

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A00006
 3. EFFECTIVE DATE 11-08-2013
 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.
 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)

6. ISSUED BY CODE
 Department of Veterans Affairs
 North Texas Veterans Health Care Center
 VISN 17 Network Contracting Activity
 4500 S. Lancaster Road
 Dallas TX 75216
 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
 To all Offerors/Bidders
 (X) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. VA257-14-R-0036
 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 11-08-2013
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 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 numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(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 AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)
 SEE ATTACHED

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) BRIAN K. DELANEY CONTRACTING OFFICER
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

CONTINUATION PAGE

The solicitation is hereby replaced with attached solicitation VA257-14-R-0036 A0006, due to contractors' questions, and incorporates changes for amendments A0001 through A0005, and corrects clause C.8, 52.232-19, Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year (APR 1984).

This solicitation due date/time is changed to read: November 21, 2013, 10:00 a.m. CST

There will be no more questions accepted to this solicitation.

Please see below for questions and answers.

1. Question:

Amendment 4 posted 11/05/13 states that the purpose of the amendment is to change definitions/acronyms: Page 9: 4.21, Change first 30 miles to first 40 miles. The amendment document also states: "See attached document: RFQ VA257 14 R 0046, which appears to be the entire solicitation. Paragraph 4.21 in the solicitation attached to the amendment still states a Mileage Threshold of thirty (30) miles. Which of these documents are correct, the amendment document or the attached solicitation document? Please clarify.

Answer:

Mileage threshold is 40 miles, please reference A0006.

2. Question:

Section B.2 Pricing/Cost Schedule in the solicitation attached to the amendment posted 11/05/13 shows CLIN 0001 base rate to include first 40 miles; CLIN 0002 base rate to include first 30 miles; and CLIN 0003 base rate to include first 40 miles. Will the Government please issue a solicitation with the correct base mileage rate (either 30 or 40 miles) or instruct offerors to make a pen and ink change to the solicitation document? Please clarify.

Answer:

Mileage threshold is 40 miles, please reference A0006.

3. Question:

The pricing/cost schedule included in the solicitation attached to the amendment posted on 11/05/13 does not have any CLINs for mileage over and above the base rate, which needs to be separate for ALS, BLS and Wheelchair Van as the mileage charges associated with each method of transportation are different. Does the Government anticipate that every single trip on this contract will be within the base mileage? This seems unrealistic as the contract area covers 40 counties in the State of Texas. Please verify that there will be no trips outside the base mileage distance, or provide three line items for pricing excess mileage.

Answer: Please reference revised Price Schedule.

4. Question:

The pricing/cost schedule included in the solicitation attached to the amendment posted on 11/04/13 does not have any CLINs for waiting time, which in accordance with 16.1 commences 20 minutes from the scheduled pick-up time or from the time the Contractor actually arrives at the designated pick-up point, whichever is later. Does the Government expect a contractor to sit and wait for a patient without any charge to the Government? Please clarify.

Answer: Please reference revised Price Schedule.

5. Question:

Paragraph 4.11 in the solicitation attached to the amendment posted on 11/05/13 defines a dry run as a request for service by authorized medical center personnel, whereby the Contractor arrives at the designated pick-up point and no patient is transported due to a change in the medical center's needs, the Contractor will be entitled to the applicable base rate only when dry runs are encountered due to no fault or negligence of the Contractor. How is a contractor to be reimbursed if the designated pick-up point is outside the base mileage area? Please clarify.

Answer: Please reference revised Price Schedule, which includes outside the 40 miles.

6. Question:

Paragraph 4.22 in the solicitation attached to the amendment posted on 11/05/13 defines a No-Patient Charge as the fee allowed to Contractor for scheduled pick-ups for which due to circumstances beyond the contractor's control (i.e. patient refuses pick-up, patient not home, patient not medically/mentally suitable for transport, etc.). This charge shall only be accessed on actual trips to the patient pick-up point, and shall not be accessed on scheduled pick-ups, that are cancelled in advance by the VA and/or the patient. How is a contractor to be reimbursed for this type of charge? Will it be the base rate? If so, how is a contractor to be reimbursed for No-Patient Charges outside the base mileage area? Please clarify.

