

Q-1. Will the E-Commerce site include an 'ask questions' section for this RFP?

A-1. Questions asked via the e-Commerce site or by e-mail to the Contract Specialist will be accepted and answered via document posted to the e-Commerce site until May 21, 2009. Questions submitted after May 21st may not be answered.

Q-2. The issue date on the SF33 is 20 March 2009 and the submission date is 28 May 2009. These appear to be the originally planned dates and don't take into account the month delay in release. Was this an oversight, or did the government intend to shorten the response time so severely?

A-2. This was not an oversight. The actual RFP issue date is 22 April 2009; the closing date remains 28 May 2009.

Q-3. Regarding the ILS Ship MAIN package, is it allowable to submit electronic media rather than paper copies of items such as Interactive Electronic Technical Manuals?

A-3. Yes, offerors shall submit their proposals electronically consistent with solicitation provision L-349, SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS (SEP 2003).

Q-4. L-316 (b)(1) (iii) directs that the type shall be no smaller than 10-pitch Times New Roman, however it is silent regarding artwork. Times New Roman is not always the most legible in artwork. Are fonts other than Times New Roman, and no smaller than 8 point, acceptable for art, graphics and tables?

A-4. Yes, other fonts are acceptable for art, graphics and tables if perfectly legible. Font size and type is provided to ensure that no offeror has an unfair competitive advantage in terms of exceeding stated page limitations.

Q-5. As a result of discussion with the PCO, can you please update and reverse the current response to Question 94 of the Industry Day Q&A as subsequent information provided is that named contractors "may be" eligible for contract awards and OCI concerns will be addressed on a hard requirement and task order by task order basis?

A-5. Please see Open Letter on Potential OCIs available at [https://e-commerce.sscno.nmci.navy.mil/command/02/acq/navbusopor.nsf/0/DA440F460F312A1886257555000293A9/\\$FILE/N00039-09-R-0028%20-%20Open%20Letter%20on%20Potential%20OCIs.pdf](https://e-commerce.sscno.nmci.navy.mil/command/02/acq/navbusopor.nsf/0/DA440F460F312A1886257555000293A9/$FILE/N00039-09-R-0028%20-%20Open%20Letter%20on%20Potential%20OCIs.pdf)

Q-6. Please confirm additional time will be provided to respondents of contract Task Order solicitations as it will be required by PCO in order to address potential OCI concerns?

A-6. The government will allow sufficient time to ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to present information relating to potential OCIs.

Q-7. Will it be acceptable for potential contractors to submit OCI mitigation plans on a task by task basis?

A-7. The government reserves the right to request OCI mitigation plans at any time, particularly at the individual order level consistent with a competitive multiple award contract environment.

Q-8. RFP Reference: L-349(a) – Electronic copies shall be submitted via the SPAWAR E-Commerce Central (SPAWAR E-CC).

Question: Please let us know if there a maximum file size that can be uploaded to the SPAWAR E-CC website.

A-8. The E-CC Webmaster recommends no more than 20 MB per file.

Q-9. RFP Reference: L-349(a) – Offerors shall submit their proposals electronically to SPAWAR under the instructions contained in this provision. Offerors shall submit their signed proposals as either scanned (“TIFF”) or “PDF” documents.

Question: Some logistics documentation deliverables under section A.4 require the use of a web browser such as Internet Explorer. Is this acceptable?

A-9. Proposal documentation that requires use of a Web browser for viewing must be backward-compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 6.0.

Q- 10. RFP References:

L-316(b)(3)(i)(C)(1) – A description of their management and administrative organizational structure available or to be established for the supervision, and assurance of expeditious and economical performance of the services required under the proposed contract, including a sample work structure chart by job classification and code.

M-307(C) 1.3 Factor 3 The Government will evaluate the extent to which the description of management and administrative organizational structure and sample work structure chart by job classification and code satisfy the breadth of the requirements in the solicitation.

Question: There are a number of ways to present work structure chart information. Please provide us with an example of how you would like to see the information presented to ease Government evaluation.

A-10. There is no set format for this type of information. Offerors are expected to present their organizational structure consistent with the nature of competitive proposals.

