

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Question: Can you provide us with the solicitation # of the PAST award so we can complete our due diligence to prepare a pricing schedule for your upcoming response to VA257-17-N-0771.

Response: A review of the past two task orders identified that they were executed under urgent and compelling circumstances and were not solicited. Contracts or orders for the services prior to FY15 have been archived for the disposition of destruction and cannot be reviewed by the Contract Specialist.

Question: Is this a new requirement, or is there an incumbent contractor? If existing, can you provide me the contractor and award amount?

Response: The secure document destruction services is not a new requirement. The services are currently being provided by contractor Shred-It. The current four (4) month bridge order is in the amount of \$32,666.67.

Question: What is the rate of the current contract for document shredding?

Response: See response to question above.

Question: Who holds the current contract for document shredding?

Response: Shred-It

Question: How long has the current provider had the contract for document shredding?

Response: The current VA contract records reveal that Shred-It has been the incumbent contractor since April 2015. As mentioned in a previous response, contracts or order prior to FY15 have been archived for destruction.

Question: Does your VA solicitation require an active GSA (contract) to bid?

Response: No, a GSA FSS contract is not required for bidding on solicitation 36C25718Q0006. The solicitation is posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website as an open market solicitation, set-aside for a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). The sources sought notice posted to GSA eBuy, RFQ1246785, was placed as a courtesy to the SDVOSBs, to ensure they were aware of the open market solicitation on FBO.

Question: Do bidders have to provide the containers (consoles, totes) for the services?

Response: Yes

Question: You have an attachment, a form entitled "Limitation on Subcontracting Acknowledge" (in the solicitation). The references in this form regarding contractor personnel expenditures are no longer accurate. I respectfully ask you to remove this form and its outdated requirements from the solicitation.

Response: A legal review of the attachment noted that FAR Clause 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Jan 2017), does not apply to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set-asides. The text in the Limitation on Subcontracting Acknowledgement form has been revised to remove the text of FAR Clause 52.219-14, and has added the text of VAAR Clause 852.219-10, VA Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (Jul

2016) (Deviation). Offerors must provide a copy of the (revised) completed form with their offer.

Note* - An interested party to the solicitation did not pose a question, but did identify a concern for the services regarding the Randolph AFB site. It must be noted that access to Department of Defense sites is more stringent and can be more time consuming than gaining access to VA facilities. Until the successful vendor obtains a long-term access pass to the DoD site, the vendor may have to obtain a day pass, to get access within the DoD site. Additionally, commercial vehicles entering DoD sites are more likely subject to vehicle searches.