duties of the Operations Officer.

191. Q&A 79 of Lot#1 states that the AT/FP specialist requires a U.S Secret Clearance, however the SOW states that it must be a DOD recognised clearance. In addition, the answer to question 79 appears to infer that the NOC Ops staff also need a US secret clearance but the SOW (2.2.2) states that it may be NATO equivalent. There is a considerable degree of contradiction throughout both the modified RFP and Lot # 1 of Q&A with regard to the personnel and facilities clearances required and it is hoped that these can be clarified as they materially affect the manner in which posts are filled.

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ATTACHMENT J.1
DD FORM 254

<p align="center">DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</p> <p align="center">CONTRACT SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION</p> <p align="center"><i>(The requirements of the DoD Industrial Security Manual apply to all security aspects of this effort.)</i></p>		<p>1. CLEARANCE AND SAFEGUARDING</p>	
		<p>a. AED FACILITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED</p>	
		<p>SECRET</p>	
		<p>b. LEVEL OF SAFEGUARDING REQUIRED</p>	
		<p>NONE</p>	
<p>2. THIS SPECIFICATION IS FOR: <i>(x and complete as applicable)</i></p>		<p>3. THIS SPECIFICATION IS: <i>(x and complete as applicable)</i></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. PRIME CONTRACT NUMBER		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. ORIGINAL (Complete date in all cases)	DATE (YYMMDD) 080306
<input type="checkbox"/> b. SUBCONTRACT NUMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> b. REVISED (Supersedes all previous specs)	Revision No. DATE (YYMMDD)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. SOLICITATION OR OTHER NUMBER W917PM-08-R-0030	DUE DATE (YYMMDD) 080318	<input type="checkbox"/> c. FINAL (Complete Item 5 in all cases)	DATE (YYMMDD)
<p>4. THIS IS A FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. If Yes, complete the following:</p> <p>Classified material received or generated under _____ (preceding Contract Number) is transferred to this follow-on contract.</p>			
<p>5. IS THIS A FINAL DD FORM 254? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. If Yes, complete the following:</p> <p>In response to the contractor's request dated _____ ntion of the identified classified material is authorized for the period of _____</p>			
<p>6. CONTRACTOR (Include Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code)</p>			
a. NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE	b. CAGE CODE	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE (Name, Address, and Zip Code)	
<p>7. SUBCONTRACTOR</p>			
a. NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE	b. CAGE CODE	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE (Name, Address, and Zip code)	
<p>8. ACTUAL PERFORMANCE</p>			
a. LOCATION Qalaa House APO AE 09356	b. CAGE CODE NA	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE (Name, Address, and Zip Code) NA	

9. GENERAL IDENTIFICATION OF THIS PROCUREMENT

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10. THIS CONTRACT WILL REQUIRE ACCESS TO:			11. IN PERFORMING THIS CONTRACT, THE CONTRACTOR WILL:		
	YES	NO		YES	NO
a. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) INFORMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. HAVE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ONLY AT ANOTHER CONTRACTOR'S FACILITY OR A GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. RESTRICTED DATA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. RECEIVE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. RECEIVE AND GENERATE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. FABRICATE, MODIFY, OR STORE CLASSIFIED HARDWARE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. PERFORM SERVICES ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(1) Sensitive Compartmented information (SCI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. HAVE ACCESS TO U.S. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE U.S., PUERTO RICO, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND TRUST TERRITORIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Non-SCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. BE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE SERVICES OF DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) OR OTHER SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION CENTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. SPECIAL ACCESS INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h. REQUIRE A COMSEC ACCOUNT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. NATO INFORMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. HAVE TEMPEST REQUIREMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. HAVE OPERATIONS SECURITY (OPSEC) REQUIREMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. LIMITED DISSEMINATION INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k. BE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE DEFENSE COURIER SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY INFORMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	l. OTHER (<i>Specify</i>) <i>See block 13.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. OTHER (<i>Specify</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

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12. PUBLIC RELEASE. Any information (*classified or unclassified*) pertaining to this contract shall not be released for public dissemination except as provided by the iNISPOM

or unless it has been approved for public release by appropriate U.S. Government authority. Proposed public release be submitted for approval prior to release

Direct Through (*Specify*):

to the Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review, Office of the Assistant Secretary of (Public Affairs)* for review.

