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**Bid Inquiry Contractor Report
All Inquiries**

Project: BIDDER RFI - GIS Analysis and Support to Spatial Data Branch in Mobile District **Review:** W91278-17-R-0007 (00001)

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Question: Appendix A, Section 2.2, Factor 1, Page #185

In Section 2.1, the Government states "Where the word "project" and/or "effort(s)" appears in the RFP, it is understood to mean single contract(s) that involved fixed price type contract. The language in this section restricts competition by restricting Past Performance Information from many qualified 8(a) small businesses that have delivered similar services in scope and scale to this PWS to Government agencies under other types of contracts and task orders such as Cost Type and Time and Material contracts.

Would the Government change the language of Section 2.1 to permit Past Performance Information for services delivered that encompasses all types of contracts (Cost, T&M, etc) or provide an explanation that sets forth a reasonable basis for this restrictive requirement?

On: Dec 27 2016.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 Posted to FBO, Appendix "A" revisions. On: Jan 20 2017

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Question: Appendix A, Section 2.2, Factor 2, Page #188

On Page #188 of Section 2.2, offeror's are required to provide a resume for each person, or labor category proposed to perform the tasks. This requirement appears to favor an incumbent that would likely have an established workforce in place while adding a significant burden to 8(a) small business competitors who are unlikely to have a one-for-one equivalent workforce standing at the ready.

Would the Government consider removing the requirement to submit resumes for each person, or labor category, or provide an explanation that sets forth a reasonable basis for this restrictive requirement?

On: Dec 27 2016.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 posted to FBO – Appendix "A" has been revised. On: Jan 20 2017

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Question: Appendix A, Section 3.1, Page #189

Given that this solicitation is a best value, 8(a) small business set-aside with a NAICS 15M size standard, overly restrictive requirements limit the competition that Government says it seeks in this solicitation, and are inconsistent with goals of the Small Business Administrations (SBA) 8(a) program and The Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 , which requires that solicitations generally permit full and open competition and contain restrictive provisions only to the extent necessary to satisfy the needs of the agency. 10 U.S.C. § 2305(a)(1)(B)(ii) (2011).

As some PWS requirements have only ever been performed by the incumbent contractor or one of its subcontractors, ranking offeror's Past Performance Information first in relative importance while discarding the provisions of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 15.305 (a) (2) (iii) and associated, applicable Government Accountability Office (GAO) decisions

effectively restricts or limits competition from 8(a) small businesses; thus prohibiting the Best Value the Government says it seeks. Additionally, USACE solicitations similar in technical scope and contract value have ranked the Technical and Management approaches of offerors higher in relative importance than information on the offeror's Past Performance.

To ensure Best Value, Maximum Competition, and consistency with the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) program for qualified 8(a) small businesses, would the Government rank the Technical and Management approaches of offerors higher in relative importance than Past Performance Information? Or, provide an explanation for: 1) why it considers Past Performance Information to be higher in relative importance on a 8(a), small business set-aside solicitation than Technical and Management approaches of offerors. And, 2) how restricting or limiting potential competition from qualified 8(a) businesses serves the needs of the Government on a best value, 8(a) small business set-aside solicitation?

On: Dec 27 2016.

Government Response. . The past performance evaluation factor assesses the degree of confidence the Government has in an offeror's ability to perform services that meets the Government's needs based on a demonstrated record of performance. On: Jan 20 2017

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Question: Appendix A, Section 3.2, Factor 1, Page #189
 On Page #189, the Government states that: "Only the past performance information of the Prime Contractor named on the signed Standard Form 1449 will be evaluated. The experience of the Offeror's principal officers, key employees, related companies, such as a parent company, affiliate or subsidiary, or its various subdivisions will not be considered the past performance of the Offeror."

Would the Government adopt the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 15.305 (a) (2) (iii) and associated, applicable Government Accountability Office (GAO) decisions when soliciting a best value, 8(a) small business set-aside solicitation?

On: Dec 27 2016.

