

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES 1 7
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 05/07/2004	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ.NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY U.S. DOT/RSPA/Volpe Center 55 Broadway Cambridge MA 02142	CODE DTS-852	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) U.S. DOT/RSPA/Volpe Center 55 Broadway Cambridge MA 02142	CODE DTS-852
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)		(x) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. DTRS57-04-R-20020	
		x 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 04/27/2004	
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE	FACILITY CODE	11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS	

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended. is not extended.
Offers 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 _____ 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 number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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.

(x)	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 THE AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not. 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 incorporate the following changes:

PAGE 70 L5b Overall Page Limit for summaries;
Change From: seventeen 17
Change To: fifteen 15
Delete: Attachment J1 (Dated April 27, 2004)
Add: Attachment J1 (Dated May 10, 2004)
See continuation sheets for questions and answers

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)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		_____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

Question 1: Are only Section 8(a) firms eligible for award, per I.5 on p 34?

Answer 1: See M.1.C ORDER OF AWARDS

Question 2. Are you expecting the successful small business (es) (including the one Section 8(a) firm) to be qualified in all 15 of the listed technical areas?

Answer 2: Yes we would expect that a successful small business team, to be qualified in all 15 of the listed technical areas.

Question 3. Would lack of qualification in certain areas simply result in a lower "score" rather than disqualification? That is, might you make one award to a firm/team qualified in some, but not all, areas and another award to a firm/team qualified in some, but not all, of the other areas?

Answer 3: A successful small business team must be qualified in all 15 of the listed technical areas.

Question 4. Will you honor an audit done by a State DOT, if done in accordance with the FAR?

Answer 4: No

Question 5. On page 79, it states that the Junior Engineer must have a minimum of 10 years experience. Could you please confirm that the minimum number of years is indeed 10, which seems quite high for a "junior" level person?

Answer 5: See revised Attachment J1 Dated May 10, 2004

Question 6. Section G.16 SUBCONTRACTING REPORT states that "...small businesses receiving task orders as a result of a task order set aside (or directed Task order) may not subcontract greater than 50 percent of contract performance incurred for personnel under this contract on a cumulative basis..." It also talks about the "subcontracting percentage."

Answer 6: Please see FAR 52-219-14 (b)(1) Limitations on Subcontracting Dec 1996

Question 6a. What are meant by "contract performance incurred for personnel" and "subcontracting percentage"? Do these terms mean: (1) labor hours, (2) un over headed labor dollars, (3) over headed labor hours, (4) total cost including fee and direct costs, or (5) something else?

Answer 6a: Please see FAR 52-219-14 (b)(1) Limitations on Subcontracting Dec 1996

Question 6b. If we, as the prime, used individual consultants as part of our team, separate from and in addition to the firm(s) subcontracting to us, would The time or cost of these consultants count toward the 50% sub contracting limit or would their efforts be considered as part of our firm's percentage of the work?

Answer 6b: Please see FAR 52-219-14 (b)(1) Limitations on Subcontracting Dec 1996

Question 7. Paragraph H.13.1.b states that "The contractor shall ensure that contractor employees are: (1) citizens of the United States of America or an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence or employment (indicated by immigration status) as evidenced by Immigration and Naturalization Service documentation; and (2) have background investigations in accordance with DOT Order 1630.2B, Personnel Security Management." Does this paragraph apply to each contract awarded under this multiple-awards procurement regardless of the types and nature of the task order assignments issued to a particular contractor? This paragraph does not seem to have any condition attached to it, such as it applying only if work involves "access to sensitive information," as mentioned in H.13.a If this paragraph applies, does it apply to all of the employees in the company or to just those on the project team for this contract?

Answer 7: Yes it applies; please see H13 DOT INFORMATION SECURITY RERQUIREMENTS

Question 8. Likewise, paragraph H.13.1 c states that "The contractor shall include the above requirements in any subcontract awarded involving access to Government facilities, sensitive information, and/or resources. Does this paragraph apply to each contract awarded under this procurement regardless of the types and nature of the task order assignments issued to the contractor or assigned to the subcontractor by the contractor and, if so, does it apply to all of the employees in the subcontracting company or to just those on the project team for this contract?"

Answer 8: Yes it applies please see; Paragraph H13 DOT INFORMATION SECURITY RERQUIREMENTS

Question 9. Paragraph H.13.2.b states "Within 30 days of contract award, the contractor shall develop and provide to the Government for approval, an IT Security Plan..." Does this requirement apply to each contract awarded under this procurement regardless of the types and nature of the task order assignments issued to a particular contractor, or does it only apply if task order assignments Are issued that involve "access to sensitive information"? If this paragraph applies, is the cost to prepare such a plan recoverable as a contract cost or as a task order under this contract?

Answer: Question 9. Yes it applies, please see; Paragraph H13-2 Information Technology (IT) Services. As stated in Paragraph H13-2- (a)

Question 10. Paragraph H.14 states that "Portions of the work under Section C will require contract personnel with security clearances at Confidential or Secret levels, and in some instances, Top Secret." Is this statement actually applicable each contract awarded under this procurement, or only for those firms to be given assignments requiring such clearances? If so, could you give some examples requiring such clearances specific to the listed subjects and task areas in Section C?

Answer Question 10 Contractor must be able to obtain a Security Clearances at Confidential or Secret Level, and in some instances Top Secret.

