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The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers. Technical tradeoffs will be made and additional credit will be given for exceeding acceptability. It is the Government's intent to evaluate proposals and award contracts without discussions with Offerors. Therefore, the Offeror's initial proposal should contain the Offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer (CO) later determines them to be necessary.

All factors will be evaluated based solely on the proposal provided and to the extent in which the proposal demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements in meeting or exceeding the standards for the various tasks. Extent to which uncertainties are identified and resolutions proposed. Contractor's offer shall address their ability to meet contract requirements with respect to providing the VA with a high level of confidence in successful performance. Rating will be based on the extent to which the offer addresses each of the factors.

The factors below (Technical Capability, Personnel Qualifications, Past Performance, Facility Geographic Location and Price) are listed in descending order of importance. Factors A, B and C are equal in importance.

Evaluation Factors and sub-factors are:

- a) Technical Capability
 - 1. Personnel Qualifications
- b) Past Performance
- c) Facility Geographic Location
- e) Price

The evaluation factors listed below will be evaluated with the following ratings:

- **Blue/Outstanding**
- **Green/ Excellent**
- **Yellow/Acceptable**
- **Orange/Marginal**
- **Red/Unacceptable**

- a) Technical Capability
 - 1. Personnel Qualifications
- b) Past Performance
- c) Facility Geographic Location
- e) Price

Award Basis

The Government will award a fixed price Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract using the best value Trade-Off method to the responsible Offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation.

(A) FACTOR 1: Technical Capability –

- a. Describe firm's ability to provide complete autopsy reports within one (1) to three (3) working days from the completion of the autopsy procedure.
- b. Describe firm's ability to complete Final Anatomical Diagnosis (FAD) with 30 working days after the Autopsy procedure has been completed, 60 days on complicated autopsy cases.
- c. Describe firm's ability to complete autopsies on an independent basis.

- d. The contracted facility shall have a current accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. A copy of the accreditation shall be submitted with the Contractor's proposal.
- e. The Contractor's facility must meet all federal, state, and local fire and life safety codes.

SUB-FACTOR 1: Personnel Qualifications – The Government will review the Curriculum Vitae's (CV) provided in response to the solicitation. Offerors must present candidates that meet all of the following qualifications and provide technically acceptable supporting documentation to receive an **"Acceptable"** rating on this factor:

- a. Personnel assigned by the Contractor to perform the services covered by this requirement shall have a current, unencumbered Licensed in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia. Copies of the license(s) and board certifications need to be provided with the proposal. These qualifications listed below will be subject to review by the VAMC Chief of Staff and approval by the VAMC Director.
- b. Contractor's employee assigned to perform Autopsy services covered by this requirement must be Board Certified/Board Eligible Licensed Pathologist, credentialed, and privileged in the performance of autopsy services as per the regulation of the College of American pathologist. A copy of the certification must be provided.
- c. Autopsy services shall be performed by a Board Certified/ Board Eligible Pathologist / or Pathology Resident enrolled in an accredited pathology residency program with certification provided.
- d. Clinical staffs assigned to this requirement such as pathologist technician who will be assisting in the performance of the autopsy services must be registered by the College of American Pathologist.
- e. Personnel qualifications will be review accordingly once a year.
- f. Personnel assigned by the Contractor to perform the services covered by this contract shall be proficient in written and spoken English.

(B) FACTOR 2: Past Performance – Describe past contracts of a similar nature listed in Chronological order of most recent project, including name, address, contact person, current telephone number and email address, a brief description of work performed, and total contract value. The Government may use past performance information obtained from other sources. Evaluation will consider the Offeror's reputation for conforming to specifications and standards of quality workmanship, adherence to contract schedules, depth, breadth, and relevancy of current work experience in providing similar services for similar customers as indicated by the Offeror and verifiable references. In the case of an Offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the Offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance. The CS shall provide any available ratings under the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRs) and reflect any results in the Price Reasonableness Determination.

(C) FACTOR 3: Facility Geographic Location

- a. Is the Contractor's facility located within 60 miles of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, AZ and can they provide the materials, supplies, equipment and qualified personnel as specified herein. The Contractor's facility must be centrally located within 60 miles of Southern Arizona VA Health Care System that is accessible to the veteran beneficiaries served by the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System.

(D) FACTOR 4: Price – Will be performed by the Contracting Officer

- a. Price reasonableness will be performed by the Contracting Officer and results will be reflected in the Price Reasonableness Determination and Findings report.
- b. Total price will be evaluated by the Government. In evaluating the Offeror's proposed price for this requirement, the government concern includes determining whether:
 - 1. Total price will be evaluated by the Government. In evaluating the Offeror's proposed price for this project, the government concern includes determining whether;
 - 2. It reflects the prospective Contractor's understanding of the project and ability to successfully organize and perform the contract;

3. It is based on adequate estimating procedures, supported by backup documentation and is realistic in terms of the Offeror's proposed technical approach; and
4. It reasonably reflects affordability when compared to the Government Cost Estimate.

Unrealistically low proposed prices, initially or subsequently, may be grounds for eliminating a proposal from competition either on the basis that the Offeror does not understand the requirement or the Offeror has provided an unrealistic proposal. Price analysis techniques may include a comparison of proposed prices received in response to the solicitation, comparison with other contract prices for similar services, and/or a comparison of proposed prices with the Independent Government Cost Estimate. The Contracting Officer reserves the right to eliminate an Offeror from the competitive range if their prices are determined to be either extremely low or extremely high.