

Questions & Answers

Omaha Reactor D&D Services

VA Radiological contractor – provide support to Decon contractor?

- No. VA Radiological contractor will provide support to VA to ensure DP plan is followed; ensure VA employees, patients, and visitors are not exposed; and provide VA with duplicate sampling and analyses for data quality control.

Sequencing of cabinet removal vs asbestos abatement?

- VA is not prescribing this sequence. The contractor shall provide proposed sequence in the Work Plan. Regardless of sequence, requirement is for prevention of asbestos fiber release.

Security / badging?

- Very limited number of keys to area will be provided, VA Resident Engineer will be on-site for duration of project.
- Badging – VA will work with successful contractor to allow for initiation of badging process, including fingerprinting and background checks, at VA Medical Clinic more local to contractor as appropriate.

Section “D” seems to be missing?

- 2011 Characterization report posted in the Solicitation was text only. The full report (w/Appendices) will be re-posted in FedBizOps. It is also available on NRC’s ADAMS document website, ascension number ML14247A193.

How much space remains in B-25 box?

- Items placed therein are listed in 2011 Characterization report.

Can Decon contractor use VA sampling and analyses, or monitoring units?

- No. These instruments are not necessarily in current calibration, nor functionality guaranteed.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 5 of 57, Number 3 - This section states invoices shall be submitted in arrears per task line item. Since there is only one task line item and the defined schedule is 270 days, this will present a large burden to carry the entire project costs for this length of time. QUESTION: Can the pay schedule be broken down as follows or in similar fashion?

- a. 15% upon submission of work plans

- b. 10% upon mobilization
 - c. 40% upon removal of all contaminated items
 - d. 20% upon completion of final status survey
 - e. 5% upon demobilization
 - f. 10% upon release by the NRC
- Contractor can present pay schedule to be approved by VA upon award.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 35 of 57, E.16 Instructions to Offerors- - Commercial Items, Item 7 – “Contractor is required to fill in their pricing on the above pricing schedule and in Block No. 19 of the SF 1449.” Block No. 19, however, is the Item Number. QUESTION: Can you confirm which block our pricing is to be listed in on the SF 1449 form?

- Yes, Box 19 is incorrect. It should read ... in Block No. 24 of the SF 1449.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 38 of 57, E.17 Offer/Quotation Preparation Instructions, *Volume 1 – Technical, Past Performance and Veterans Involvement Requirements*, ii. This section identifies the following Key Personnel at a minimum: Project Manager, Superintendent and Nuclear or Environmental Engineer. QUESTION: Can the Project Manager and Nuclear Engineer be combined into one position?

- Yes, we understand personnel may be called different names or a combination of duties. This is simply a minimum, as long as each individual is clearly identified.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 39 of 57, E.17 Offer/Quotation Preparation Instructions, *Technical Capability*, ii – This section requires the Offerors in their proposals to: “Provide at least one example of a work package with supporting documentation (e.g. engineering evaluations, procedures, reports, equipment lists, photos) illustrating capabilities in the removal of reactor operation supporting structures or components such as reactor containment vessels, imbedded piping, cooling systems, etc. (emphasis on non-power, research reactors). QUESTION: Since these documents can be voluminous, would the VA consider excluding the work package(s) from the 50 page count for Volume 1 Technical ?

- VA will accept stand-alone documents electronically (if the transfer limit is not exceeded) or those web-site accessible for downloading. Those documents (beyond the 50 page limit for Volume 1 Technical) will only be reviewed as example documents from other similar projects. No information presented in these other documents related to this proposed project will be considered.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 41 of 57, E.18 (a) Evaluation – Commercial Items (Jan 1999) – this section lists 5 evaluation factors/criteria in descending order of importance, but page 42 of 57, E.19 Evaluation of Offers/Quotations (a) Basis of Award, lists four evaluation factors. QUESTION: Which is correct?

- Capability and Experience are subfactors of Technical. They should have been broken out to include all five evaluation factors. E.18(a) is correct.

REFERENCE: RFP Page 44 of 57, Veterans Involvement, (c) states “Offerors must state in their proposals the names of the SDVOSBs and VOSBs with whom they intend to subcontract and provide a brief description of the proposed subcontracts and the approximate dollar values of the proposed subcontracts.” QUESTION: Is this information to be provided in Volume 1 or 2? Please specify where the Offerors are to provide this information within their proposals.

- “. . . names of the SDVOSBs and VOSBs with whom they intend to subcontract and provide a brief description of the proposed subcontracts . . .” shall be provided in Volume 1 Technical. “. . . approximate dollar values of the proposed subcontracts” shall be provided in Volume 2.

REFERENCE: Decommissioning Scope of Work, Page 10 of 36, Room B535A –The scope of work indicates a Polonium-Beryllium (Po-Be) source is stored in the B-25 box in this room. QUESTION: Can you provide the dimensions, weight and dose rate for this source, which is necessary to determine disposition pricing?

- All available information regarding Po-Be source is provided in the Additional Characterization Report (2011).