Government Response. . No, The past performance evaluation factor assesses the degree of confidence the Government has in an offeror's ability to perform services that meets the Government's needs based on a demonstrated record of performance. See Amendment 00002, Appendix "A" revisions. On: Jan 20 2017

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Re. W91278-17-R-0007_Solicitation_Bid_Schedule_Worksheet.xlsx: Request removal of the Fringe, OH, G&A, and Profit elements of Bid Schedule; Section 5.0 in Appendix A says the government will use price analysis, which quoting from the solicitation and the FAR, "is the process of examining and evaluating proposed price without evaluating separate cost elements and proposed profits." Therefore, the price template conflicts with the proposal instructions and evaluation criteria.

On: Jan 03 2017.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002, Bid Schedule Worksheet revision On: Jan 20 2017

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Question: Seed Project, Section 2.1, Page #206
 Could the Government define what the "DISA Agile and Kanban board" is? Is this a DISA application such as Forge.mil ProjectForge or SoftwareForge?

On: Jan 04 2017.

	Government Response. . All contractors must register at https://www.di2e.net to use DI2E Developer Collaboration Tools. Descriptions of the tools are listed at the website. On: Jan 20 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
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6778499	Geographic Information System	Page 185	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Question: Appendix A, Section 2.2, Factor 1, Page #185 In section 2.1, the Government states that "All the project examples are to have been completed, or at least 80% complete." The language in this section limits competition from qualified 8(a) small businesses as it restricts submission of projects that are currently in execution but less than 80% complete.			
Would the Government change the language of Section 2.2 to eliminate the project completion requirement by accepting past performance information for relevant projects, active within the past five years? Or, amend the project completion requirement from 80% to 50%? Or, provide a logical explanation that sets forth a reasonable basis for this restrictive requirement?			
On: Jan 04 2017.			
	Government Response. . See Amendment 0002, Appendix "A" revisions. On: Jan 20 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
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6778505	Geographic Information System	Page 191	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Question. Appendix A, Section 4.2, Tab 2, Page #191 Should offerors prepare pricing for Travel and Other Direct Costs (ODCs) associated with executing the Seed Task Order PWS? If so, will the Government provide any special instructions for pricing travel?			
On: Jan 04 2017.			
	Government Response. . Yes, pricing should be provided for travel cost for the number of trips to the destination location. Offeror's departure for tasks 4.19/4.20 (page 243) may be from a different location; destination remains unchanged On: Jan 20 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
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6778508	Geographic Information System	Page 243	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Question: Seed PWS, Section 5.0 Travel, Page# 243 Page #219 of the PWS mentions 40 trips for QA checks during the period of performance. However, the chart in Para 5.1 lists 27 trips. Could the Government clarify the anticipated number of trips for 4.19 and 4.20 of the chart on Page #243?			
On: Jan 04 2017.			
	Government Response. . Days on site and number of trips for each destination location is stated on Solicitation page 243. Page 219 has been revised, see page 219, Amendment 0002 On: Jan 20 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
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6778511	Geographic Information System	Page 243	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Question: Seed PWS, Section 5.0 Travel, Page# 243 Could the Government indicate the number of FTEs needed for each travel segment listed in 5.1?			
On: Jan 04 2017.			
	Government Response. . Typically 1 FTE per trip. On: Jan 20 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		

