

**Nationwide Automatic Identification System
Increment 2, Phase 1
Monday, January 22, 2008
Questions/Answers Batch No. 1**

Tracking ID: 4

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Date: 1/7/2008

QUESTION: For developing the cost proposal, what date (day, month, year) should the contractor assume for contract award?

RESPONSE: For developing the cost proposal, use September 29, 2008 as the contract award date.

Tracking ID: 5

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Date: 1/7/2008

Section: Section F - Deliveries or Performance Specific Paragraph: F.2

QUESTION: Paragraph F.2 cites that "the period of performance for the base period shall start on the date of contract award and continue through 24 months after award." (Paragraph B.1.1 also correlates to the 24 months.) However, Paragraph F.3.1 cites CLIN 0001

performance/delivery period as "22 months after date of contract award." Is the entire 24-month period after contract award available for delivery of CLIN 0001?

RESPONSE: The period of performance is as stated in paragraph F.3.1. The two month difference between the delivery period cited in F.3.1 and F.2 allows for independent Government testing and acceptance.

Tracking ID: 6

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Date: 1/7/2008

Section: Section F - Deliveries or Performance Specific Paragraph: F.3.1

QUESTION: The Required Delivery Schedule Table for CLINs X010 and CLINs X011-X043 do not appear to cover the delivery period for CLINs 0010, 0011, 0012, and 0013 in the Base Period. What are the individual delivery periods for CLINs 0010, 0011, 0012, and 0013? Are these four CLINs expected to be delivered as part of the Base Contract Period of 24 months?

RESPONSE: CLINs 0010-0013 shall be delivered as follows: CLIN 0010 - Six (6) months after option exercised; and CLINs 0011-0013 - Seven (7) months after option exercised. An amendment will be issued to incorporate the two schedules into the RFP.

Tracking ID: 7

Subject: Other

Date: 1/8/2008

Section: Section L - Instructions

Specific Paragraph: L.4.5

QUESTION: Table 1, first row on page L-17, indicates that the Requirements Matrix is to be included in the page count for Volume II. (Requirements Matrix = The offeror shall complete Attachment J.24 indicating the traceability of the proposal section with each requirement of the PSPEC and SOW.) However, Paragraph L.4.5 excludes lists (of illustrations, tables, etc.) and Table of Contents from the page count limitations. As the Requirements Matrix is essentially a cross reference list, is it allowable to exclude it from the page count of Volume II essentially increasing the number of pages for the three sections of technical discussion to the full 200 pages of the Volume?

RESPONSE: An amendment will be issued to exclude the Requirements Matrix, Attachment J.24 from the page count limitation of Volume II of the proposal.

Tracking ID: 10

Subject: Other

Date: 1/10/2008

Section: Other

QUESTION: All files for the NAIS request for proposal (solicitation HSCG23-08-R-ADA011) are in PDF format. Will the program office be releasing these proposal documents in Microsoft Word format?

RESPONSE: An amendment will be issued to make available the following Section J attachments in Microsoft Word format: J.17 Past Performance Package and J.24 Requirements Matrix Template.

Tracking ID: 11

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Section J - Attachments

Specific Paragraph: J.25 Pricing Estimating Model

QUESTION: In evaluating the PEM matrix and its operating mechanics, Offeror has determined that based on the complexity of the PEM and to ensure proper understanding of its functionality a direct dialogue with the USCG PEM Expert be scheduled. Offeror's concerns relate to the overall PEM structure, the length of time to load the program and the various macros (their purposes and how they work). **RECOMMENDATION:** Request the USCG schedule a direct telephonic conversation between Offeror Pricing personnel and the USCG PEM point of contact. We recommend that both parties have the PEM model open and functioning on their computers during these discussions to allow for actual application questions to be posed.

RESPONSE: Telephonic conversations between offerors and the USCG PEM point of contact will not be conducted.

Tracking ID: 15

Subject: Other
Date: 1/11/2008
Section: Attachment 1 - SOW
Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.2.13.5

Proprietary: No

Comment: SOW Paragraph cites, "The Contractor shall install or provide two (2) private offices," However, Requirements Matrix (J.24) cites one (1) office. For cost estimating purposes, how many private offices are required?

