

**Transformation Twenty-One Total Technology Next Generation (T4NG)
Request for Proposal (RFP) Questions and Answers
VA118-15-R-0558
December 2, 2014**

Notes:

- 1. Please note many duplicative questions have been received regarding previous versions of the solicitation. Please ensure you are viewing all modifications, amendments and Q&As previously posted. Please follow the instructions on FBO to view the most recent modifications/amendments.**
- 2. For efficiency purposes, the Government removed duplicative questions and questions that have been previously answered.**

Number	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>No cover page/title page is stipulated, yet it is common to link the following statement on the appropriate page to the cover/title sheet.</p> <p>Use of disclosure of data contained on this page is subject to the restrictions on the coversheet of this proposal.</p> <p>Does the cover/title sheet (which would include the DUNS and CAGE code required of the RFP) and the terms of the disclosed data count toward page count if it is included?</p>	<p>Per Solicitation Section L.11, Proposal Submission Instructions, (2) Proposal Files, the cover page and table of contents are not included in the page counts.</p>
2.	<p>The RFP states three (3) times in the RFP (referenced above, and excerpted below) that the contractor must comply within “one day”:</p> <p>1. “The Contractor Staff Roster shall be updated and provided to VA within one day of any changes in employee status, training certification completion status, Background Investigation level status, additions/removal of employees, etc. throughout the Period of Performance.”</p> <p>2. “The Contractor Staff Roster shall</p>	<p>The term “Day” used in the solicitation refers to calendar days unless otherwise specified. If the calendar day falls on a weekend or holiday the required information should be submitted the next business day.</p>

	<p>be updated and delivered only to the COR within one day of any changes in employee status, training certification completion status, Background Investigation level status....”</p> <p>3. “The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.”</p> <p>It is our assumption that “one day” means 1 (one) business day. Is this assumption correct?</p>	
3.	<p>There are two (2) instances in Addendum B where the number of days is missing from a requirement:</p> <p>1. “Such issues shall be remediated as quickly as is practical, but in no event longer than _____ days.”</p> <p>2. “When the vendor is responsible for operations or maintenance of the Systems, they shall apply the Security Fixes within _____ days.”</p> <p>Can the Government please fill in these blanks?</p>	<p>These timeframes will be provided at the task order level if applicable.</p>
4.	<p>Will the Agency permit Performance Risk Questionnaires to be submitted by Respondents directly to the Government or in sealed format, at the election of the Government Respondent.</p>	<p>Yes. The Offeror shall instruct the Questionnaire Respondent to return the completed Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaire to the Offeror or to submit the completed Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaire directly to the T4NG Contracting Officer at T4NextGeneration.TAC@va.gov. Questionnaires shall be submitted no later than the solicitation due date.</p> <p>See Amendment A00002.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>1. "Volume I - Technical Files...Volume II – Past Performance Files... Volume III - Veterans Involvement... Volume IV – Veterans Employment File... Volume V - Small Business Participation</p> <p>Commitment Files... Volume VI - Price Files... Volume VII - Solicitation, Offer and Award Documents and Certifications/Representations.”.</p> <p>2. "1. FACTOR I - TECHNICAL. Sub-factor (a), Sample Tasks, is more important than sub-factor (b), Management.</p> <p>a. Sample Tasks – includes three sample tasks of equal importance. b. Management</p> <p>2. FACTOR II - PAST PERFORMANCE.</p> <p>3. FACTOR III - VETERANS INVOLVEMENT.</p> <p>4. FACTOR IV – VETERANS EMPLOYMENT.</p> <p>5. FACTOR V – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT.</p> <p>6. FACTOR VI – PRICE.”</p> <p>Sections L and M have conflicting information regarding the titles of the parts of the proposal. Section L refers to them as "Volume I, II, etc." Section M refers to them as "Factor I, II, etc." Can the Government please confirm which is correct?</p>	<p>Section L.11 of the solicitation provides instructions for proposal submission hence the reference to volumes whereas Section M of the solicitation provides the approach for evaluating each corresponding factor.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Our intention was to use an IDIQ as a past performance. Our CO for this IDIQ responded that the past performance questionnaire did not lend itself to questions for the IDIQ. Are we able to use an IDIQ or select</p>	<p>An Offeror may use any instance it deems appropriate provided it meets the recency and relevancy requirements stipulated in the solicitation.</p>