REFERENCE: Decommissioning Scope of Work, Page 10 of 36, Room B535A – The scope of work indicates the B-25 box “contains activated/contaminated metal and other debris and the polonium-beryllium (Po-Be) source (contained in a smaller container).” QUESTION: Approximately how full is the B-25 box currently, e.g. 50% of volume or less?

- All available information regarding Po-Be source is provided in the Additional Characterization Report (2011).

REFERENCE: Pre-Bid Questions/Answers, Page 2 of 3, Question No. 11 – The answer to Question No. 11 indicated that bonding will be required. However, the bonding limit and requirement was not identified in the RFP. QUESTION: Can you specify the bonding type, e.g. performance and/or payment, and limits required for this solicitation?

- Yes, a bid guarantee, performance and payment bonds will be required. Please use the following...

BID GUARANTEE: A Bid Guarantee, SF 24, is required in an amount not less than 20 percent of the bid price but shall not exceed \$3,000,000. Failure to furnish the required bid guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids, will require rejection of the bid in all cases except those listed in FAR 28.101-4, and may be cause for rejection even then. Copies of the SF 24 may be obtained from <http://gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/115982>.

PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BONDS: If the contract will exceed \$100,000 (see FAR 28.102-1 for lesser amount), the bidder to whom award is made will be required to furnish two bonds, a Payment Bond, SF 25A, and a Performance Bond, SF 25, each in the penal sum as noted in the General Conditions of the Solicitation. Copies of SFs 25 and 25A may be obtained from <http://gsa.gov/portal/getSearchResult.action;jsessionid=9018A6300B2FDF4BDADC6F0054A63062.eleven>.

REFERENCE: Pre-Bid Questions/Answers, Page 2 of 3, Question No. 16 – The answer provided to this question indicates that the VA will require the bidders to have a Radioactive Materials License (state or NRC) as a demonstration of qualifications. However, the RFP does not make further mention of this requirement. QUESTION: Are bidders to provide a copy of their Radioactive Materials License, and should this information be provided in Volume 1? Additionally, will this License be included in the 50 page count limit?

- Information regarding Radioactive Materials License shall be provided in Volume 1 Technical. A full copy of license may be provided as “additional referenced” materials as noted above.

REFERENCE: Pre-Bid Questions/Answers, Page 3 of 3, Written Question No. 9 – Are there any applicable or interfacing labor agreement (CLA or PLA)? Can this project be executed with open shop labor?

QUESTION: We understand that a wage determination has been provided with the RFP. However, will an answer to this specific question be provided?

- Yes, open shop labor is allowable.

Will the VA maintenance staff be handling the utilities disconnects from the cabinets? If not who will be handling the disconnects?

- Selected contractor will coordinate with VA Project Resident Engineer w/r to utility disconnects. VA will shut off utility source (electric, water, gas) for the short time period necessary for the selected contractor to mechanically disconnect utility services and provide sufficient capping above suspended ceiling or wall face as noted in SOW. Selected contractor will be responsible for all physical efforts associated with utility removals.

Will VA provide a copy of the sign-in sheet?

- Yes, it is Attachment J.

The proposal instructions require an organizational chart, the minimum requirements include identifying a "Nuclear or Environmental Engineer". Is "Radiological Engineer" or "Health Physicist" an acceptable alternate for this position in the organizational structure, where such an individual possesses an undergraduate degree in health-physics, engineering, or a related discipline?

- Present the most suitable team possible to execute this proposed project successfully including sufficient qualifications documentation demonstrating such.

VA701-13-R-0091 Attachment E - Characterization Report.pdf does not contain the Appendices for the report. Where can we obtain a copy of the Appendices for the AECOM 2011 Characterization Report?

- 2011 Characterization report posted in the Solicitation was text only. The full report (w/Appendices) will be re-posted in FedBizOps. It is also available on NRC's ADAMS document website, ascension number ML14247A193. (Attachment H)

Are there any weight restrictions for the access roads and parking lots from Center Street to the loading dock? i.e. mechanical system or steam tunnels?

- VA is unsure at this time. Please work with COR upon award.

Are there any weight or time restrictions for materials movement in the hallways from the AJBRF area to the loading dock? Additionally, will contractor be required to protect hallway floors?

- VA is unsure at this time. Please work with COR upon award.

For Key Personnel, the Scope of Work lists a Nuclear Engineer or Environmental Engineer as one of the minimum key persons. Is it acceptable to fill this position with someone that does not have a Nuclear Engineering degree, but possesses another technical science degree with radiological engineering experience?

- Present the most suitable team possible to execute this proposed project successfully including sufficient qualifications documentation demonstrating such.

Regarding the evaluation factors, what rating classifications will the VA utilize to grade Volume I?

- Adjectival Ratings

Will the VA's Technical Representative be grading the technical volume? Or will there be a technical team assembled and with the VA Technical Rep on the reviewing team?

- A Technical Evaluation Board (TEB) will be reviewing Volume 1 technical.

Can the VA provide the detailed asbestos characterization report?

- The information available regarding asbestos in the reactor area was provided.

We would also like to respectfully request an extension of the due date by a week to digest and respond to the answers/data/reports provided by the VA?

- The proposal due date is extended from September 12, 2014 at 4:30PM EDT until September 19, 2014 at 4:30PM EDT.