

**Transformation Twenty-One Total Technology Next Generation (T4NG)  
Request for Proposal (RFP) Questions and Answers  
VA118-15-R-0558  
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**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.	We would like to know if the Government still intends to award 4 contracts to HUBZone Small Businesses?	There is no reserve specific to HUBZone small business concerns; however, step three of the reserve strategy is open to all small business concerns only.
2.	<p>“Each volume shall be clearly identified and shall begin at the top of a page. Each volume cover page shall contain the prime offeror’s DUNS and CAGE Code.”</p> <p>Should the cover pages for Volumes that are only Excel files provided by VA (Volume IV and Volume V) be submitted as a separate Volume file, and what is the file name for these Volume cover pages/TOC?</p>	<p>Cover pages/table of contents should not be separate files. Offerors may embed the cover page in the first tab of the excel spreadsheet and submit the excel file IAW the instructions at L.11(2)(c) of the RFP.</p>
3.	<p>“Each volume shall be clearly identified and shall begin at the top of a page. Each volume cover page shall contain the prime offeror’s DUNS and CAGE Code.”</p> <p>Many Volumes are comprised of multiple individual files, where is the expected Volume identification information and cover page to be located? Or should all contractor</p>	All files should have a cover page and TOC as applicable.

	created PDF and Excel files have a Volume cover page and TOC (if needed)?	
4.	<p>“All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered and identified by the complete company name, date and solicitation number in the header and/or footer.”</p> <p>Are the header/footer requirements applicable for all Excel files identified for delivery by the RFP (Volume II, Section 1 .XLS file) that are created by the contractor?</p>	Yes.
5.	Would you please confirm that a “Teaming Agreement (TA)” between two parties, where one is identified as the prime contractor and the other the subcontractor, is considered a “Contractor Team Arrangement (CTA),” as described in FAR 9.6.	There is no specific format for the Contractor Team Arrangement (CTA) document. CTAs shall be IAW FAR subpart 9.6 as required in the RFP.
6.	For enterprise level tables/graphics, can 11 x 17 foldout pages be included?	No. Please follow formatting requirements at L.11(2) Proposal Files.
7.	In accordance with Section J, Attachment 014 T4-Sample Tasks, all three sample tasks listed require that all applicable labor categories, for the prime contractor and each sub-contractor, be cataloged in each section. Do these lists count against the 25-page limit for each corresponding sample task? Are bidders permitted to include these lists separately as appendices (not counting against the 25-page limit)?	The required list of labor categories counts against the 25-page limit for each corresponding sample task.
8.	We understand that the intent of the compensation plan required under FAR Clause 52.222-46, Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees, is to provide assurance to the government that offerors can attract and retain qualified staff to	FAR 52.222-46 requires offerors to submit a total compensation plan setting forth salaries and fringe benefits proposed for the professional employees who will work under the contract. Offerors are required to comply with FAR

	<p>perform the services required by the government. Generally, a company's overall compensation plan is not tied to a particular contract or bid such as a multiple award IDIQ with both CONUS and OCONUS work.</p> <p>Please confirm that a table of representative salaries and fringe benefits as part of the compensation plan will be acceptable.</p>	52.222-46 and the Government cannot advise on how best to propose regarding the management subfactor.
9.	<p>We have sent out PERFORMANCE RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRES prior to the revised version under Amendment 2 and have received some responses. Will those pre-amendment 2 forms be acceptable for proposal submission?</p>	Yes.
10.	<p>We have received several inquiries about forming contractor teaming relationships on T4NG from interested Prime contractors uncertain about the criteria used by the VA to determine business size. Our revenues exceed the \$27.5MM threshold (but are below \$38.5MM) for the solicitation's assigned NAICS code 541512.</p> <p>However, we are a verified CVE SDVOSB for other small business NAICS codes, including 561210 Facilities Support Services, and our work as a subcontractor under T4NG is "best described" (13 CFR 121.410) under this 561210 code due to the broad scope of services provided under T4NG. Could you please confirm that we are eligible to participate on the T4NG program as an SDVOSB teammate/subcontractor?</p>	<p>NAICS code 541512 applies to primes and subcontractors for evaluation of the offeror's proposed small business participation commitment.</p> <p>Large businesses shall submit a small business subcontracting plan IAW FAR 52.219-9 and VAAR 852.219-9. 13 CFR 121.410 applies to subcontracting plans and is separate from the small business participation commitment goals.</p>
11.	<p>If we have received some Questionnaires back directly already,</p>	Questionnaires may be submitted directly to

	should we simply email those to the T4 inbox or do we need to have the rater send them via their .gov email?	<a href="mailto:T4NextGeneration.TAC@va.gov">T4NextGeneration.TAC@va.gov</a> by questionnaire respondents or submitted with the offeror's proposal by December 19, 2014 at 5:00PM EST.
12.	<p>Please confirm that the minimum goals are:</p> <p>VOSB - 12% of the total dollars planned to be subcontracted (not total contract value)</p> <p>SDVOSB - 10% of the total dollars planned to be subcontracted (not total contract value).</p>	The goals are 10% for SDVOSBs and 12% for VOSBs of total contract value.
13.	<p>Volume VII requires large businesses to submit a small business subcontracting plan IAW FAR 52.219-9. Subparagraph (d)(1) of this clause requires the plan to include, "Goals, expressed in terms of percentages of total planned subcontracting dollars, for the use of small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns as subcontractors". (d)(2) requires, a statement of "Total dollars planned to be subcontracted for an individual contract plan" and total dollars planned to be subcontracted to the various categories of small business concerns.</p> <p>a. In order to satisfy this requirement, an offeror has to make some speculative assumptions about (1) the total dollar value of orders it expects to win and (2) the total dollars to be subcontracted. For purposes of the Small Business Subcontracting Plan, should we base this estimate on how much of the \$22.3 Billion contract we hope to capture and the estimated</p>	<p>a. The total value of this contract is the offeror's overall proposed price.</p> <p>b. For the Small Business Participation Commitment Factor the offeror is only required to propose a total goal per category over the life of the contract. Offerors required to submit a subcontracting plan shall do so IAW FAR 52.219-9.</p>

	dollar value of subcontracts?  b. Do you want separate goals for each year of the contract, totals for the base and option or just for the total contract?	
14.	We noticed that the T4NG small business participation goals are the same as the VA prime contracting goals. These goals for small business, VOSB and SDVOSB are much more stringent than the standard VA subcontracting goals and may be very difficult for contractors, especially small businesses to meet. Will you consider changing the T4NG small business participation goals to the standard VA subcontracting goals?	No, the Government will not consider changing the T4NG small business participation goals to the standard VA subcontracting goals.
15.	CLINs 0003 and 1003 are cost reimbursement (CR) line items to provide IT services and incidental supplies. Will fee arrangements and appropriate provisions be established on individual delivery orders?	Yes.
16.	Is a cover letter allowed or desired by the Government in addition to the cover page?	No.