

RFP: VA786-14-R-0323
Custodial Services, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

Amendment 0001

Amendment Schedule

The purpose of subject amendment is to provide clarification and answers to the following questions:

Question #1: Please indicate if the NAICS code of 561730 is correct for this acquisition.

Government Response: The NAICS code of 561730 pertains to landscaping services and is incorrect. The new NAICS code is 561720 with a business size standard of \$18M.

Question #2: Please indicate the exact address where the solicitation should be sent?

Government Response: Proposals shall be sent to the following address:

The Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Attention: Derek C. Reed, Contracting Officer
155 Van Gordon Street, Suite 520
Lakewood, CO 80228.

Question #3: Who is the incumbent contractor?

Government Response:

Choe Enterprises Inc.
111 E. Travis Street, Suite 601
San Antonio, TX 782054-1698

Question #4: What is the Government Estimate for the project?

Government Response: Since the requirement is being competitively bid, we are unable to provide information regarding the independent government cost estimate.

Question #5: The solicitation states that offerors are to submit past performance questionnaires to references and have them complete them an email them back to the VA. Where are the questionnaires located?

Government Response: Please see attached past performance questionnaires for submission.

Question #6: Is there bond or insurance requirements?

Government Response: There is not a requirement for a bid, payment or performance bond, however, there is a requirement for insurance.

Question #7: Are there any security clearance requirements?

Government Response: A background investigation will be accomplished for all employees working on the contract at no cost to the contractor, and all contractor employees working on site have to be finger printed and badged. Although the cost of the background investigation to include finger printing and badging is at no cost to the contractor, time associated with having to having these services done should be accounted for in the contractor's proposal.

The RFP closing date of **September 16, 2014 -2:00 PM remains unchanged**, and faxed or emailed proposal will not be considered for possible contract award.

Except as provided above all other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

////End of Amendment Schedule////

PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

CONTRACT INFORMATION (Contractor to complete Blocks 1-4)

1. Contractor Information

Firm Name: _____

CAGE Code: _____

Address _____

DUNs Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Point of Contact: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

2. Work Performed as: Prime Contractor Sub Contractor Joint Venture Other (Explain)

Percent of project work performed: _____%

If subcontractor, who was the prime (Name/Phone #): _____

3. Contract Information

Contract Number: _____

Delivery/Task Order Number (if applicable): _____

Contract Type: Firm Fixed Price Cost Reimbursement Other (Please specify): _____

Contract Title: _____

Contract Location _____

Award Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Contract Completion Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Actual Completion Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Explain Differences:

Original Contract Price (Award Amount): \$ _____

Final Contract Price (to include all modifications, if applicable): \$ _____

Explain Differences:

4. Project Description:

Complexity of Work High Med Routine

How is this project relevant to project of submission?

CLIENT INFORMATION (Client to complete Blocks 5-8)

5. Client Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

6. Describe the client's role in the project:

7. Date Questionnaire was completed (mm/dd/yy): _____

8. Client's Signature: _____

NOTE: REQUESTS THAT THE CLIENT COMPLETES THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND SUBMITS DIRECTLY BACK TO THE OFFEROR. THE OFFEROR WILL SUBMIT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION WITH THEIR PROPOSAL, AND MAY DUPLICATE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FUTURE SUBMISSION ON OTHER SOLICITATIONS. CLIENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONNAIRES DIRECTLY TO THE OFFEROR. HOWEVER, QUESTIONNAIRES MAY BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO DEREK.REED@VA.GOV.

**ADJECTIVE RATINGS AND DEFINITIONS TO BE USED TO BEST REFLECT
YOUR EVALUATION OF THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

RATING	DEFINITION	NOTE
(E) Exceptional	Performance meets contractual requirements and exceeds many to the Government/Owner's benefit. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed was accomplished with few minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor was highly effective.	An Exceptional rating is appropriate when the Contractor successfully performed multiple significant events that were of benefit to the Government/Owner. A singular benefit, however, could be of such magnitude that it alone constitutes an Exceptional rating. Also, there should have been NO significant weaknesses identified.
(VG) Very Good	Performance meets contractual requirements and exceeds some to the Government's/Owner's benefit. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed was accomplished with some minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor were effective.	A Very Good rating is appropriate when the Contractor successfully performed a significant event that was a benefit to the Government/Owner. There should have been no significant weaknesses identified.
(S) Satisfactory	Performance meets minimum contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element contains some minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor appear or were satisfactory.	A Satisfactory rating is appropriate when there were only minor problems, or major problems that the contractor recovered from without impact to the contract. There should have been NO significant weaknesses identified. Per DOD policy, a fundamental principle of assigning ratings is that contractors will not be assessed a rating lower than Satisfactory solely for not performing beyond the requirements of the contract.
(M) Marginal	Performance does not meet some contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed reflects a serious problem for which the contractor has not yet identified corrective actions. The contractor's proposed actions appear only marginally effective or were not fully implemented.	A Marginal is appropriate when a significant event occurred that the contractor had trouble overcoming which impacted the Government/Owner.
(U) Unsatisfactory	Performance does not meet most contractual requirements and recovery is not likely in a timely manner. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element contains serious problem(s) for which the contractor's corrective actions appear or were ineffective.	An Unsatisfactory rating is appropriate when multiple significant events occurred that the contractor had trouble overcoming and which impacted the Government/Owner. A singular problem, however, could be of such serious magnitude that it alone constitutes an unsatisfactory rating.
(N) Not Applicable	No information or did not apply to your contract	Rating will be neither positive nor negative.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CLIENT

