

- v. Congruence between the technical (non-price) and price proposals shall also be utilized to determine the reasonableness of the proposed price as well as potential performance risk.

The Government reserves the right to make cost/technical trade-offs that are in the best interest and advantageous to the Government.

A price found to be either unreasonably high or unrealistically low in relation to the proposed work may negatively impact the Offeror's ranking.

The Bid Bond will be evaluated for accuracy and completeness in accordance with FAR 28.101.

The letter from the bonding company will be evaluated to assess the risk of the Offeror listed in Block 15A of the SF 1442 being able to provide sufficient bonding for both individual and multiple task orders during the life of this contract.

Representations and Certifications will be reviewed in the SAM to ensure they are complete and up-to-date. Any required reps and certs not available in SAM must be submitted with the price proposal and will be reviewed to ensure they are complete. Negative responses on reps and certs such as failing to certify small for the solicitation NAICS, having delinquent Federal Taxes, etc. may result in a lower evaluated proposal and possibly being determined ineligible for award.

Responsibility Determination – This is not an evaluation factor. Please provide Experience Modifier Rate (EMR).

- a. The offeror should provide the offeror's ~~and major subcontractors'~~ last five years of safety records and OSHA rates which includes a recordable incident rate and a lost-time rate.
- b. The offeror should provide interstate EMR from offeror's ~~and major subcontractors'~~ insurance company for the current year, plus the last three (3) years, including Notice of Violation (NOV) summary. If there are extenuating circumstances concerning the rating, the offeror must provide background information and references for validation.
- c. The offeror should describe how they will comply with EM-385 and OSHA 1910.269.

C. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. INQUIRIES. Offerors who determine that the technical and/or contractual requirements of this RFP require clarification(s) in order to permit submittal of a responsive technical (non-price) proposal shall submit all questions in writing on a Pre-Proposal Inquiry (PPI) Form, (provided as an attachment). Inquiries shall follow the instructions on attachment and be submitted via e-mail to scott.hurst2@va.gov. PPIs will be accepted up to 10 days prior to the due date of the proposals. A response will be provided via amendment to the solicitation if appropriate.

2. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Pursuant to FAR 4.502, this solicitation is being conducted electronically. All solicitation documents will be posted to Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) at <https://www.fbo.gov/>.

2.2 Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be formatted and submitted as follows:

2.2.1 TECHNICAL (NON-PRICE) PROPOSALS:

The technical (non-price) proposal shall address the technical (non-price) evaluation factors listed. Offeror is required to prepare and submit an original and one (1) copy plus three (3) CDs of the technical (non-price) evaluation factors in a binder **CLEARLY MARKED: "TECHNICAL (NON-PRICE) PROPOSAL – DO NOT OPEN IN MAILROOM"**.