***In the case of non-DoD User Agencies, requests for disclosure shall be submitted to that agency.**

13. SECURITY GUIDANCE. The security classification guidance needed for this classified effort is identified below. If any encountered in applying this guidance or if any other contributing factor indicates a need for changes in this guidance, the contractor is authorized and encouraged to recommend changes; to challenge the guidance or the classification assigned to any information or material furnished or generated under this contract; and to submit any questions or interpretation of this guidance to the official identified below. Pending final decision, the information involved shall be handled and protected at the highest level of classification assigned or recommended. *(Fill in as appropriate for the classified effort. Attach, or forward under separate correspondence, any documents/guides/extracts referenced herein. Add additional pages needed to provide complete guidance.)*

The Contractor shall establish a primary threat assessment and interpretation cell, capable of managing and disseminating unclassified and open source information, based upon collection and screening of classified US and NATO intelligence reports. Intelligence cell personnel will have controlled access to classified information for situational awareness, and may be granted specific authority while performing functions under the supervision of the AED S2. Members of the Contractor's Intelligence staff must possess security clearances granted by the appropriate authorities up to the SECRET level. Clearance to access both the US SIPRNET and ISAF SECRET computer networks must be obtained by the Contractor for any and all personnel designated to work in the Intelligence cell. These personnel view classified US and NATO Government systems for situational awareness purposes only. Classified information shall not be included in any product disseminated in the public domain. However, critical threat information can be relayed to teams about to deploy on the ground if the information relates to an "imminent threat to life".

14. ADDITIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. Requirements, in addition to NISPOM requirements, are established for this contract. Yes No

See Item 13.

15. INSPECTIONS. Elements of this contract are outside the inspection responsibility of the cognizant security office. *(If Yes, explain and identify specific areas or elements carved out and the activity responsible for inspections. Use Item 13 if additional space is needed.)* Yes No

16. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE. Security requirements stated herein are complete and adequate for safeguarding the classified information to be released or generated under this classified effort. All questions shall be referred to the official named below.

a. TYPED NAME OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

b. TITLE

c. TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)

d. ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)	17. REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. CONTRACTOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. SUBCONTRACTOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE FOR PRIME SUBCONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> d. U.S. ACTIVITY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEAS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> f. OTHERS AS NECESSARY
e. SIGNATURE	

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**QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEILLANCE PLAN
W917PM-08-R-0030 RSSS
USACE-AED**

1. INTRODUCTION

This Performance-Based Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) has been developed pursuant to the requirements of the Performance-Based Statement of Work in solicitation W917PM-08-R-0030 Reconstruction Security Support Services Afghanistan. This plan sets forth procedures and guidelines that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Afghanistan Engineering District (AED) will use in evaluating the technical and safety performance of the Contractor. A copy of this plan will be furnished to the Contractor so that the Contractor will be aware of the methods that the Government will employ in evaluating performance on this contract and address any concerns that the Contractor may have prior to initiating work.

2. PURPOSE OF THE QASP

- Confirm that the action is conducted utilizing proper procedures and in accordance with the approved work and safety plans;
- Define the roles and responsibilities of participating Government officials;
- Define the types of work to be performed with required end results;
- Document the evaluation methods that will be employed by the Government in assessing the Contractor's performance;
- Provide the Surveillance Activities Table and Corrective Action Request (CAR) form that will be used by the Government in documenting and evaluating the Contractor's performance; and
- Describe the process of performance documentation.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

3.1 The USACE AED Force Protection Officer :

- Provides overall guidance to the contractor when necessary or requested for purposes of PWS/SOW clarification
- Serves as the COR for the contract.
- Reviews vouchers and makes recommendations to the Contracting Officer for payment action based on completion of designated milestones.
- Reports problems or discrepancies to the Contracting Officer as soon as possible.
- Oversees the implementation of the QASP.

- Periodically reviews contractor performance relative to the contract requirements and changing operational needs.
- Ensures that all necessary subject matter experts are involved in technical decisions.
- Participates in preparation of SOW/PWS and Task Orders to ensure that risk assessment requirements and operational requirements are adequately addressed.
- Participates in proposal review to evaluate security related tasks.
- Participates in Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTP) meetings, as appropriate.
- Reviews the work plan to ensure that planned effort will support the level of risk assessment intended.

3.2 The USACE AED S2:

- Reviews intelligence products to ensure suitability and accuracy.
- Reviews intelligence acquisition and dissemination plan for adequacy, feasibility and timeliness.

3.3 The USACE AED Contracting Officer:

- Monitors contract performance.
- Maintains central repository for all QA documents required for payment.
- Issues all acceptance/rejection statements.