Answer: The vendor will be reimbursed accordingly to Paragraph 4.22; also, please reference revised Price Schedule.

7. Question:

Page 66 of 75, Paragraph 2 Volumes, the table shows a page limit of 10 pages for the Technical portion of Volume I. Page 73 of 85, Factor II-Technical, list the following submission requirements: 1) Accreditation and Certificate of Licensure; 2) Documentation of education, training, experience, licensure and certification for all personnel proposed to work on this contract; 3) Documentation of a Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) test within the past year and documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination series or declination by the employer; 4) Make, model and maintenance records of all

vehicles to be used; and 5) equipment available in vehicle for ALS and BLS ambulance services and wheelchair van services. There is absolutely no way all of this information can be provided in 10 pages or less (to allow for written responses to the Technical requirements such as a Quality Control Plan). Please clarify whether or not the above listed items count against the stated page limitation.

Answer:

Please reference revised language that clarifies submission of written Technical proposal.

8. Question:

Page 6 of 85 discusses Contract Minimum/Maximum Quantity and Contract Value and shows a minimum amount of \$3000, maximum quantity of 7,500 and a maximum amount of \$1,120,868. Immediately below that shows Delivery/Task Order Minimum/Maximum Quantity and Order Value which shows a minimum amount of \$3000, a maximum quantity of 2,500 and a maximum amount of \$372,600. These two areas seem to contradict each other. Additionally, each has the following sentence in its description: "The maximum quantity and contract value for all task orders issued against this contract shall not exceed the maximum quantity and contract value stated in the following table:" The tables are where the minimums and maximums above are shown. Either one or the other of these tables and statements must be wrong. Please clarify. Additionally, is the maximum amount for all three potential years of the contract (Base plus two options) or for each year of the contract? Please clarify.

Answer:

Contract Minimum Quantity and Contract Value is for the base and two one-year option periods.

Delivery/Task Order Minimum/Maximum Quantity and Order Value is for a single order.

9. Question:

Under Factor III Past Performance, paragraph (c) Section 3-Subcontracts, states: "Offerors shall provide an outline of how the effort required by the solicitation will be assigned for performance within the Offeror's corporate entity and among the proposed subcontractors. The information provided for the prime Offeror and each proposed major subcontractor must include the entire company name, company address, CAGE Code, DUNS Number and type of work to be performed by citing the applicable Government statement of work paragraph number." This all pertains to the current effort and has nothing to do with "past performance". Is this the information the Government wants in this section of the proposal? Please clarify.

Answer: Yes, please submit this information.

10. Question:

In the Pricing schedule starting on page 4 of the solicitation there are 3 Line Items for ALS Level 1, (Emergency), BLS (Non-Emergency), and Wheelchair Van. Is the contractor to assume that there will

be no trips which require transport outside of the first 40 miles for ALS and Wheelchair and 30 miles for BLS? If there will be additional miles will the VA add line items to include the additional mileage for ALS, BLS and Wheelchair van transports?

Answer: Please reference revised Price Schedule.

11. Question:

The synopsis posted to FBO states "The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all vehicles and manpower necessary to meet all MICU, ALS, and BLS transport requirements." There is no Line Item for MICU transports. Will there be an amendment to add a line item for MICU transports?

Answer: MICU was removed in its entirety from this solicitation.

12. Question:

Many VA contracts require ALS, Emergency Transport as well as ALS, Non-Emergency. There is no line item for Non-Emergency ALS Transports. Will there be a line item added for ALS, Non-Emergency?

Answer. There will be no requirement is this solicitation for ALS, Non-Emergency.

13. Many VA contracts require BLS, Emergency Transport as well as BLS, Non-Emergency. There is no line item for Emergency BLS Transports. Will there be a line item added for BLS, Emergency?

Answer. There will be no requirement is this solicitation for ALS, Non-Emergency.

All other items remain the same.

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