

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in [Subpart 12.6](#), as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; proposals are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued.

VA intends to make a sole source award to Ideagen. See attached Sole Source Justification. All responsible sources may submit a bid, proposal, or quotation which shall be considered by the agency.

Solicitation 36C10A18Q0154, Amendment 0002 is issued as a request for quotation (RFQ)

The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-95.

The NAICs is 511210, with a size standard of \$38.5M

See the attached terms and conditions for the following information:

- List of line items
- Description of requirement
- Period of Performance
- [52.212-1](#), Instructions to Offerors -- Commercial, and addendum
- [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications -- Commercial Items
- [52.212-4](#), Contract Terms and Conditions -- Commercial Items, and addenda
- [52.212-5](#), Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes Or Executive Orders - Commercial Items
- Other terms and conditions

Quotes are due by 4:00pm C.T. May 7, 2018 and shall be submitted to Sharon Haywood at sharon.haywood@va.gov.

SECTION B - CONTINUATION OF SF 1449 BLOCKS

B.1 PRICE SCHEDULE

The following are the Terms and Conditions for Request for Quote (RFQ) 36C10A18Q0154. Any resultant award will be issued on a Standard Form (SF) 1449 and will include Sections B, C, and D (if applicable). Section E will be removed at time of award. All products shall be in accordance with the Product Description, entitled "Proquis Software and Software Maintenance Support" dated February 22, 2018 as set forth in Section D of this Task Order.

	Description of Supplies/Services	QTY	Unit	Unit Price	Total
0001	<p>This is a Brand Name Only Requirement Description: Proquis License Upgrade to version 3.6.5</p> <p>See Attachment 1, Product Description</p> <p>Price shall include any applicable reinstatement fees.</p> <p>Part Number: PS 1206</p> <p>Delivery: 30 Days ARO</p> <p>Inspection/Acceptance/FOB: Destination</p> <p>IFCAP PO #: TBD</p> <p>Deliver to: Name: TBD Phone: TBD Email: TBD</p>	1	JB	\$_____ (Price to be Proposed)	\$_____
0002	<p>This is a Brand Name Only Requirement Description: License/Support/Maintenance for SN: E10605, E10606, E10607, E10608, E10609, E10610, E10611, E10612, E10613, E10614, E10615</p> <p>See Attachment 1, Product Description</p> <p>Price shall include any applicable reinstatement fees.</p>	1	JB	\$_____ (Price to be Proposed)	\$_____

	Description of Supplies/Services	QTY	Unit	Unit Price	Total
	Part Number: 5106 Period of Performance: 12 months ARO. Inspection/Acceptance/FOB: Destination IFCAP PO #: TBD Deliver to: Name: TBD Phone: TBD Email: TBD				
Total					\$ TBD

GOVERNING LAW:

Federal law and regulations, including the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), shall govern this Contract/Order. Commercial license agreements may be made a part of this Contract/Order but only if both parties expressly make them an addendum hereto. If the commercial license agreement is not made an addendum, it shall not apply, govern, be a part of or have any effect whatsoever on the Contract/Order; this includes, but is not limited to, any agreement embedded in the computer software (clickwrap), any agreement that is otherwise delivered with or provided to the Government with the commercial computer software or documentation (shrinkwrap), or any other license agreement otherwise referred to in any document. If a commercial license agreement is made an addendum, only those provisions addressing data rights regarding the Government's use, duplication and disclosure of data (e.g., restricted computer software) are included and made a part of this Contract/Order, and only to the extent that those provisions are not duplicative or inconsistent with Federal law, Federal regulation, the incorporated FAR clauses and the provisions of this Contract/Order; those provisions in the commercial license agreement that do not address data rights regarding the Government's use, duplication and disclosure of data shall not be included or made a part of the Contract/Order. Federal law and regulation including, without limitation, the Contract Disputes Act (41 U.S.C. § 7101 et seq.), the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq.), the Competition in Contracting Act (41 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq.), the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. § 3901 et seq.), Contracts for Data Processing or Maintenance (38 USC § 5725), and FAR clauses 52.212-4, 52.227-14, 52.227-19 shall supersede, control, and render ineffective any inconsistent, conflicting, or duplicative provision in any commercial license agreement. In the event of conflict between this Clause and any provision in the Contract/Order or the

commercial license agreement or elsewhere, the terms of this Clause shall prevail. Claims of patent or copyright infringement brought against the Government as a party shall be defended by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). 28 U.S.C. § 516. At the discretion of DOJ, the Contractor may be allowed reasonable participation in the defense of the litigation. Any additional changes to the Contract/Order must be made by contract/order modification (Standard Form 30) and shall only be effected by a warranted Contracting Officer. Nothing in this Contract/Order or any commercial license agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity.