3.4 The USACE AED Project/Resident/Area Engineer:

- Monitors daily performance of SLTs to ensure all activities are completed in accordance with contract specifications.
- Reports deficiencies in SLT performance to the COR.
- Conducts or supports other surveillance activities as required by the COR.
- Supports all field location QA activities.

3.5 The USACE Safety Specialist:

- Reviews reports containing risk assessments, to include decision-making regarding results of risk assessments.
- Participates in preparation of Statement of Work/Performance Work Statement (SOW/PWS) and Task Orders to ensure that risk assessment requirements and operational requirements are adequately addressed.
- Participates in proposal review to evaluate risk mitigation measures.
- Conducts or supports other surveillance activities as required by the COR.

3.6 The USACE GIS team member:

- Reviews contractor's Geospatial Information and Electronic submittals.
- Reviews the work plan for compliance with standards and protocol for Geospatial Information and Electronic requirements.
- Conducts periodic review of visual map-based tracking software.

4. METHODOLOGIES TO BE USED TO MONITOR THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE

Even though the Government will be monitoring the contractor's performance on a continuing basis, the volume of tasks performed by the contractor makes technical inspections of every task and step impractical. Accordingly, USACE will use the Surveillance Activities Table (Attachment A) as the basis for monitoring the contractor's performance under this contract. The contractor's performance will be evaluated by the Contracting Officer using the performance metrics provided in Attachment B.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTING FORMS

The primary form used to document surveillance activities will be the Quality Assurance Report (QAR) provided in Attachment C. The QAR will be used by all team members to document surveillance activities conducted. All non-conformances will be documented on a Corrective Action Request (CAR), see Attachment D. Each CAR will be annotated as a Critical nonconformance, Major nonconformance, or Minor nonconformance. Definitions and required contractor response times are:

Critical Nonconformance*: a nonconformance that is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using, maintaining, or depending upon the supplies or services; or is likely to prevent performance of a vital agency mission. *Contractor is provided 24 hours to provide written response to the CAR.*

Major Nonconformance*: a nonconformance, other than critical, that is likely to result in failure of the supplies or services, or to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose. *Contractor is provided 5 calendar days to provide written response to the CAR.*

Minor Nonconformance*: a nonconformance that is not likely to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose, or is a departure from established standards having little bearing on the effective use or operation of the supplies or services.

*** [NOTE: The definitions for nonconformance are derived from FAR 46.101.]**

Completed forms will be consolidated and provided to the Contracting Officer at the end of each month for that month's surveillance activities. A copy of each CAR will be forwarded to the Contracting Officer by COB of the next full workday after it is

provided to the contractor. Note that any life or mission threatening safety issues must be corrected immediately, and that contractor response times are determined on a case-by-case basis. All other CARs will provide a reasonable suspense date for the contractor to review and take appropriate action. The contractor is required to provide written responses to all CARs.

ATTACHMENT A - SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES TABLE

(1) Definable Feature of Work	(2) Reference	(3) Method of Surveillance	(4) Documentation of Surveillance Activities Performed	(5) QA Surveillance Record File	(6) Performance Assessment Record (PAR) Category	(7) Basic Performance Indicator(s)
NOC Convoy Tracking	PWS para 3.1.1 and T.O #1 para 2.1.1	Periodic Inspection (weekly); Customer Feedback	Quality Assurance Report Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	1. Operational Proficiency 2. Quality of Products and services	1. Number and type of corrective action requests filed 2. Field customer complaints 3. Number of hours of negative contact with field offices and/or convoys.
NOC Information Dissemination	PWS para 3.1.1 and T.O. #1 para 2.1.2.2	Daily inspection by AED S2; Customer Feedback	Quality Assurance Report Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	1. Quality of Products and services 2. Operational Efficiency	1. Number and type of corrective action requests filed 2. Field customer complaints
Staffing Continuum	PWS para 3.1.1 and 5.10.4	100% Inspection	Quality Assurance Report Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	Management of Key Personnel and Resources	1. All positions as required in the PWS and each T.O. remain staffed 2. NOC and SLTs function as required in the PWS with no lapse in services
Timely Vehicle Maintenance	PWS para 3.1.6; 3.1.7	Random Sampling; Periodic Inspection (Monthly)	Quality Assurance Report; Vehicle Dispatch Records	All records kept by AED S3	1. Management of Key Personnel and Resources 2. Professionalism 3. Safety	1. Vehicle dispatch reports are completed correctly and timely 2. Hours of vehicle downtime due to preventable defects
SLT Construction QA Reporting	PWS para 3.1.2.6.1, 3.1.2.6.3	100% Inspection	Quality Assurance Report Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	1. Operational Proficiency 2. Quality of Product and Services 3. Professionalism	1. Quality and timeliness of Engineer report submissions 2. Frequency of reporting
Work Hours	PWS para 3.1.1	Periodic Inspection (monthly)	Quality Assurance Report; Monthly Time Sheets; Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	1. Management of Key Personnel and Resources 2. Operational Efficiency 3. Professionalism	1. NOC and SLTs function as required in the PWS with no lapse in services
Website and Communications Setup and Maintenance	PWS para 3.1.9; T.O. #1 para 2.1.2	Daily inspection by AED S2;	Quality Assurance Report Customer Evaluation Form	All records kept by AED S3	1. Operational Proficiency 2. Operational Efficiency 3. Management of Key Personnel and Resources	1. Website remains operational and updated as required 2. Nationwide communications network remains operational
Training Records	PWS para 4.4	Periodic Inspection (semi-annual)	Quality Assurance Report	All records kept by AED S3	1. Operational Proficiency	1. Security personnel are trained in accordance with Army standards