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6778515	Geographic Information System		Volume 1, Factors 2 and 3
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)</p> <p>Question: Volume I, Factors 2 and 3 Would the government consider introducing a page limit of fifteen (15) pages for Factor 2--Tab B: Technical Approach, and a page limit of ten (10) pages for Factor 3--Tab C: Management Approach. Question: Are there any document formatting restrictions such as spacing, font size, font type, tables and illustrations, graphics?</p> <p>On: Jan 04 2017.</p>			
<p>Government Response. . See page 5 of Project Specific Submission Instructions and Requirements. No pages specified. Amendment 0002 has been posted to FBO. On: Jan 20 2017</p>			
<p>Current Request Status: Request Closed</p>			
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6778556	Geographic Information System		Solicitation
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)</p> <p>Will the government share with industry the number of personnel working, their labor category, and their performance location on all current task orders?</p> <p>On: Jan 04 2017.</p>			
<p>Government Response. . No, the Offeror has to provide the labor categories for performance of tasks stated in the Seed Project Performance Work Statement to be awarded as task order 0001. Service locations are listed in paragraph 11.0 (page 17) of solicitation. On: Jan 20 2017</p>			
<p>Current Request Status: Request Closed</p>			
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6778558	Geographic Information System		Bid Schedule Worksheet
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)</p> <p>Page 27 of the Labor Schedule indicates a "Test Engineer/Development Operations Lead" labor category. However, this Labor category is not listed on the solicitation Bid Schedule Worksheet (Page #204 and W91278-17-R-0007_Bid Schedule.xlsx). Can the Government clarify if pricing should be provided for the Test Engineer/Development Operations Lead category?</p> <p>On: Jan 04 2017.</p>			
<p>Government Response. . See Bid Schedule Line Item 0035 On: Jan 20 2017</p>			
<p>Current Request Status: Request Closed</p>			
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6778561	Geographic Information System		Bid Schedule Worksheet
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)</p> <p>Is there a difference between the Web Development labor categories listed on page #23, the Front-End Web Developer category on Page #26, and the Back-end Web Developer listed on page #28? Could the Government provide clarity as to whether the job functions of the Web Development labor categories listed on page #23 also encompass the job functions of the Front-End Web Developer labor category on Page #26, and the Back-end Web Developer Labor category listed on page #28?</p> <p>On: Jan 04 2017.</p>			
<p>Government Response. . They are separate labor categories; Front End and Back End Developers are geared toward UX/UI On: Jan 20 2017</p>			
<p>Current Request Status: Request Closed</p>			
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6778564	Geographic Information System	Page 244	Seed PWS, Section 7.0 Schedule

Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO) Question: Page #244 Seed PWS, Section 7.0 Schedule Can the government provide starting and ending dates for the sample task order period of performance? On: Jan 04 2017.			
Government Response. . Not at this time. Task Order 0001 will be awarded after the base IDIQ contract is awarded. The period of performance for the task order will be one year. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6778566	Geographic Information System	Page 245	Seed PWS, Section 9.0 Deliverables
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO) Question: Page #245 Seed PWS, Section 9.0 Deliverables Are the deliverables mentioned in Section 9.0 to be considered all-inclusive within the period of performance for the seed task order? On: Jan 04 2017.			
Government Response. . Yes, the task order performance period will be one year from date of award. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6778567	Geographic Information System		Solicitation
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO) Does the Government intend to award the Seed Task Order as Task Order 0001 of the IDIQ? On: Jan 04 2017.			
Government Response. . Yes On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6778568	Geographic Information System		Solicitation
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO) Will 100% of the work be performed on a government installation/building/site? On: Jan 04 2017.			
Government Response. . No, DQM work stated in the Seed Project Performance Work Statement tasks 4.19/4.20 may be at non- Government Installation/building/sites. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6778569	Geographic Information System		Solicitation
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO) Are extended hours or overtime hours required to support the Sample Task Order PWS? On: Jan 04 2017.			
Government Response. . No. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6778571	Geographic Information System		Bid Schedule Worksheet

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Does the Government intend to use all Labor Categories listed on the Bid Schedule Worksheet during execution of the Sample Task Order?				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . No. On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6778573	Geographic Information System			Bid Schedule Worksheet
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
Are all Labor Categories listed on the Bid Schedule Worksheet currently being utilized on existing task orders?				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . No, as Performance Work Statement are developed for GIS requirements to be performed by award of a task order, the Government needs a contract in place with pre-negotiated labor categories and rates for execution. On: Jan 20 2017				
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6778574	Geographic Information System			Solicitation
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Does the Government intend to allow a transition period from the existing contract to the new one? If so, how many days will be allocated for the transition?				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . Estimated about two weeks. On: Jan 20 2017				
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6778575	Geographic Information System			Solicitation
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
Are there any Other Direct Costs (ODCs) that industry should consider in their pricing response? If so, can the Government indicate the type of, the quantity of, and any other instructions for pricing ODCs?				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) provide per diem, lodging, travel and transportation allowance for various locations. On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6778577	Geographic Information System			Solicitation
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Are there any current employees on contract now that are SCA-covered employees subject to the application of the Wage Determination (WD)?				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . No, the WD was provided should an Offeror provide labor rates other than what is stated on the Solicitation Bid Schedule Worksheet. On: Jan 20 2017				
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6779464	General	STANDARDFORM 1449	Offer Due Date	

