

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	<p>Q: How long is the [offer] review process?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ref: [Reference: SF1449, page 1, block 20]</p>	A00001
2	<p>Q: When will we receive the decision?</p> <p>A: Successful and unsuccessful offerors will receive notification of the decision via fax and phone call from the Contracting Officer supplemented with a mailed letter.</p> <p>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).]</p>	A00001
3	<p>Q: "Statement of Work" (SOW) is mentioned a few times in the solicitation. Is it the same as "Performance Work Statement (PWS)"?</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Ref: [Reference: Section B Performance Work Statement (PWS) infra]</p>	A00001
4	<p>Q: . Is it possible to collect saliva (we can provide a kit for that) to obtain matched normal? We 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.</p> <p>A: Saliva will not be provided. We will be able to provide blood specimens for the majority of subjects.</p> <p>Ref: General Scope, page 18 of 86 of solicitation</p>	A00001