Question 11. Paragraph H.14 also states "The Contractor should also possess a Top Secret Facilities Clearance in accordance with the Industrial Security Regulation (DOD 5220.22R) for the receipt, generation, and storage of classified material." Does the use of the word "should" instead of "shall" have any significance, such as a Top Secret Facilities Clearance would only be needed if task order assignments requiring such clearance were to be issued to the contractor. Or, must each contractor receiving an award under this procurement have a Top Secret Facilities Clearance regardless of the types And nature of the task order assignments issued to that contractor? In what instances is this requirement applicable to proposed subcontractors?

Answer Question 11 Contractor must be able to obtain a Security Clearances at Confidential or Secret Level, and in some instances Top Secret.

Question 12. All of the above questions really relate to the idea or whether or not a bidder must meet all of these requirements prior to submitting the proposal, if a bidder must meet them prior to signing a contract if selected, or if, after award, the Government wants the contractor to do an assignment involving sensitive material, at which point the contractor would have to take action to meet the requirements. Could you please clarify the requirements for a bid not to be rejected or for a contract to be awarded regarding these matters?

Answer 12 Contractor must be able to obtain a Security Clearances at Confidential or Secret Level, and in some instances Top Secret.

Question 13 Attachments J.3, Contractor Performance Report. Does this report apply to both Federal and non-Federal work? If only for Federal work, then should Exhibit A, the Client Authorization Letter, be forwarded for any of the 5 most relevant projects that were performed at the state or local level (i.e., non-Federal work) ?

Answer 13 See L5C part 2 page 73.

Question 14 Page 79 of 87. Labor Category Qualifications. The qualification requirements are very stringent in that you require a PhD in addition to 6 or more years of experience for the Senior Engineer position. Similar requirements also apply to all of the other levels. Can educational requirements be met by substituting years of experience? For instance, can we put a group leader who has a BS degree and over 25 years of experience under the Senior Engineer category?

Answer 14 See revised Attachment J1. Dated may 10, 2004

Question 15 Will each task order be competed between contractors?

Answer 15 See G4 Task Orders Issued under a multiple award contract

Question 16 P76: Are you, in fact, asking for resumes of 11 technical staff PLUS the Task Managers or is it implied that the Task Managers will come out of the 11 staff members named?

Answer 16 We are requiring a resume for the Task Manager only if the task manager(s) are not part of the mix.

Question 17 The requirement for a Junior Engineer to have 10 years experience seems somewhat extreme. Most Federal agencies use a range closer to 0-2 years for junior staff. Is the RFP correct? The same question applies to the Senior Engineer needing to have a Ph.D.

Answer 17 See revised Attachment J1 Dated May 10, 2004

Question 18 Can advanced degrees be equated with additional experience? For example, an MS would be equivalent to 2 more years experience; PhD - 4 years.

Answer: 18 See Revised Attachment J1 Dated May 10, 2004

Question 19 Will you provide the dollar value of prior contracts that are similar, if not identical, in scope to this one?

Answer: 19 No

Question 20 Will location be a factor in evaluations?

Answer 20: See M.1B

Question 21 While the official release date was 4/27/04, there is some question as to when it actually appeared on your website. Given the already very tight schedule and the need for a full proposal as opposed to an SF255, is it possible to extend the due date?

Answer 21 The due date of the proposals remains unchanged.

Question 22: Would you consider solicitations for UK based companies?

Answer: 22 Page 77 M.1.C Order of awards, “ The remaining award or awards will be made to small business concerns” “Concern” as defined in FAR 19.001

**ATTACHMENT J.1 - SUMMARY TABLE OF LABOR CATEGORY QUALIFICATIONS
DATED May 10, 2004**

Labor Category	Education/ Degree	Experience (Years)
Program Manager	Ph.D.	10
	M.S./M.A./M.B.A.	10
	B.S.	10
Senior Engineer	Ph.D.	6
	M.S./M.A./M.B.A.	9
	B.S.	15
Midlevel Engineer	Ph.D.	4
	M.S./M.A./M.B.A.	6
	B.S.	6
Junior Engineer	Ph.D.	3
	M.S./M.A./M.B.A.	3
	B.S.	3
Analysts/ Programmer	Ph.D.	3
	M.S./M.A./M.B.A.	3
	B.S.	3

Program Manager - to perform successfully in this capacity, the individual must meet one of the following combinations of education and experience: A Doctorate (Ph.D.), Master's (M.S., M.A., or M.B.A.), or Bachelor's (B.S.) degree in a discipline directly related to the Statement of Work (SOW) plus at least ten (10) years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW.

Senior Engineer - to perform successfully in this capacity, the individual must meet the following combinations of education and experience: A Ph.D. plus 6 or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW or a Master's degree plus 9 or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW, or a B.S. degree plus 15 or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW

Midlevel Engineer - to perform successfully in this capacity, the individual must meet the following combinations of education and experience: A Ph.D. with 4 or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW, or a Master's or B.S. degree with 6 years or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW.

Junior Engineer - to perform successfully in this capacity, the individual must meet the following combinations of education and experience: A Ph.D., Master's, or B.S. degree in a field of study directly related to the SOW plus three (3) or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW.

Analyst/Programmer - to perform successfully in this capacity, the individual must meet the following combinations of education and experience: A Ph.D., Master's, or B.S. degree in a field of study directly related to the SOW plus three (3) or more years of increasingly responsible professional experience, including experience in a technical area directly related to the SOW.