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Respectfully request minimum of 2 week offer due extension based on: (1) having received RFP so close to holidays, (2) questions regarding past performance and personnel resumes are delaying a final bid decision until answered, and (3) question deadline of 13 Jan 2017 allows for limited time to address potential solicitation changes in proposals.				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 revision. Amendment 0001 extended the proposal due date. On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6779466	General	W91278-17-R-0007_Solicitation.pdf		
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
Request Government provide incumbent contract Vendor Name and incumbent contract number				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC – W91278-16-D-0049 On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6779468	General	W91278-17-R-0007_Solicitation.pdf		
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
Will the Government provide the anticipated start date of the contract? This is necessary for providing offers of employment to potential key and project team personnel.				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . Anticipating award by mid March 2017. On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6779477	General	W91278-17-R-0007_Solicitation.pdf	Technical Architecture Documentation	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
P. 187, 2.2 Factor 2 – Tab B: Technical Approach, (c) Seed Project and P. 205, Seed Performance Work Statement (PWS). Request the Government provide technical architecture documentation, i.e., system architecture context diagrams/descriptions /requirements, infrastructure technical requirements, and component functions. This information is necessary to address 2.2,(c) whereas a technical proposal reflecting how resources and technical methodology will be used to meet the task requirements, submission of deliverables, resumes for each person or labor category proposed, and technical discussion regarding pricing is required to be developed.				
On: Jan 04 2017.				
Government Response. . See amendment 0002 for revision to Appendix "A". On: Jan 20 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
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6779488	Geographic Information System	W91278-17-R-0007_Solicitation.pdf	Past Performance	
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Request the Government remove the The restriction of 2.1.1.1 Joint Venture Submission Requirements/2.1.1.3. whereas, "Only the past performance information of the Prime Contractor named on the signed Standard Form 1449 will be evaluated. The experience of the Offeror's principal officers, key employees, related companies, such as a parent company, affiliate or subsidiary, or its various subdivisions will not be considered the past performance of the Offeror."				
REASONING: This requirement is contrary to the SBA's new Mentor-Protege Past Performance Rules effective Aug. 24, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 58558 (July 2016)). Specifically, pg. 48583, (f) states, "Past performance and experience. When evaluating the past performance and experience of an entity submitting an offer for an 8(a) contract as a joint venture approved by SBA pursuant to this section, a procuring activity must consider work done individually by each partner to the joint venture as well as any work done by the joint venture itself previously."				

Additionally, Request the Government reconcile the contradictions between P. 186, (b) QUALITY OF PAST PERFORMANCE, 2.1.1.1 Joint Venture Submission Requirements/2.1.1.3. 2.1.1.3 states, "If the Offeror, that is the JV, has no "recent", "relevant" projects performed by the JV, then members of the JV must provide a combined total of no more than five (5) "recent", "relevant" projects performed by either member of the JV that reflects the JV member's ability to perform the work required in this solicitation as required by Paragraph 2.1.1 subparagraphs (a) and (b)." Contrary to this, P. 189, 3.2 Factor 1, Tab A – Past Performance Information of the Prime Contractor states, "Only the past performance information of the Prime Contractor named on the signed Standard Form 1449 will be evaluated."

On: Jan 04 2017.

Government Response. . For Joint Venture, if the Offeror who is stated as the JV on the 1449 has no recent, relevant projects, the JV member of the two must provide no more than 5 projects. See Amendment 0002 posted on FBO. On: Jan 20 2017

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Reference pg. 187-188, 2.2 Factor 2 – Tab B: Technical Approach, (c) Seed Project

Request the Government clarify if proposal response is to include resources and technical methodology, process for submission of deliverables, resumes for each person or labor category proposed, and pricing as proposed in paragraph 4.2 is required for each-individual Seed Project Task Requirement (Seed PWS sections 4.1 through 4.40) or for the Seed Project effort as a whole.