SOFTWARE LICENSE, MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

(1) Definitions.

- (a) Licensee. The term “licensee” shall mean the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (“VA”) and is synonymous with “Government.”
- (b) Licensor. The term “licensor” shall mean the contractor having the necessary license or ownership rights to deliver license, software maintenance and support of the computer software being acquired. The term “contractor” is the party identified in Block 17a on the SF1449. If the contractor is a reseller and not the Licensor, the contractor remains responsible for performance under this order.
- (c) Software. The term “software” shall mean the licensed computer software product(s) cited in the Schedule of Supplies/Services.
- (d) Maintenance. The term “maintenance” is the process of enhancing and optimizing software, as well as remedying defects. It shall include all new fixes, patches, releases, updates, versions and upgrades, as further defined below.
- (e) Technical Support. The term “technical support” refers to the range of services providing assistance for the software via the telephone, email, a website or otherwise.
- (f) Release or Update. The term “release” or “update” are terms that refer to a revision of software that contains defect corrections, minor enhancements or improvements of the software’s functionality. This is usually designated by a change in the number to the right of the decimal point (e.g., from Version 5.3 to 5.4). An example of an update is the addition of new hardware.
- (g) Version or Upgrade. The term “version” or “upgrade” are terms that refer to a revision of software that contains new or improved functionality. This is usually designated by a change in the number to the left of the decimal point (e.g., from Version 5.4 to 6).

(2) Software License

- (a) Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule of Supplies/Services, the Performance Work Statement or Product Description, the software license provided to the Government is a perpetual, nonexclusive license to use the software
- (b) The Government may use the software in a networked environment.

- (c) Any dispute regarding the license grant or usage limitations shall be resolved in accordance with the Disputes Clause incorporated in FAR 52.212-4(d).
- (d) All limitations of software usage are expressly stated in the Schedule of Supplies/Services and the Performance Work Statement/Product Description.

(3) Software Maintenance and Technical Support

- (a) If the Government desires to continue software maintenance and support beyond the period of performance identified in this contract or order, the Government will issue a separate contract or order for maintenance and support. Conversely, if a contract or order for continuing software maintenance and technical support is not received the contractor is neither authorized nor permitted to renew any of the previously furnished services.
- (b) The contractor shall provide software support services, which includes periodic updates, enhancements and corrections to the software, and reasonable technical support, all of which are customarily provided by the contractor to its commercial customers so as to cause the software to perform according to its specifications, documentation or demonstrated claims.
- (c) Any telephone support provided by contractor shall be at no additional cost.
- (d) The contractor shall provide all maintenance services in a timely manner in accordance with the contractor's customary practice or as defined in the Performance Work Statement/Product Description. However, prolonged delay (exceeding 2 business days) in resolving software problems will be noted in the Government's various past performance records on the contractor (e.g., www.ppirs.gov).
- (e) If the Government allows the maintenance and support to lapse and subsequently wishes to reinstate it, any reinstatement fee charged shall not exceed the amounts that would have been charged if the Government had not allowed the subscription to lapse.

- (4) Disabling Software Code. The Government requires delivery of computer software that does not contain any code that will, upon the occurrence or the nonoccurrence of any event, disable the software. Such code includes but is not limited to a computer virus, restrictive key, node lock, time-out or other function, whether implemented by electronic, mechanical, or other means, which limits or hinders the use or access to any computer software based on residency on a specific hardware configuration, frequency of duration of use, or other limiting criteria. If any such disabling code is present, the contractor agrees to indemnify the Government for all damages suffered as a result of a disabling caused by such code, and the contractor agrees to remove such code upon the Government's request at no extra cost to the Government. Inability of the contractor to remove the disabling software code will be considered an inexcusable delay and a material breach of contract, and the Government may exercise its right to terminate for cause. In addition, the Government is permitted to remove the code as it deems appropriate and charge the Contractor for consideration for the time and effort expended in removing the code.