Q-11. RFP Reference:252.234-7002(a)(1) - In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall use an earned value management system (EVMS) that complies with the EVMS guidelines in the American National Standards Institute/Electronics Industries Alliance Standard 748, Earned Value Management System (ANSI/EIA-748):

Question: Please confirm that the EVMS requirement applies at the individual Task Order Level and not at the contract level.

A-11. EVMS is not required at the basic contract level. It may be required at the individual order level as specified in each order.

Q-12. RFP Reference: 252.234-7002(a)(2) – Management procedures that provide for generation of timely, reliable and verifiable information for the Contracts Performance Report (CPR) and the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) required by the CPR and IMS data items of this contract.

Question: Please confirm that the Contracts Performance Report (CPR) is required only at the Task Order level when the contractor exceeds the DoD threshold for implementation.

A-12. EVMS is not required at the basic contract level. It may be required at the individual order level as specified in each order.

Q-13. RFP Reference: 252.234-7002(a)(2) – Management procedures that provide for generation of timely, reliable and verifiable information for the Contracts Performance Report (CPR) and the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) required by the CPR and IMS data items of this contract.

Question: The RFP does not include the DD 1423 or Data Item Description (DID) for the CPR and IMS deliverables as part of the CDRL documentation. Please provide a copy of the DD 1423 and Data Item Description (DID) for both the CPR and IMS deliverables.

A-13. EVMS is not required at the basic contract level. It may be required at the individual order level as specified in each order.

Q-14. The RFP does not address submission of questions. Does the Government have a specific end date by which all RFP questions must be submitted to assure the question cycle is completed in a timely manner?

A-14. Questions asked via the e-Commerce site or by e-mail to the Contract Specialist will be accepted and answered via document posted to the e-

Commerce site until May 21, 2009. Questions submitted after May 21st may not be answered.

Q- 15: RFP References:

L-343 – To aid in the determination of contractor responsibility, the following information is required:

- (a) Information regarding the general financial condition of your firm and specific plans for financing the proposed contract, including the latest available financial statements. If you are currently being audited, or have been audited by the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), provide the address, current telephone number, and current point of contact for the cognizant DCAA and the cognizant Defense Contract Management Area Office (DCMAO). Also include the latest approval date of your Disclosure Statement (not applicable to Small Businesses) and most recent audit status, i.e., when was the last one performed, what were the findings, etc.
- (b) A listing of previous and/or ongoing experience in related areas. Include the contracting activity, program or item produced, contract number, current point of contact, current telephone number, duration of contract, type of contract and total dollar amount of contract. Please ensure information provided is current and up-to-date. If this solicitation includes provision L-325, "Past Performance Information," and if the offeror believes that the information provided thereunder adequately addresses the requirements of this provision, please so state here. Repetition of the same information is not necessary.
- (c) A summary of your:
 - (1) accounting procedures and controls.
 - (2) organization.
 - (3) production control procedures.
 - (4) property control system.
 - (5) quality assurance programs.
 - (6) equipment and facilities relative to this effort.

Question: Please confirm that the RFP references only apply to the prime contractor.

A-15. Please see FAR 9.104-4 for subcontractor responsibility requirements. Offerors need not provide responsibility-type information on prospective subcontractors unless the need arises after receipt of proposals.

Q-16. Reference Attachment 4, CALI Sample Engineering Task, Para 3.2.2 This Para asks the bidder to cost "... configuring, fabricating, and installing components and wire harnesses in accordance with Revised Applicable Document 2.2 specifications and design parameters."

Question; Should this costing include only the changed elements (i.e., the replacement for the EOL Switch with associated elements like wiring, if required) into a GFE baseline AN/USQ-153C(V)1, Rack Assembly; or should the contractor plan to fabricate the complete AN/USQ-153C(V)1, Rack Assembly

using the new components as well as all existing, unchanged components? We note the AN/USQ-153C(V)1, Rack Assembly is not listed as GFI/GFP in Paragraph 4.0.