On: Jan 05 2017.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 for revisions. On: Jan 20 2017

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In reference to the SF1449, the 541990 NAICS code does not include the following types of work required by the solicitation: specialized design services; computer systems design and related services; management, scientific, and technical consulting services; scientific research and development services. We would recommend that the use of 541511, currently used by other USACE districts for nearly identical GIS development and analysis requirements.

On: Jan 05 2017.

Government Response. . NAICS 541511 is for Custom Computer Programming. This requirements has other tasks involved. On: Jan 20 2017

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Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) attribute and cite subsidiary past performance per Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.305 (a) (2) (iii); in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 121.103(b) and CFR 124.109(a); and in conformance with Government Accountability Office (GAO) decisions B 406289, B-282456, B-275725, and B-401560. Specifically, the GAO states that:

"...an agency properly may attribute the past performance of an affiliated company to an offeror where the record shows that the resources of the affiliate--for example, using the affiliate's employees as key personnel--will be provided for performance of the solicited requirement." B 406289, Apr. 4, 2012, ¶ 151 at 3.

In reference to Appendix A paragraph 2.1.3 on RFP pg. 187 and to Evaluation Criteria 3.0.b on RFP pg. 189, will the Government please confirm its acceptance of subsidiary past performance (e.g., other than offering entity) if that performance complies with the FAR/CFR and demonstrates clear affiliation between the offering entity and its 'sister' subsidiary company

through organizational resources or key personnel per GAO guidance?

On: Jan 05 2017.

Government Response. . The Offeror on the 1449 should provide no more than five examples of recent and relevant projects. Multiple efforts or projects under a single contract or task order are considered projects. Submit recent project completed in the past 5 years of date of solicitation or projects at 50% complete (measured by performance period days). See Amendment 0002 posted to FBO. On: Jan 20 2017

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Per CLIN 0002 on RFP pg. 3, the solicitation defines travel and Other Direct Costs (ODCs) as Firm Fixed Price (FFP). All other references in the solicitation imply that travel and ODCs are cost reimbursable. Would the Government please clarify or confirm that travel and ODCs are cost reimbursable?

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . Allowable costs (Travel and ODC) will be reimbursed under this Firm Fixed Price contract. Line Item 0002 covers reimbursable cost for travel and ODCs. On: Jan 20 2017

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In regards to RFP pg. 4, paragraph 1.1, can the government confirm that there is no requirement for the 8(a) Prime Contractor submitting a bid to maintain a self-designated Primary or Secondary NAICS Code of 541990, only that the 8(a) Prime Contractor meet the Small Business Size Standard of \$15M average revenue for NAICS Code 541990?

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . The Offeror on the 1449 has to be actively registered in Sam.gov with the appropriate NAICS code in order to be considered the contractor award. The Offeror has to maintain active registration in Sam.Gov with current company status. On: Jan 20 2017

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In regards to the Proposal Data Sheet requirement for the name of the solicitation, would the Government please clarify the solicitation name? On FBO, it appears as "Geographical Information Systems Development and Analysis and Support of the National Coastal Mapping Program, Dredge Quality Management and CADD/BIM Programs to the Spatial Data Branch Operations Division in Mobile, AL." However, the solicitation PWS lists the name as "PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, SPATIAL DATA BRANCH, OPERATIONS DIVISION, MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS".

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 for revisions. On: Jan 20 2017

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In Appendix A, paragraph 2.1, the Government requires that, "all the project examples are to have been completed, or at least 80% complete." Due to the delayed acquisition schedule for this opportunity, the current solicitation date is off-set against the period of performance of numerous directly relevant USACE GIS task orders across multiple districts. As such, the 80% requirement most negatively impacts Offerors providing excellent support to USACE today. Would the Government please clarify its intent for the 80% requirement and consider a reduction to at least 50% of the period of performance?

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . See Amendment 0002 for revisions. On: Jan 20 2017

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In reference to Appendix B, the Government states that, "actual Equivalency requirements for this contract shall be 2 years of experience = 1 year of college." Would the Government please clarify how Offerors should reflect partial completion of a degree? For example, would 3 years of college and 1 year of experience be equivalent to a B.A.?