Performance Assessment Record (PAR) Report					
RATINGS:	EXCEPTIONAL	VERY GOOD	SATISFACTORY	MARGINAL	UNSATISFACTORY
PAR Category: QUALITY OF PRODUCT AND SERVICES					
Rating:					
PAR Category: PROFESSIONALISM					
Rating:					
PAR Category: OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY					
Rating:					
PAR Category: OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY					
Rating:					
PAR Category: MANAGEMENT OF KEY PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES					
Rating:					
PAR Category: SAFETY					
Rating:					

Rating Official Name & Date: _____

Rating Official Signature: _____

Instructions for Preparing the Performance Record (Par) Report

1. The PAR Report is completed by referring to Attachment A – Surveillance Activities Table.
2. Using Attachment A go to Column (6), Performance Assessment Record (PAR) Category and scan down the column to locate the performance indicator for the PAR Categories listed above. For example, Quality of Products and Services.
3. Assess and rate the PAR Category in Column 6 in Attachment A against the Basic Performance Indicator(s) found in Column 7 for the definable feature of work found in Column 1. For example, if the **Quality of Products and [Column (6)] Services for NOC Convoy Tracking** [Column (1)] for the performance rating period had no corrective action request filed, no customer field complaints and no hours of negative contact with field offices and/or convoys this rating would be very good.
4. Repeat step 3 above for every Definable Feature of Work for the PAR Categories against the Basic Performance Indicators.
5. The final rating will be based on the average of ratings for the PAR Category against the Basic Performance Indicators for the Definable Feature of Work.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (QAR)

USACE RECONSTRUCTION SECURITY SUPPORT SERVICES (RSSS)

QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT

CONTRACT NO. WITH TASK ORDER:

OFFICE LOCATION:

DATE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

WEATHER:

USACE AED ONSITE FP SME:

TASKS COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR:

QA CHECKS CONDUCTED:

TASKS THAT PASSED QA INSPECTION:

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST(S):

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ON-SITE (*name and position*):

**Not On-Site Today*

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

1.

LESSONS LEARNED:

DISTRIBUTION:

Project/Resident/Area Engineer Signature: _____

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST	 NO. (1,2,3, etc. for the T.O.)
USACE Representative: Date Issued:	
Issued to: (Contractor) Response Due: (Based on type of nonconformance) Contract # and T.O. #	
Project Name/Location:	
Nonconformance Type (circle one): Critical Major Minor	
Description of Condition Found:	
Apparent Cause:	
(The Contractor will provide the following information to the Contracting Officer and USACE PM by the “Response Due” date above. Please contact the USACE Representative listed above if you have any questions)	
Actual Cause: (Contractor will investigate and determine cause of condition reported above. Actual cause should be stated as specifically as possible)	
Action Taken to Correct Condition: (Corrective Action should address root cause, not the symptom)	
Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence:	
Action Taken to Monitor Effectiveness of Corrective Action: (Generate data as proof. State the monitoring method put in place and who is responsible for reviewing data.)	
Contractor Representative Signature/Title/Date Signed: (Form must be signed before returning)	
(USACE Project Team Use Only) Review of Corrective Action: 1) Has condition improved? ___ Yes ___ No 2) Additional corrective action required? ___ Yes ___ No Comments: Completed form provided to Contracting Officer: (Date)	