

## Technical Evaluation VA256-17-Q-0029 (Overview for Solicitation)

### Asbestos Inventory and Labeling- AHERA VAMC Alexandria Pineville, LA

#### E.3 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)

(a) 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 technical factor considered. Technical capability is considered more important than price in determining the most advantageous offer to the Government under this solicitation.

**Factor 1: Technical Capability.** The offeror's technical proposal shall confirm their ability to comply with all minimum requirements of the solicitation to include terms, conditions, and Statement of Work requirements. In addition, the offeror's technical proposal shall address all the minimum requirements outlined in the Instructions to Offerors Addendum.

The strengths and weaknesses of the offeror's technical proposal and demonstrated performance in successfully accomplishing Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) shall be considered in support of the best value analysis.

**Factor 2: Past Performance.**

**Factor 3: Price.** Price shall be evaluated for reasonableness.

The Government shall award this requirement to the offer determined to be most advantageous to the government, price and technical factor considered. The Government reserves the right to award to a higher priced offer when the perceived additional technical merit of the higher priced offer is deemed to be worth the additional price premium. The Government's rationale for making such a price-technical trade-off shall be documented.

The Government will evaluate all offers received against the evaluation factors identified above. Award will be made on a best value basis where tradeoffs are permitted among price and non-price factors allowing the Government to accept other than the lowest priced proposal where the perceived benefits of a higher priced offer merit the additional cost. The relative order of importance of the evaluation factors is as follows:

Factor 1: Technical Approach will be rated as Unsatisfactory (Offer has one or more deficiencies or weaknesses leading to a deficiency), Satisfactory (Offer meets all minimum requirements), or Exceptional (Offer meets all minimum requirements and has one or more significant strengths considered of value to the government).

Factor 2: Past Performance will be rated as a Confidence Assessment (Low Confidence, Moderate Confidence, or High Confidence or Neutral) as to the offeror's capability to perform the requirements of this solicitation based on his record of past performance of recent projects considered of similar scope and complexity. A neutral rating will be assigned to an offeror who has no recent and relevant past performance identifiable. The government will consider the past performance submitted by

the offeror along with information in the government's Past Performance Information System (PPIRS) or other sources. The Government will review past performance data in PPIRS. However, the Government reserves the right to obtain past performance information from any available sources and may contact customers other than those identified by the offeror when evaluating past performance.

Factor 3: Price will be evaluated for completeness and reasonableness. Completeness to ensure all prices have been included in the offer as shown in the Schedule and proposed prices are reasonable in comparison to other offers received, historical prices paid, and/or independent government cost estimates.

(b) *Options.* The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.