A-16. Offerors are to interpret the sample engineering task as a turnkey end-of-life component replacement effort. The requirement includes all engineering design analysis, technical drawing updates, fabrication, quality assurance and testing. Offerors are not to assume that the rack is provided as government furnished property.

Q-17. Reference Attachment 4, CALI Sample Engineering Task, Para 3.2.2
Question: if the rack is not GFE but fabricated, is there a "standard" procurement/assembly lead-time that should be assumed for uniform schedule comparisons? In other words, would the ability to procure and fabricate the AN/USQ-153C(V)1, Rack Assembly faster and/or at lower cost be a competitive advantage?

A-17. Offerors are expected to provide an integrated master schedule consistent with the overall technical approach. Conceivably, accomplishment of the task ahead of schedule and under budget would receive a higher evaluation rating. However, offerors are advised that the government intends to conduct cost realism analyses when evaluating responses to the sample engineering task; unrealistic schedules and costs may detrimentally affect the evaluation rating.

Q-18. Reference Attachment 4, CALI Sample Engineering Task, Para 3.2.2
Question; If the Rack is GFE, what lead time should be assumed when scheduling the task for completion within the 6 months allotted in paragraph 8.0?

A-18. Please see answers A-16 and A-17 above.

Q-19. We have a question on ... Section L clause 252.206-7000, Domestic Source Restriction. Is this clause a required flow-down to subcontractors? Or does it operate only at the prime level?

A-19. DFARS provision 252.206-7000 may apply when a specific order is restricted to domestic sources under the authority of FAR 6.302-3. Use of this provision at the individual order level would apply equally to the prime contractor and all subcontractors unless otherwise authorized.

Q-20. Section L-316.b.1.ii Paragraph (iii) states that the type used shall be no smaller than 10-pitch Times New Roman. Are tables and figures included in this restriction? Suggest minimum of 9-point Arial Narrow for tables and figures.

A-20. Please see answer A-4 above.

Q-21. Section L-349 / SF33 The Section L paragraph states that offerors shall submit their proposals electronically to SPAWAR under the instructions contained in this provision, while SF33 Block 9 requires sealed offers in original. Does the electronic version specified in Section L satisfy the submittal of a sealed original in SF33, or is a hardcopy original required to be submitted in addition to the electronic version?

A-21. Submission of electronic proposals in the manner specified by provision L-349 satisfies the intent of SF33 Block 9.

Q-22. Section L, 52.215-20, Part II / Section L L-316 This paragraph requires offerors to include both the Prime and its subcontractors labor rates. Paragraph L-316 limits the Cost Volume to 25 pages. Due to the proprietary nature of the labor rate data, subcontractors of the offerors may choose to submit this information separately from the Offeror and directly to the Government for evaluation. Would this separately submitted subcontractor cost information be included in the 25 page limitation of the Offeror's Cost Volume?

A-22. Yes. Offerors are expected to coordinate total page count with subcontractors assigned to the sample engineering task.

Q-23. Section L316 ii) Cost Volume (1) refers to the firm fixed price Sample Production Task. Does the government want only unit prices and total prices? What back up, if any is required?

A-23. At this time the government does not expect FAR 52.215-20 "information other than cost or pricing data" in support of the sample production task.

Q-24. Please confirm that only an electronic proposal submission is required.

A-24. Please see answer A-3 above.

Q-25. We are asking for your determination as to the correct reference to the CDRL in the below Sample Engineering Task SOW. Based on our interpretation of the task in comparison to the CDRL list, we believe the correct CDRL should be A004:

3.2.8 The contractor shall provide a summary technical report indicating all serial numbers of assemblies and subassemblies and a populated spreadsheet for use by the Government for entry of this data into the Government database in accordance with Applicable Document 2.5. CDRL A005

A-25. CDRL ELIN A005, "As Built" Cabinet Configuration, refers to SOW paragraph 3.2.8, which in turn refers to applicable document 2.5, ISNS Rack As-Built Template. CDRL ELIN A004, Quality Assurance (QA), refers to SOW paragraph 3.1.4, which in turn refers to applicable documents 2.3 and

2.4, System Integration Test and Quality Assurance Check List. CDRL ELIN A005 is the correct reference for SOW paragraph 3.2.8.