RESPONSE: Two (2) private offices are required. The Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 16

Subject: Other
Date: 1/11/2008
Section: Attachment 1 - SOW
Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.2.13.6

QUESTION: SOW Paragraph cites, "The Contractor shall provide common modular offices (a minimum of 600 square feet in size in total) for six (6) personnel" However, Requirements Matrix (J.24) cites four (4) common offices. For cost estimating purposes, how many common offices are required?

RESPONSE: Six (6) common offices are required. The Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 17

Subject: General Contractual Requirements
Date: 1/11/2008
Section: Section L - Instructions
Specific Paragraph: L.4.4 and L.4.5 and J.24 and L.7.5

QUESTION: The USCG provided a 19 page Requirements Matrix. These pages are currently included in the total page count limitation for Vol. II - Technical Capability and Approach. There appears to be a conflict between paragraphs L.4.4 with L.4.5 and J.24 with L.7.5 regarding page count and content. The USCG provided the 19 page matrix and included this page count limitation within Vol. II. The matrix as provided will require changes in order to be compliant with L.7.5. These subsequent changes will increase the number of pages to be submitted in the proposal thus impacting and limiting the remaining available pages for technical writing. **RECOMMENDATION:** Change L.4.4, Table 1 page count for the Requirement Matrix to: N/A. In addition provide the Offeror with a new Requirements Matrix that includes columns for SOW and PSPEC or allow the bidders to modify the matrix accordingly.

RESPONSE: See response under Tracking ID: 7 and 10.

Tracking ID: 18

Subject: Other

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Attachment 1 - SOW

Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.2.13.7.1

Proprietary: No

QUESTION: SOW Paragraph cites, "The Contractor shall provide a common work space (of approximately 250 square feet in size)" However, Requirements Matrix (J.24) cites 200 square feet of work space. For cost estimating purposes, how many square feet of work space is required?

RESPONSE: 250 square feet of work space is required. The Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 19

Subject: Other

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Attachment 1 - SOW

Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.6.1.2.1

QUESTION: SOW Paragraph cites, "The Contractor shall conduct a System Design Review (SDR) within 150 days after contract award." However, Requirements Matrix (J.24) cites SDR shall occur within 120 days after contract award. For cost estimating purposes, how many days after contract award shall SDR occur?

Response: SDR shall occur within 150 days after contract award. The Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 20

Subject: Other

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Attachment 24 - REQTS MATRIX

Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.5.7.4

QUESTION: Paragraph 3.1.1.5.7.4, "The Contractor shall conduct training" cited in J-24 Requirements Matrix Template, does not exist in the SOW. It appears that the requirement is covered in SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.2.5. Should we remove the reference in Paragraph 3.1.1.5.7.4 from the Requirements Matrix Template?

RESPONSE: SOW Section 3.1.3.2.5 does cover the requirement to conduct training. The Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 21

Subject: Other

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Attachment 24 - REQTS MATRIX

Specific Paragraph:

QUESTION: Please confirm that the following are typographical errors in J.24 Requirements Matrix Template and can be corrected as follows: Replace the reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.1.1.1 with a reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.3.1. Replace the reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.1.1.2 with a reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.3.2. Replace the reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.1.1.3 with a reference to SOW Paragraph 3.1.3.3.3.

RESPONSE: Yes, the Government will issue an amendment to update the Requirements Matrix Template, Attachment J.24.

Tracking ID: 24

Subject: General Contractual Requirements Question Number:

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Section H - Special Requirements Specific Paragraph: H.10

Proprietary: No

QUESTION: Clause H.10 cites both FAR 52.243-1 and FAR 52.243-2 as "Changes - Cost Reimbursement." Which paragraphs, if any, should appropriately reflect FAR 52.243-1 "Changes - Fixed Price?"

RESPONSE: All reference for FAR 52.243-1 in Section H.10 of the RFP should read as FAR 52.243-2. An amendment will be issued to incorporate this change into the RFP.

Tracking ID: 25

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Date: 1/11/2008

Section: Section L - Instructions

Specific Paragraph: L.8.4.A.

QUESTION: If Offeror negotiated a DCMA approved Small Business Subcontracting Plan for GFY 2007 through GFY 2008, in accordance with FAR Part 19.7, "The Small Business Subcontracting Program"; the Federal Register Volume 65, Number 31; the DFAR, Subpart 219.7, "Subcontracting with Small Business, Small Disadvantaged Business and Women-Owned Small Business Concerns", Subpart 219.71, "Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program", DFAR 226.70, "Historically Black Colleges and University and Minority Institutions"; and DFAR 252.219-7004, "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Test Program)" will the USCG recognize this approved plan and may Offeror submit this Plan as its Small Business Subcontracting Plan in response to this RFP requirement. RECOMMENDATION: Offeror recommends that the Plan be allowed for submittal as an already approved plan which will reduce the time needed for the USCG to obtain review of and approval on a newly generated plan.