PLEASE CIRCLE THE ADJECTIVE RATING WHICH BEST REFLECTS YOUR EVALUATION OF THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE.	
a) Quality of technical data/report preparation efforts	E VG S M U N
b) Ability to meet quality standards specified for technical performance	E VG S M U N
c) Timeliness/effectiveness of contract problem resolution without extensive customer guidance	E VG S M U N
d) Adequacy/effectiveness of quality control program and adherence to contract quality assurance requirements (without adverse effect on performance)	E VG S M U N
a) Compliance with contract delivery/completion schedules including any significant intermediate milestones. <i>(If liquidated damages were assessed or the schedule was not met, please address below)</i>	E VG S M U N
b) Rate the contractor's use of available resources to accomplish tasks identified in the contract	E VG S M U N
a) To what extent were the end users satisfied with the project?	E VG S M U N
b) Contractor was reasonable and cooperative in dealing with your staff (including the ability to successfully resolve disagreements/disputes; responsiveness to administrative reports, businesslike and communication)	E VG S M U N
c) To what extent was the contractor cooperative, businesslike, and concerned with the interests of the customer?	E VG S M U N
d) Overall customer satisfaction	E VG S M U N
a) Effectiveness of on-site management, including management of subcontractors, suppliers, materials, and/or labor force?	E VG S M U N
b) Ability to hire, apply, and retain a qualified workforce to this effort	E VG S M U N
c) Government Property Control	E VG S M U N
d) Knowledge/expertise demonstrated by contractor personnel	E VG S M U N
e) Utilization of Small Business concerns	E VG S M U N
f) Ability to simultaneously manage multiple projects with multiple disciplines	E VG S M U N
g) Ability to assimilate and incorporate changes in requirements and/or priority, including planning, execution and response to Government changes	E VG S M U N
h) Effectiveness of overall management (including ability to effectively lead, manage and control the program)	E VG S M U N
a) Ability to meet the terms and conditions within the contractually agreed price(s)?	E VG S M U N
b) Contractor proposed innovative alternative methods/processes that reduced cost, improved maintainability or other factors that benefited the client	E VG S M U N
c) If this is/was a Government cost type contract, please rate the Contractor's timeliness and accuracy in submitting monthly invoices with appropriate back-	E VG S M U N

up documentation, monthly status reports/budget variance reports, compliance with established budgets and avoidance of significant and/or unexplained variances (under runs or overruns)	
d) Is the Contractor's accounting system adequate for management and tracking of costs? <i>If no, please explain in Remarks section.</i>	Yes No
e) If this is/was a Government contract, has/was this contract been partially or completely terminated for default or convenience or are there any pending terminations? <i>Indicate if show cause or cure notices were issued, or any default action in comment section below.</i>	Yes No
f) Have there been any indications that the contractor has had any financial problems? <i>If yes, please explain below.</i>	Yes No
a) To what extent was the contractor able to maintain an environment of safety, adhere to its approved safety plan, and respond to safety issues? (Includes: following the users rules, regulations, and requirements regarding housekeeping, safety, correction of noted deficiencies, etc.)	E VG S M U N
b) Contractor complied with all security requirements for the project and personnel security requirements.	E VG S M U N
a) Ability to successfully respond to emergency and/or surge situations (including notifying COR, PM or Contracting Officer in a timely manner regarding urgent contractual issues).	E VG S M U N
b) Compliance with contractual terms/provisions (<i>explain if specific issues</i>)	E VG S M U N
c) Would you hire or work with this firm again? (<i>If no, please explain below</i>)	Yes No
d) In summary, provide an overall rating for the work performed by this contractor.	E VG S M U N

Please provide responses to the questions above (if applicable) and/or additional remarks. Furthermore, please provide a brief narrative addressing specific strengths, weaknesses, deficiencies, or other comments which may assist our office in evaluating performance risk (please attach additional pages if necessary):