Q-26. Reference RFP Section M-314(a) which states that the contractor's past performance will be based on data from PPIRS-SR. If CPARS records have not transferred to PPIRS-SR the government will be unable to conduct a fair past performance evaluation for contractors. Will the government consider evaluating past performance utilizing CPARS instead? Please advise.

A-26. If past performance information is unavailable via PPIRS-SR, submission of CPARS evaluations is acceptable. Additional information is available at provision L-316(b)(3)(i)(B)(2).

Q-27. Please provide the labor category descriptions for the labor categories listed in Attachment A of the Engineering Sample Task zip file.

A-27. The labor mix estimate posted at https://nserc.navy.mil/peo_c4i/pmw_160/CALI/Shared%20Documents/Engineering%20Task.zip is provided solely to assist offerors in gauging the overall scope of the sample engineering task. Use of the labor mix estimate is entirely optional and in fact may be detrimental if not adequately supported. Offerors are expected to provide an independent Integrated Master Plan consistent with their unique technical approach as required by the "management" section of provision L-316 (b)(3)(i)(A)(3). Also see answers A-16 and A-17 above.

Q-28. In accordance with the Attachment 6, Sample Engineering Task and section L, Technical, Sample Engineering Task:

- Management: Provide an Integrated Master Plan for the completion of this task, consisting of the following...:
 - Integrated Master Schedule for managing this task order. At a minimum, identify major program milestones, tasks, interrelationships, dependencies, lag and durations, and staffing plan to meet program requirements."

Question:

1. Does the IMS to be provided as part of the proposal response count against the page count limitation for the proposal?
2. Does the government want this provided in hard copy, soft copy, or both?

A-28. Information provided in response to the sample engineering task counts toward the overall page limitations. Offerors are to submit the information consistent with provision L-349, SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS (SEP 2003).

Q-29. L-343(b) Contractor Responsibility -- The solicitation does not contain provision L-325. However, the completed Relevant Experience Form required in

Volume I Section B appears to adequately address the requirements of L-343(b). Will the government accept the information in the Relevant Experience Form as satisfying the requirements of L-343(b)?

A-29. Yes, information provided on the Relevant Experience Forms satisfies the intent of provision L-343(b), i.e., to establish a satisfactory performance record. The intent of erstwhile provision L-325, Past Performance Information, is incorporated in provision L-316(b)(3)(i)(B)(2).

Q-30. L-316 Proposal Preparation Instructions--Will a table of contents, table of figures, and table of tables be exempt from page limits?

A-30. The only exemption from page limitation is as stated in provision L-316, i.e., ILS Package, Small Business Utilization and Past Performance Information.

Q-31. L-316(b)(3)(i)(B)(2) Past Performance Information -- How can the offeror provide past performance information for a contract for which a CPARS evaluation does not exist?

A-31. At a minimum, offerors are expected to provide corporate experience information on the Relevant Experience Forms. The government recognizes that CPARS evaluations may not be available for each experience. The government reserves the right to obtain past performance information from sources of its own choosing, in addition to those identified on the Relevant Experience Forms.

Q-32. Sample Production Task, Applicable Documents 2.1 and 2.2-- It appears that Documents 2.1 and 2.2 for the sample production task are incomplete. Drawings 0205897-686, 0205897-687, and 0205897-688 are not listed in Document 2.1 and are not provided in Document 2.2. These drawings are required to fabricate Rack Sub Assembly Externally Isolated A&J 19.5 In Height on Drawing 0205920-410 Items 3,4, and 5. Will the government provide the drawings or indicate where the offeror may obtain the drawings?

A-32. Drawings 0205897-686, 0205897-687 and 0205897-688 are available at https://nserc.navy.mil/peo_c4i/pmw_160/CALI/default.aspx.

Q-33 Is there a file size limitation for the proposal upload? The ILS package attachments that address the requirement to provide Interactive Electronic Technical Manuals (IETMS) and similar ILS items are 1494 MEG. This doesn't include the actual proposal.

If there is a file size limitation, how do we handle these submissions? Please advise.

A-33. Please see A-8 above.