	task orders for past performance?	
7.	Does the FAR apply in terms of work share between SDVOs – in other words, sharing the 51%	This would only be applicable at the task order level if the order is set-aside.
8.	What enterprise applications are currently hosted in the AITC, Austin TX	The enterprise applications and their locations will be specified at the task order level, if applicable.
9.	Will the government release a list of known Task Orders that will be released? That will help give us a better understanding of which companies are appropriate to submit Past Performance References.	No. Future task orders are not known at this time.
10.	How is the ATOMS module accessed? Can it be accessed on any internet protocol (secure and non-secure) from any location? Is there a limit to how many representatives from each prime awardee will be given access to ATOMS?	Yes, ATOMS can be accessed on any internet protocol (secure and non-secure) from any location. The number of representatives given access to ATOMS from each prime awardee will be determined after contract award. Note: Only awardees are provided access to ATOMS.
11.	There are only a handful of companies who have officially been issued a TO on VISTA within the VA. Does this mean companies without VISTA will be precluded from IDIQ and/or TO award without direct knowledge of the system?	No, all Offerors are evaluated in accordance with Section M of the solicitation.
12.	Where is the Veterans Employee Certification Report submitted? Does the government wish to have prime awardees submit this report via ATOMS?	It is anticipated the Veterans Employee Certification Report will be submitted via ATOMS.
13.	The RFP does not call out a requirement for resumes. To be clear there is no need for Key Personnel resumes. If they are not required then are bio's acceptable?	Resumes or bios are NOT required to be submitted in response to the RFP. Key personnel, if required, would be identified at the task order level.

14.	Reference 52.222-46 – EVALUATION OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES and Q&A Nos. 12, 13 & 91: Given that an Offeror’s blended rate takes into consideration not only employee salaries, but also those of its Subcontractors; and further given that Subcontractors consider sharing actual salary data with Primes as proprietary, are we correct in assuming that Offerors are not required to provide the actual salary or salary ranges used to derive the blended rate for each of the 175 labor categories in the Total Compensation Plan or elsewhere in this proposal response?	The Compensation Plan shall be provided by the Prime Contractor only and therefore requires salaries and fringe benefits for prime contractor employees only.
15.	On 11/25/2014 VA changed Section J - List of Attachments, Attachment 018 - PERFORMANCE RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE to correct the rating tables. Our team sent the questionnaires to our customers for completion prior to the release of this Amendment. Please advise if we may use the original Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaire so that our customers are not required to complete this twice.	The Government prefers the updated version of the Questionnaire be submitted to avoid discrepancies. Please note response to Question 4.
16.	Will the Government specify the labor categories that are subject to the Wage Determination (WD)?	Ensuring that the rates for applicable labor categories are in compliance with the Service Contract Act is the offeror’s responsibility at the task order level.
17.	In light of the most recent release of the T4NG solicitation VA118-15-R-0558 Amendment, dated 25 November 2014, we notice there is not a new Section M. Given the requirement for us to submit a Compensation Plan as a separate Attachment, we would like to know if	The Compensation plan was required per Section L.11 Proposal Submission Instructions, (2) Proposal Files, (1) Volume I – Technical Files, (b) Management Sub-factor prior to release of Amendment A00001. Amendment A00001 simply added a row to the

	there are Evaluation Factors associated with the Plan and what they are, i.e., how is the Compensation Plan being Evaluated/Graded/Weighted	table at L.11 Proposal Submission Instructions, (2) Proposal Files, (c) Content Requirements for submission of the Compensation Plan under Volume I. There is no change to Section M.
18.	<p>Can the Government please provide access to “all applicable VA policies and procedures” that are referenced in this statement? Further, can the Government please provide guidance on how the Offeror is to understand how such policies and procedures are “applicable” to this procurement and associated solicitation?</p> <p>Can the Government please provide information and descriptive details about the “Project Management Accountability System (PMAS)”?</p>	<p>Applicable documents can be found at Section 2.0 of the Solicitation and are publically available. As referenced in Section 2.0, information regarding the Project Management Accountability System (PMAS) can be found at https://www.voa.va.gov/pmas/.</p>
19.	<p>Can the Government please clarify how the details provided in the four steps that follow this statement reconciles with the statement in Section I.7.(b).(3) that states: “When the two highest rated offerors are a HUBZone small business concern and a large business, and the evaluated offer of the HUBZone small business concern is equal to the evaluated offer of the large business after considering the price evaluation preference, award will be made to the HUBZone small business concern.” The issue is that HUBZone companies are explicitly NOT identified in M.A.2 as designated small business types that will receive preferential awards but the statement in I.7 seems to suggest that they may have preferential consideration in awards.</p>	<p>52.219-4 Notice of Price Evaluation for HUBZone Small Business Concerns is applicable to this procurement. While there is no reserve specific to HUBZone small business concerns, step three of the reserve strategy is open to all small business concerns only. As such, 52.219-4(b)(3) is only applicable in Step One or Step Four.</p>
20.	<p>Commercial license agreements may be made a part of any order under this Contract but only if both parties expressly make them an addendum.”</p>	<p>The Governing Law clause is effective at the task order level if applicable. If applicable, commercial license agreements may be</p>

	<p>Can the Government please clarify what is meant specifically by “commercial license agreement” in this statement and what is “addendum” as it pertains to such “agreements.”? Where in the proposal should the offeror put the agreement and addendum, should they apply?</p>	<p>incorporated as an addendum to the order.</p>
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