Manuals and Publications. Upon Government request, the contractor shall furnish the most current version of the user manual and publications for all products/services provided under this contract or order at no cost.

B.2 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

(continuation from Standard Form 1449, block 18A.)

1. Contract Administration: All contract administration matters will be handled by the following individuals:

a. CONTRACTOR: TBD

b. GOVERNMENT: Contracting Officer 36C10A

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center - Austin
1701 Directors Blvd, Suite 600
Austin TX 78744

2. CONTRACTOR REMITTANCE ADDRESS: All payments by the Government to the contractor will be made in accordance with:

☒ 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System For Award Management, or
☐ 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party

3. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted in arrears:

a. Quarterly ☐

b. Semi-Annually ☐

c. Other ☒ Upon Inspection and Acceptance

4. GOVERNMENT INVOICE ADDRESS: All Invoices from the contractor shall be submitted electronically in accordance with VAAR Clause 852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests.

See website at:

<http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS: The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the Solicitation numbered and dated as follows:

AMENDMENT NO	DATE
00001	04/04/18
0002	05/02/18

B.3 ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

Funds in the amount of \$TBD are obligated on IFCAP Order Number TDB to fund CLIN TBD.

The contractor shall reference the IFCAP Order Number on each invoice submitted for payment.

SECTION C - CONTRACT CLAUSES

C.1 NASA SEWP V RFQ INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE

All clauses and provisions from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), NASA FAR Supplement, and the Goddard Space Flight Center Regulation from the applicable NASA Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement (SEWP) V Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC), and the specific NASA SEWP V contract referenced on the SF1449 in Block 2, are hereby incorporated by reference.

The full text of any FAR and NASA SEWP V clauses which are incorporated by reference may be obtained at the following URLs:

FAR: <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

NASA SEWP V: http://www.sewp.nasa.gov/documents/SEWP_V_CLAUSE_LIST.pdf

ADDENDUM to FAR 52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS

The following clauses are incorporated into 52.212-4 as an addendum to this contract:

C.2 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Clause)

<u>FAR Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	DEC 2007
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	DEC 2007
52.227-19	COMMERCIAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE LICENSE	DEC 2007
52.232-33	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT	JUL 2013

C.3 52.203-19 PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS (JAN 2017)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

Internal confidentiality agreement or statement means a confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the contractor requires any of its employees or subcontractors to sign regarding nondisclosure of contractor information, except that it does not include confidentiality agreements arising out of civil litigation or confidentiality agreements that contractor employees or subcontractors sign at the behest of a Federal agency.

Subcontract means any contract as defined in subpart 2.1 entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a prime contract or a subcontract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.

Subcontractor means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm (including a consultant) that furnishes supplies or services to or for a prime contractor or another subcontractor.

(b) The Contractor shall not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (e.g., agency Office of the Inspector General).

(c) The Contractor shall notify current employees and subcontractors that prohibitions and restrictions of any preexisting internal confidentiality agreements or statements covered by this clause, to the extent that such prohibitions and restrictions are inconsistent with the prohibitions of this clause, are no longer in effect.

(d) The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this clause does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(e) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, (Pub. L. 113-235), and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions) use of funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) is prohibited, if the Government determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the provisions of this clause.

(f) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in subcontracts under such contracts.

(End of Clause)

C.4 VAAR 852.203-70 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING (JAN 2008)

The bidder or offeror agrees that if a contract is awarded to him/her, as a result of this solicitation, he/she will not advertise the award of the contract in his/her commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the Department of Veterans Affairs endorses a product, project or commercial line of endeavor.

(End of Clause)

C.5 VAAR 852.232-72 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (NOV 2012)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

(1) *Contract financing payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(2) *Designated agency office* has the meaning given in 5 CFR 1315.2(m).

(3) *Electronic form* means an automated system transmitting information electronically according to the

Accepted electronic data transmission methods and formats identified in paragraph (c) of this clause. Facsimile, email, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests.

