

Questions and Answers

Will existing IDIQ's for the BURR EUL be eligible to bid on this RFQ so long as it is understood that, if awarded, they are Conflicted Out of bidding on evaluations of EUL projects which they were involved?

This requirement has no direct relationship to the EUL BURR projects.

Can you provide an anticipated volume of Task Orders and geographical distribution of work involved with the solicitation, or better yet, has the RPSU developed a specific list for Task Order distribution?

We do not have a specific list; it can cover all VA properties

Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past? If available, please provide the incumbent contract number.

This is a new requirement

Section E.8 52.212.2 – Evaluation – Commercial Items (Oct 2014) notes that “Quoters’ quotations will be by written submissions and by electronic email to maina.gakure@va.gov and will consist of two volumes.” Please confirm that proposals should be submitted in electronic form only.

Electronic (by email)

It does appear that you are asking for two volumes but that Volume I is to be split into two volumes, effectively meaning Quoters end up sharing 3 volumes. Can the government please clarify if the Volume Ia and Ib are to be in the same volume or if Volume 1a and Volume 1b are desired to be two separate volumes?

Volume Ia and Ib are to be in the same volume

For the Volume II Solicitation/RFQ with completed labor rates (loaded), and associated tables, we are requesting the following clarification:

What are the ‘associated tables’ referenced in the solicitation? Are they missing from the solicitation document?

Any tables that you can provide to support your price

Is the government asking only for firm fixed rates for the labor categories we are offering?

I don't understand your question

Does the government anticipate a totaled price or simply the pricing for each labor category?

Loaded rates

If the pricing is to be totaled, can the Government provide a basis for the pricing? We are asking this because there doesn't appear to be a basis for any type of total pricing (i.e., other than the knowledge of what is comprised in each task area, we are

not given the number of task orders anticipated, the scope of those orders, or any other information on which to base a total proposal price)

1. **Provide the proposed key personnel loaded labor rates for five years**
2. **For the attached sample PWS; provide a brief technical approach to complete each of the sample tasks (task one to task four) as well as a comprehensive price to complete the sample task order deliverables. Provide this response as part of Volume 2.**

Can you please advise if the work effort outlined in the solicitation has been funded by the VA?

This is an IDIQ and does not have to be funded, apart from the minimum guarantee

Does the SDVOSB community responding to the solicitation need to be 'CVE Certified' or is this a case of SDVOSB 'Self Certification' as the standard for response?

As stated in the RFQ, yes

Please share the anticipated contract work start date.

Some task may start as soon as possible

The solicitation states that this is a multi-award IDIQ. Can you advise the number of awards that are anticipated for this contract?

We are anticipating at least two

Please clarify if the government is planning on making awards to firms who propose on only some of the tasks instead of all of the tasks included in the solicitation.

No

Please advise if a 7 day extension can be provided for this response. The solicitation was issued on the 4th with a 15 day turnaround of which 4 days are weekend days and two additional days are religious holidays – meaning we effectively have 9 working days to produce a rational response. Additionally, as tomorrow is the last day for questions and responses are only 7 days later, we do not believe there is a reasonable period of time for receipt of Q&A responses to be baked into our solicitation response in a well thought out manner. As we want to be able to provide the government with a high quality, well- reasoned, appropriately priced response, we are respectfully requesting a one week (7 day) extension for the response and hope that the government will agree that, in this instance an extension is not only reasonable but also well justified.

The response date is extended by 7 calendar days to allow for response to the sample task. The proposal is due on April 27, 2017 before 11:00 am EST

Past Performance – Could you please confirm if VA is requesting three references for each team member OR three total references for the team?

From the Prime contractor

Teaming Arrangements – Will there be any restrictions from participating on multiple teams for this RFP? For example, under the VECTOR RFP offerors could not propose as both a prime contractor and as a subcontractor on other proposals under the same Service Group, and subcontractors could not be proposed on multiple proposals under one Service Group. Will there be any similar restrictions apply for this RFP?

I am not responsible for the VECTOR RFP Program; and I am not familiar with their approach

Should Contractors provide pricing for each of the Tasks listed in the VA's PWS by labor category or is the Government seeking pricing only as a listing of all labor categories and labor rates that might be utilized to support the various task orders that could potentially be issued for each of the tasks during the project period?

You need to propose labor category and their loaded rates.

How does the government want contractors to account for other direct costs (ODCs) in their pricing proposal (i.e. website hosting, written reports, etc.)? Is there a spreadsheet or other form or format desired or required for presentation of these costs? As there is a broad range of tasks involved, we are asking that the Government please share any additional information regarding the ODCs anticipated for performance of the requirement.

Provide loaded rates.

Task 5 states the contractor shall host a website. Can the Government clarify if the contractor is to provide the website on a Government server or on the contractor's server? Also can the government advise if the contractor is responsible for providing the content on the hosted website or if the Government intends to provide the content for the website?

Assume that this will be on contractor's server. The Government will provide the content.

We assume contractors do not need to provide travel costs in their pricing. Can the Government please confirm that this is an accurate assumption?

That is accurate, travel cost will be provided as needed under task orders

For the Technical/Past Performance response, do such items as the cover sheet, cover letter, Table of Contents, list of acronyms, count toward the 30 pages?

No, also résumé

Page 7, Item 5. Type of Contract. This section states that this is anticipated to be a multi-award IDIQ type contract. However, many of the tasks are program level and would be difficult to have two or more contractors accomplish concurrently. If this is anticipated to be a multiple award contract how will the subsequent task order we competed (best value or LTPA)?

Best Value

FAR 52.219-14 (Limitations on Subcontracting). Please confirm the application of the regulation will be at the IDIQ/contract level and that compliance verification is measured in the total period of performance.

I don't understand your question; the prime contractor should be able to complete at least 51% of all tasks – Task Order level.

As the Contracting Officer intends to make multiple IDIQ awards, will each Task Order be competed in accordance with FAR Part 15.

I don't understand your question

What is VA's Source Selection Plan/Evaluation Plan for Task Order evaluation? Will these be based upon best value with trade-offs or Lowest Price Technically Acceptable?

I don't understand your question; the award is based on Best Value. See pg. 53 [E.8 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014)]

Please confirm that the selection of subcontractors to perform specific due diligence tasks falls upon the contract/task order holder and not VA. Will VA require contractors to provide, as part of its task order pricing, the firm-fixed price, inclusive of the full labor and ODC build-up?

I don't understand your question

Task Five: Solicitation Development, Support, and Marketing. Please confirm that contractors are not required to demonstrate real estate brokerage licensure to market, evaluate or negotiate with regards to support of the task's requirement to "solicit and select a developer".

This solicitation is being issued under FAR part 12.

Task Five: please confirm whether VA will require contractors to formally perform past performance and financial reference checks or whether this is a function of the Contracting Officer's Responsibility Determination.

I don't understand your question

What does "COR" stand for? That acronym is used in several places throughout the solicitation, but I do not believe the solicitation says what that acronym stands for.

Contracting Officer Representative

Page 7, 54 and 55 says that our services should include "Real estate executive support." What does that mean?

It means providing specific real estate Support to the Real Property Strategic Utilization leadership.