RESPONSE: No. An Offeror's Small Business Subcontracting Plan should reflect this contract action only.

Tracking ID: 27

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Specific Paragraph: B.1.2

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Section B - Supplies or Services and Prices

QUESTION: The RFP states that if all option periods are exercised, the total period of performance for the base period and all options is 96 months. And See also Section F.2; Section I.9. Please clarify if Options will be exercised concurrently such that the total period of performance will be less than 96 months; or is it correct to assume that each option will be exercised consecutively only after completion of the preceding Option? Offeror requires this critical clarification so that proper pricing can be identified for the fixed priced equipment for the Option periods and to ensure a vendor provides a fixed price validity for up to 8 years+ (i.e., FFP CLINs 0010, 1010, 2010, 3010, 4010, 5010 and 6010).

RECOMMENDATION: Offeror recommends that USCG further clarify its position relative to exercising option periods.

RESPONSE: Option Periods will be exercised sequentially.

Tracking ID: 28

Specific Paragraph: L.8.3.1

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Section L - Instructions

Comment: Section L.8.3.1 Past Performance states that the Offeror shall provide descriptions of no more than five (5) Government and/or commercial contracts relevant to the effort covered by this solicitation that are ongoing or that have been completed the past five (5) years. The Offeror shall include past performance information for any major subcontractor of the proposed contract.

Question: Are the Prime and each of its major subcontractor citations included in the maximum of five (5) total, or is the 5 per each team member?

RESPONSE: No more than five (5) past performance references shall be submitted for the prime contractor; and, the same requirement is applicable to all major subcontractors.

Tracking ID: 30

Subject: Systems Engineering

Specific Paragraph: B.1.1.2

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Section B - Supplies or Services

QUESTION: CLIN 0010 does not allow installation of equipment at other locations than PSS sites or SCCs. This constraint does not allow optimization of equipment sizing, location, C2 integration, redundancy, and associated trade-off considerations. Please broaden CLIN 0010 to allow installation at SCC, District or Area office locations.

RESPONSE: The Government will issue an amendment to revise the description of CLINs 0010, 1010, 2010, 3010, 4010, 5010 and 6010 to read "Equipment for SCCs or Other LSS Locations".

Tracking ID: 31

Subject: Systems Engineering
Specific Paragraph: J.9-Encl_5, All
Date: 1/14/2008
Document: Section J - Attachments

QUESTION: Are similar space, power, cooling and telecommunications available at District and Area offices as described in J.9-Encl_5 for SCCs?

RESPONSE: Yes, similar space, power, cooling and telecommunications are available at District and Area offices as described in J.9-Encl_5 for SCCs. Any differing site conditions can be addressed in accordance with FAR 52-236-2.

Tracking ID: 33

Subject: Site Equipment for Post-IOC Sectors
Specific Paragraph: B.1.2.5
Date: 1/14/2008
Document: Section B - Supplies or Services and Prices

QUESTION: Please confirm that the Government intends to order quantity 1 each for CLINS 5010AA and 5010BB?

RESPONSE: The quantity identified in the RFP is correct.

Tracking ID: 34

Subject: Site Equipment for Post-IOC Sectors
Specific Paragraph: B.1.2.6
Date: 1/14/2008
Document: Section B - Supplies or Services and Prices

QUESTION: Please confirm that the Government intends to order quantity 1 each for CLINS 6010AA and 6010BB?

RESPONSE: The quantity identified in the RFP is correct.

Tracking ID: 36

Subject: Core System Implementation
Specific Paragraph: J.7, All
Date: 1/14/2008
Document: Attachment 7 - I -1 EQUIPMENTS

QUESTION: Are any enterprise licenses available at the OSC for software listed in Tech Library file USCG-ITPI-v2, USCG Information Technology Product Inventory .pdf, such as Oracle and Crystal Reports? If so, for which software are enterprise licenses available?

RESPONSE: The only enterprise software licenses available at the OSC for software listed in Tech Library file USCG-ITPI-v2, USCG Information Technology Product Inventory .pdf are the CG wide Oracle licenses. There are several restrictions in place, the main being that the system is for USCG use only.