(4) *Invoice payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(5) *Payment request* means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the contractor under this contract.

(b) *Electronic payment requests.* Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause, the contractor shall submit payment requests in electronic form. Purchases paid with a Government-wide commercial purchase card are considered to be an electronic transaction for purposes of this rule, and therefore no additional electronic invoice submission is required.

(c) *Data transmission.* A contractor must ensure that the data transmission method and format are through one of the following:

(1) VA's Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment System. (See Web site at <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>.)

(2) Any system that conforms to the X12 electronic data interchange (EDI) formats established by the Accredited Standards Center (ASC) and chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The X12 EDI Web site (<http://www.x12.org>) includes additional information on EDI 810 and 811 formats.

(d) *Invoice requirements.* Invoices shall comply with FAR 32.905.

(e) *Exceptions.* If, based on one of the circumstances below, the contracting officer directs that payment requests be made by mail, the contractor shall submit payment requests by mail through the United States Postal Service to the designated agency office. Submission of payment requests by mail may be required for:

(1) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States;

(2) Classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguarding of classified or privacy information;

(3) Contracts awarded by contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to national emergencies;

(4) Solicitations or contracts in which the designated agency office is a VA entity other than the VA Financial Services Center in Austin, Texas; or

(5) Solicitations or contracts in which the VA designated agency office does not have electronic invoicing capability as described above.

(End of Clause)

C.6 VAAR 852.237-70 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES (APR 1984)

The contractor shall obtain all necessary licenses and/or permits required to perform this work. He/she shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to protect persons and property from injury or damage during the performance of this contract. He/she shall be responsible for any injury to himself/herself, his/her employees, as well as for any damage to personal or public property that occurs during the performance of this contract that is caused by his/her employees fault or negligence, and shall maintain personal liability and property damage insurance having coverage for a limit as required by the laws of the State of . Further, it is agreed that any negligence of the Government, its officers, agents, servants and employees, shall not be the responsibility of the contractor hereunder with the regard to any claims, loss, damage, injury, and liability resulting there from.

(End of Clause)

SECTION D - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, OR ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1, Product Description, entitled "Proquis Software and Software Maintenance Support" dated February 22, 2018.

SECTION E - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

ADDENDUM to FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS

Provisions that are incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date), have the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available.

The following provisions are incorporated into 52.212-1 as an addendum to this solicitation:

E.1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - QUOTE SUBMISSIONS

The respondent's quote shall be submitted via National Aeronautics and Space Administration Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement V Government-Wide Acquisition Contract. NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NASA SEWP REQUEST FOR QUOTATION POSTING. Quotations received after this date and time may not be considered for award of a Delivery Order. Electronic quotations files shall be formatted in one or more of the following applications, no other formats will be accepted:

- Adobe Acrobat (.pdf)
- Microsoft (MS) Word (.doc or .docx)
- MS Excel (.xls or .xlsx)

The Offeror's quotes shall include documentation that demonstrates the proposed quotes meet all of the requirements of the Product Description and any proposed exceptions to the solicitation terms and conditions. This documentation is limited to 10 pages.

(End of Provision)

E.2 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>
<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of Provision)

E.3 52.203-18 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN INTERNAL CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS OR STATEMENTS—REPRESENTATION (JAN 2017)

(a) *Definition.* As used in this provision—

Internal confidentiality agreement or statement, subcontract, and subcontractor, are defined in the clause at 52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements.

(b) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) for contracts with an entity that requires employees or subcontractors of such entity seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

(c) The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(d) *Representation.* By submission of its offer, the Offeror represents that it will not require its employees or subcontractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or subcontractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Government contract to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (e.g., agency Office of the Inspector General).

(End of Provision)

E.4 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a Firm-Fixed-Price contract resulting from this solicitation.

(End of Provision)

E.5 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, based on lowest price only. In order to streamline the process, the Government will review the lowest price quote first to determine if the quote is acceptable and conforms to the solicitation requirements. If the quote is deemed unacceptable, the next lowest price quote will be reviewed. The process will be repeated until the government determines a quote is acceptable.

(b) 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.

(End of Provision)