## Attachment 15 – Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Solicitation Number: VA24114R0712

The following are Questions and Answers (Q&A) relating to this solicitation.

#	Q & A and Reference	Amendment #
1	Q: How long is the [offer] review process?	A00 <i>0</i> 01
	A: The offeror is required to extend a "firm" offer for ninety (90) days.	
	The VA review process may be up to ninety days, however it is foreseeable	
	that the award decision(s) will be made sooner.	-
	Ref: [Reference: SF1449, page 1, block 20]	
2	Q: When will we receive the decision?	
	A: Successful and unsuccessful offerors will receive notification of the decision via fax and phone call	A00 <i>0</i> 01
	from the Contracting Officer supplemented with a mailed letter.	
	Ref: [Reference: SF1449, Section B, page 5, paragraph B.1.1.a Contract Administration Data and	
	Section E FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors, (para. (c ) and (f)(5) and Section E Evaluation of	
	Commercial Items paragraph (c ).]	
3	Q: "Statement of Work" (SOW) is mentioned a few times in the solicitation. Is it the same as	A00 <i>0</i> 01
	"Performance Work Statement (PWS)"?	
	A: Yes, as used in this solicitation, Statement of Work (SOW) is the same as (a synonym for)	
	"Performance Work Statement: (PWS) and "Performance Based Statement of Work" (PBSW).	_
	Ref: [Reference: Section B Performance Work Statement (PWS) infra]	
4	Q: . Is it possible to collect saliva (we can provide a kit for that) to obtain matched normal? We	A00 <i>0</i> 01
	routinely request both tumor and normal samples in order to analyze tumor-specific as well as germ-	
	line alterations. As there are typically few somatic mutations among the sea of germ-line variants, it's	
	important that any germ-line mutations be filtered out. If no matched normal is available, we will filter	
	out the germ-line variants using bioinformatics methods.	
	A: Saliva will not be provided. We will be able to provide blood specimens for the majority of subjects.	
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	Ref: General Scope, page 18 of 86 of solicitation	
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5	Q: What is the policy on subcontracting? Our firm focuses on DNA analysis (i.e., targeted and whole exome sequencing). For transcriptome analysis, we have evaluated vendors and subcontracted with one vendor. Can we include them in the RFP or we should focus on what we will perform in our lab?  A: We are OK with subcontracting as long as details are provided regarding the specific subcontractors. BTW, costs for DNA analysis and transcriptome analysis should be given separately.	A00 <i>0</i> 01
	Ref: Task 8 on page 25 of 86 of solicitation	
6	Q: . In VA241-14-R-0712-006 (the spec file), Question #4, "Instructions to Offerors A(a)(i)(6) and (7)" was mentioned. Where can we find it?	A00001
	A: Form SF 1449 page 3, SECTION E – SOLICITATION PROVISIONS; follow the ellipses to the page index for	
	SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS  résumés********* 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items. (APR 2014) ********  Addendum:  Instructions to Offerors	
7	Ref: SF 1449, page 3, SECTION E  Q: Will the VA cases be mainly for clinical decision or for research? Since the prices for the clinical test and research-use-only test are different, we would need such information to calculate the cost.  A; They will be used for both clinical and research purposes.	A00001
	Ref: Page 18 of 86 of solicitation, General Scope  [END Q&A FOR AMENDMENT A00001]	