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . No, College years with no matriculating degree do not count. On: Jan 20 2017

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Solicitation Section 4.0, Page 7
 The solicitation's stipulations regarding the Bank Reference Letter impose potentially implied assurances and bank guaranty between customer (offeror) and vendor (bank) and are not customary practices within financial institutions for legal purposes. This requirement could limit competition if an individual company's financial institution refuses to adopt the specific language currently required for the Bank Reference Letter. To promote fair competition among 8(a) competitors, and ensure the Government receives the Best Value solution for this solicitation, we recommend the following changes.

Will the government please allow general rather than specific terms for inclusion of (iii) "credit amount and how much is available at this time."

Will the government please remove the restriction to include (iv) "Please indicate how you would evaluate the company as a customer: Poor; Fair; Very Good; Excellent."

On: Jan 06 2017.

Government Response. . The answers provided to the questions in the Bank Reference Letter are required to determine responsibility of the prospective Contractor. The questions in the bank letter will not be removed. On: Jan 20 2017

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In order to better understand scope and develop a more accurate level of effort, request the Government provide the average percentage of work for the scope of this contract as defined in the 2.1.1 (a) RELEVANT COMPANY EFFORT,(1):

____ % = (a) Design, development and implementation of customized systems and solutions using ESRI's ArcGis suite of software and extension

____ % = (b) Develop and manage data in geodatabases using SQL, Oracle, and other RDBMS

____ % = (c) Use and customize various imagery software to collect, process and visualize LIDAR and various imagery formats

___ % = (d) perform Web-based development and programming using HTML, ASP, XML, SQL Server, JAVA and JAVA Script			
On: Jan 09 2017.			
Government Response. . (a) 55%, (b)25%, (c)10%, (d)20%. The projects mentioned are examples that can be submitted in terms of Past Performance. See amendment 0002 revisions. On: Jan 20 2017			
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6787037	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)			
Is there an incumbent?			
On: Jan 10 2017.			
Government Response. . Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
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6787042	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)			
What is the estimated value of the potential contract?			
On: Jan 10 2017.			
Government Response. . Base IDIQ contract - \$35,000,000.00. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6787053	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)			
Is this a new requirement?			
On: Jan 10 2017.			
Government Response. . No, the incumbent is Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC. On: Jan 20 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792321	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)			
1. (Instructions, Section 1.0) Has the appropriate IT Investment Review Board at the US Army and/or Corps of Engineers approved the appropriation and execution of anticipated funding for this requirement?			
On: Jan 12 2017.			
Government Response. . Yes On: Jan 31 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792333	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)			
2. (Instructions, Section 1.0) Will the Technical Services required by Section 3.0 of the PWS in anyway interact, interface, or coordinate with the USACE enterprise GIS program?			
On: Jan 12 2017.			

	Government Response. . Yes. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792340	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)</p> <p>(Instructions, Section 1.0) What date, if any, is the Government's deadline or anticipated date for the start of the Technical Services required by Section 3.0 of the Performance Work Statement (PWS)?</p> <p>On: Jan 12 2017.</p>			
	Government Response. . The Performance work Statement (PWS) Sections 1.0 through 12.0 provides an overview of the requirements to be awarded under the Base Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The Seed Project PWS is a real project that defines specific tasks to be awarded, by task order, against the base IDIQ contract. The seed project will be awarded after the base contract is awarded. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792345	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)</p> <p>(Instructions, Section 1.1) Are the Technical Services required by Section 3.0 of the PWS, wholly or in part, currently being provided by a commercial vendor under contract or have such services been provided by a commercial vendor under contract within the past three (3) years, i.e. is there an incumbent vendor?</p> <p>On: Jan 12 2017.</p>			
	Government Response. . Incumbent Contractor: Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792349	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)</p> <p>(Instructions, Section 1.1) If there is an incumbent vendor within the past three (3) years, to the Government's knowledge, is the incumbent vendor currently qualified to submit a proposal under the terms of Section 1.1 of the Project Specific Submission Instructions and Requirements?</p> <p>On: Jan 12 2017.</p>			
	Government Response. . Incumbent Contractor: Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792352	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)</p> <p>(Instructions, Section 1.1) If there is an incumbent vendor within the past three (3) years, were the services provided under a competitively awarded contract using the same or similar criteria as outlined in Section 1.0 of the Instructions?</p> <p>On: Jan 12 2017.</p>			
	Government Response. . Incumbent Contractor: Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6792360	Geographic Information System	NA	NA
<p>Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)</p> <p>(Instructions, Section 1.2) If work to be performed according to the Project Description, as described in Section 3.0 of the PWS, have previously been provided by a commercial vendor under contract, what was the average contract value for the last</p>			

