

1. What is the duration, or grace period, of the above training/orientation?

There is no training/orientation being provided as part of this solicitation.

2. Since the cost of required background investigations are to be borne by the Contractor, what are the costs associated?

Contractor Prices

Background Investigation (High Risk) BI \$3,425

Moderate Risk Background Investigation MBI \$1,080

Periodic Re-Investigation (High Risk) PRI \$1,043

National Agency Check and Inquiries NACI \$333

Child Care National Agency Check and Inquiries CNACI \$380

National Agency Check with Law and Credit NACLC \$390

Reciprocation of a Prior Investigation RECIP \$75

Special Agreement Check SAC \$66

Copy of Certificate of Investigation/Eligibility CCOI \$45

Fingerprint Submissions FPRT \$15

Adjudication Only

NACLC - Adjudication Only (FHCC Only) NACLC ao \$162

ANACI -Adjudication Only (FHCC only) ANACI ao \$175

3. Is the contractor responsible for paying the cost of reviewer travel? If so, for budgeting purposes, please provide the total number of travelers that should be included in the cost proposal.

Yes. The costs are reimbursable as shown on the contract line items as a not to exceed amount.

Page 8 of 82 states "ORD recruits approximately 1400 scientific experts per year to serve as reviewers; on average; 980 are non-VA scientific experts and the remaining are VA staff." The contractor is expected to make travel arrangements for all non-VA reviewers.

4. With regard to the price proposal format and content, is the offeror to provide a firm fixed price labor amount for each contract year (Line items 1, 1001, 2001, 3001 and 4001), and then use the amounts provided in the solicitation as the NTE for each of the ODC line items?

Yes.

5. Are the not to exceed (NTE) line items listed inclusive of the contractors indirect costs and fee?

No.

6. Do we know what positions they currently have, and if any of them fall under the SCA? (see page 61)

WD 05-2103 for District of Columbia, Maryland (select counties) , and Virginia (select counties) can be found here: <http://www.wdol.gov/wdol/scafiles/std/05-2103.txt?v=16>

Please see Page 17, section 10 for the Key Personnel required for this contract.

7. For what reasons would applicants be given a waiver?

SCA is applicable for these services.

8. Could you provide a projected level of effort for the proposed positions for pricing purposes?

No. The purpose of the Performance Work Statement requires the contractor to devise the best method to accomplish the required result.

9. Given that nearly all of the tasks to be performed by contractor personnel require frequent access to eRA, it is unclear how "...contract services and activities will take place primarily at the contractor's place of business." Please clarify the requirement work to be performed in the Contractor's facilities.

Not all of the tasks require use of eRA. While some (4) of the (8) tasks do require the use of eRA, most of the deliverables represented by the tasks do not require the use of eRA.

10. If the listed evaluation factors are intended to address Part I, II, and III then Innovation should be removed. Otherwise Management Plan should have appeared in the space between Technical and Innovation in order to be consistent with the description of Part I under Proposal Preparation Instructions on page 58 of 82. Please clarify the order of importance.

The Instructions to Offerors requires submission into three separate volumes so that each proposal section can be evaluated by that particular evaluation team. The volumes are not intended to mirror the evaluation factors and sub factors. The evaluation factors are listed in descending order of importance.

11. The date on Page 1 of the RFP indicates submittal by 5:00 PM on August 27th, however fbo.gov states that response is due August 18th. We are sure that the RFP is correctly stated. Would the VA please verify the due date for the response? Thank you.

Yes the solicitation closes August 27th at 5:00 PM. The August 18th date was a transmission error through FBO that did not change from the initial sources sought notice.

12. For graphics displayed in the Offeror's response, will the VA allow the font size to be 10?

Yes, only text on graphics.