Tracking ID: 38

Subject: Core System Implementation

Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.7.1.4

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 1 - SOW

QUESTION: Is a site visit available to survey for necessary construction, utilities, TELCO, etc. for the two PSS required at C2CEN?

RESPONSE: There is no site visit planned during proposal development. Offerors should assume that adequate space and utilities (power, TELCO) for PSS equipment will be provided by the Government, but that proposals should include Offerors' estimates for the equipment space power, HVAC loading and utility connections. After contract award, site visits/surveys will be conducted according to the requirements outlined in the Statement of Work.

Tracking ID: 39

Subject: Core System Implementation

Specific Paragraph: 3.1.1.7.1.4

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 1 - SOW

QUESTION: Are the C2CEN PSS installations to be completed within a lab space with necessary facilities furnished GFE? Please furnish the GFE provisions, similar as done for SCC in RFP SECTION J.9 - NAIS I-2 Component Design Constraints

RESPONSE: Adequate lab space will be available for the PSS installations at C2CEN. Assume adequate services (power, CGDN+ connectivity, etc) are available.

Tracking ID: 41

Subject: Physical Shore Station Performance Requirements

Specific Paragraph: 3.4.1.0-8

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 2 - PSPEC

QUESTION: Does the message metadata referred to by this requirement include the metadata referenced by PSPEC requirement 3.3.2.0-5?

RESPONSE: Yes, requirement 3.4.1.0-8 does include the metadata described in requirement 3.3.2.0-5.

Tracking ID: 46

Subject: Performance Specification Requirements

Specific Paragraph: 3.8.2.0-19 f. and g.

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 2 - PSPEC

QUESTION: Do these encrypted messages have the same latency requirements as unencrypted messages?

RESPONSE: Yes. Encrypted AIS messages have the same latency requirement as unencrypted messages.

Tracking ID: 52

Subject: Performance Specification Requirements

Specific Paragraph: 3.2.7.0-2

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 2 - PSPEC

QUESTION: The government has not stated an operational availability of the supporting R21 equipment (the Transmit port or Receive port) supporting the NAIS when integrated at a PSS or SCC. This availability is required for system availability calculations.

RESPONSE: The overall operational availability of the R21 equipment (including the transmit port or receive port) supporting the NAIS when integrated at a PSS is 99.5%.

Tracking ID: 53

Subject: Design Constraints

Specific Paragraph: 3.2.7.0-2

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 9 - DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

QUESTION: The presence of two GFE RF ports, one for transmit, one for receive at R21 PSS, is not stated as a PSS design constraint in the RFP.

RESPONSE: Separate VHF transmit and receive ports are present at every Rescue-21 site located within the designated Initial Operational Capability Sectors. Details and observed characteristics are available in the Technical Library.

Tracking ID: 54

Subject: General Contractual Requirements

Specific Paragraph: E.3.1

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Section E - Inspection and Acceptance

QUESTION: E.3.1 Warranty only begins upon Preliminary Acceptance of DD250. However, H.17 states the warranty period for CLINs 0001 and 0002 shall begin upon Government acceptance of IOC (CLIN 0002) for a period of twelve (12) months. The word accepted as used herein means the execution of the accepted block and signing of a DD Form 250 by an authorized Government representative.

H17 contradicts E.3.1 where Warranty Period begins on acceptance of Preliminary DD250.

RECOMMENDATION: Offeror recommends that the USCG further clarify the execution of the DD250 and the Warranty activation period.

RESPONSE: The warranty period commences upon the Government's preliminary acceptance of IOC (CLIN 0002), as defined in RFP Section E.3.1. The Government will issue an amendment revising Section H.17 to clarify this issue.

Tracking ID: 63

Subject: Technical Design

Specific Paragraph: VTS-R21-NAIS-1_Site_Information.pdf, r21 and NAIS-1
Site Locations

Date: 1/14/2008

Document: Attachment 8 - TECH LIBRARY

QUESTIONS: Swedesboro R21 site lists rec and xmt antennas height on tower as 290 feet and 325 feet on tower respectively. But tower height provided is only 240 feet. . Please resolve this inconsistency.

The same tower height vs. antenna height issue applies to sites Gulf Breeze and Shell Point.

RESPONSE: Enclosure 1 of Attachment J.8 was updated under Amendment 1 to provide corrected information.