three (3) of services provided?				
On: Jan 12 2017.				
Government Response. . Incumbent Contractor: Bowhead Professional Solutions, LLC, Contract: W91278-16-D-0049, Contract Value \$4M. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6792365	Geographic Information System	NA	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)				
(PWS, Section 2.1) Does the Government anticipate the onsite task lead for each location to onsite at each location full-time, part-time, or as needed?				
On: Jan 12 2017.				
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6792369	Geographic Information System	NA	NA	NA
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(PWS, Section 2.3) Does the Government expect the successful offeror to provide the Technical Services required by Section 3.0 of the PWS for the full duration of the normal working hours and days as described in Section 2.3 of the PWS or are the normal working hours provided for informational purposes only?				
On: Jan 12 2017.				
Government Response. . The working hours states in 2.3 are hours the office is open. Contractors will work 8 hrs within that window. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6792370	Geographic Information System	NA	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)				
(PWS, Section 2.3) Are the Technical Services required by Section 3.0 of the PWS with regard to geodatabases and other customized systems to be performed in support of one or more geodatabases or custom systems already operational at the Mobile District, or will such services begin with the development of new geodatabases and/or customer systems?				
On: Jan 12 2017.				
Government Response. . Databases are already operational. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6792374	Geographic Information System	NA	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\\For Official Use Only (U\\FOUO)				
(Appendix B) The Labor Category Descriptions and Requirements state, "2 years of experience = 1 year of college." Associate and Bachelor degrees are generally accepted to be 2 years and 4 years of college, respectively. However, a few of the labor categories show a Minimum Education requirement of, "MA/MS/equivalent." MA/MS tend to vary from 6 months to 2 years (typical MBA), depending upon discipline. How many additional years of college should be considered standard for an MA or MS?				
On: Jan 12 2017.				
Current Request Status: Request Working				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6796185	Geographic Information System	Page 193		Evaluation Criteria 4.2

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In reference to Seed Project Pricing for Task Order 0001, would the Government please consider providing Offerors with 'plug numbers' for seed project ODCs such as travel?			
On: Jan 17 2017.			
Current Request Status: Request Working			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6796186	Geographic Information System	Page 193	Evaluation Criteria 4.0
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
The Government requests that Offerors two tabs: the Bid Schedule and Seed Project Pricing for Task Order 0001. However, the Government only provided a template for the Bid Schedule tab. Is it the Government's intent to provide Offerors with a Seed Project pricing template or to have Offerors provide pricing in their own respective formats?			
On: Jan 17 2017.			
Government Response. . No specific template for pricing of the Seed Project Proposal. The Offeror should provide their own format. On: Jan 31 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6796386	Geographic Information System		Bid Schedule Worksheet
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Will subcontractors be limited in contract execution to ONLY the labor categories they price in the Bid Schedule Worksheet?			
On: Jan 17 2017.			
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Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6797276	Geographic Information System	1	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
RFP Page 20, Appendix B state "A college or university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Any other accredited college or university must be approved by the COR."			
How does this arbitrary definition promote finding the best qualified candidates for a position by limiting (or at least preferring) candidates educated in the South? This definition adds a hurdle for 8(a) companies proposing qualified candidates by requiring approval for people based only on where their alma mater is located. SACS is part of a nationwide consortium of accreditors that all adhere to the same standards. Please justify this RFP statement.			
On: Jan 17 2017.			
Government Response. . See Amendment 0002. On: Jan 31 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6797291	Geographic Information System	1	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Why are packages on FBO locked for an unclassified proposal with a fairly short turnaround? I still haven't received approval. Please clear out the back log of approval requests.			
On: Jan 17 2017.			
Government Response. . You should be able to access the solicitation and amendments. On: Jan 31 2017			
Current Request Status: Request Closed			
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6803418	Geographic Information System	RFP Page 4	Submission Instructions

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Are subcontractors required to submit a sealed package? If so, please provide what items are required for subcontractors to submit.				
On: Jan 20 2017.				
Government Response. . No sealed package is required by Subcontractors. The Prime contractor should submit the firm(s) names,labor categories and rates proposed. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6803422	Geographic Information System	Page 188		APP A.2.3.a
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
In reference to Appendix A, paragraph 2.3(a) on RFP pg. 188, the Government requests resumes of key and project team personnel. However, the requirement incorporates a broad listing of personnel roles (e.g., safety, quality control, etc.) that are typically indirect corporate support serving multiple contracts. Would the Government please consider removing the "100% dedicated" requirement to account for modern Program Management Organization (PMO) structures and limit the scope of resumes to only Project Management and Technical/Task Leads?				
On: Jan 20 2017.				
Current Request Status: Request Working				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6803956	Geographic Information System	NA	NA	NA
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
The mod states that the deadline for submitting questions was extended to 1/20/17. What are the procedures for obtaining access to Amendment 0002 and the solicitation which both require special approval? My company meets the criteria for submitting a proposal, but cannot without having access to all the information.				
On: Jan 20 2017.				
Government Response. . All amendments have been posted to FBO with explicit access. You should be able to access. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6804027	Geographic Information System	RFP Page 20		Appendix B Labor Categories
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
Can additional labor categories be proposed that are not included in the list of labor categories in Appendix B?				
On: Jan 20 2017.				
Government Response. . Yes, See note 6 on the Bid Schedule. On: Jan 31 2017				
Current Request Status: Request Closed				
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.				
6811474	Geographic Information System	W91278-17-R-0007_Amendment_0002.pdf	3.2 Factor 1, Tab A – Past Performance Information of the Prime Contractor	
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)				
PDF p. 16 (p. 189) Ref. 3.2 Factor 1, Tab A – Past Performance Information of the Prime Contractor - The RFP limits experience to projects performed by the firm submitting an offer or each JV member. The requirements of this factor cannot be met through the experience of the offeror's parent, affiliate, subsidiary, or its various subdivisions. The GAO has issued a number of protest decisions supporting the use of sister or affiliate companies past performance as well as decisions which holds that the exercise of discretion by a procuring agency must be reasonably related to legitimate agency concerns and cannot be unreasonable restrictive of competition. In the interest of achieving maximum competition, we encourage the allowance of parent, affiliate, subsidiary, or subdivision experience.				
On: Jan 25 2017.				

	Government Response. . An amendment is forthcoming. On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6818233	Geographic Information System	W91278-17-R-0007_Amendment_0002.pdf	Proposal Due Date
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If the requirement changes to accept past experience and past performance to allow offeror's parent, affiliate, subsidiary, or subdivisions, will the Government extend the proposal by 4 weeks? As we understand the period of performance of the incumbent contract, exercising options, is June 2018; an extension would allow for maximum competition and best value to the Government.			
On: Jan 31 2017.			
	Government Response. . We are currently working on an amendment. The date for receipt of proposals will be extended. As of this date, the time extension is unknown On: Jan 31 2017		
	Current Request Status: Request Closed		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6820408	Geographic Information System		N/A
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Due to a number of questions not yet answered by the Government plus the extended deadline for question submission, in order to allow for reasonable and accurate analysis of answers, would the Government please consider an extension to the proposal due date to either February 17th or 2 weeks from the date the last question is answered?			
On: Feb 01 2017.			
	Current Request Status: Request Pending		
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6829860	Geographic Information System		Bid Proposal Worksheet
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
In response to Amendment 2 of the solicitation which removed numerous items from the Bid Proposal Worksheet, will the Government please supply a revised Excel document reflecting these changes?			
On: Feb 08 2017.			
	Current Request Status: Request Pending		
Information for this report is procurement sensitive.			
6832449	Geographic Information System		Amendment 6
Comment Classification: Unclassified\For Official Use Only (U\FOUO)			
Amendment 6 was posted but with "Unauthorized" access. When does the Government anticipate posting the file(s) with unrestricted access?			
On: Feb 09 2017.			
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