

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

BPA NO.

1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.

A00004

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

09-11-2012

4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.

5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)

656-321

6. ISSUED BY

CODE

Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO 23)
Attention: Kathryn Crowthers
708 S. THIRD ST., SUITE 200E
Minneapolis MN 55415

7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)

same as #6

CODE

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR

(No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)

To all Offerors/Bidders

(X)

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

VA263-12-B-0182

X

9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
08-17-2012

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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FACILITY CODE

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X) A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

AMENDMENT A00004 TO IFB VA263-12-B-1082 BEGINS.

The purpose of this amendment is to issue clarifications.

See following page for details.

There are no attachments to this amendment.

The closing date is not extended. Bids are due Monday, September 17, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINNEAPOLIS ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 7 OF THE SF 1442 AND MARKED TO THE ATTENTION OF KATHRYN CROWTHERS.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

KATHRYN CROWTHERS

V2311L2-4152

CONTRACTING OFFICER

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY


(Signature of Contracting Officer)

9/11/12

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Q: I sent a substitution request and did not receive a reply. What should I do?

A: Bids should be prepared in strict accordance with all solicitation provisions, contract clauses, specifications and drawing, including FAR 52.236-5, Material and Workmanship. Basis of design items detailed in the specifications and drawings establish a standard of quality and do not limit competition. Basis of design items are not sole source or brand only items, but rather allow offerors to analyze the properties of those items in order to ensure that the actual items planned as part of the bidding process meet the specifications for this project. Offerors must utilize items (equipment, material, articles and/or processes) that meet the specifications. Items that by their nature change the specifications for the project are not allowed. Post-award submittals and approvals are required and the Contractor shall be responsible for any costs related to the rejection of submittals.

Q: The bidding documents state that Prospective contractors shall note that this solicitation is planned as a 100% SDVOSB Set-aside. Does this apply only to Prime bidders or does this also apply to subcontractors and sub-subcontractors as well?

A: No. Only the Prime bidder is required to be a registered SDVOSB.

Q: Is an OSHA 30 competent person required?

A: Yes. The dedicated supervisor for this project must be an OSHA 30 competent person and must be on site at any time that work is being performed.

Q: Do clean up, dust prevention, infection control and other requirements pertain to this project?

A: Yes. The requirements are detailed in the solicitation provisions, contract clauses, specifications and drawings.

Q: How do the specifications relate to local and state building codes and other requirements?

A: The United States Department of Veterans Affairs specifications override any local or state codes or requirements.

Q: Will there be space on site, provided for project staging and storage?

A: On-site staging and storage space will be provided as available, but is limited, as described in the specifications.

Q: Is the 60-day bid hold a valid amount of time?

A: VA anticipates award will be made as soon as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is identified; however, due to recent issues with verification of SDVOSBs, the bid hold is set at 60 days in order to provide time for any Fast Track verification request to be processed prior to award.

Q: Is fall or spring construction start required?

A: A fall start is planned.

Q: Does the project involve work on the geothermal well field?

A: No. The project requires connection to the facility heating and cooling system, but the well field itself is being handled under separate contracts.

Bidders are reminded that they must acknowledge all amendments on the SF 1442 submitted with their bid. The following amendments have been issued.

1. A00001 dated 8/24/12 – issue clarifications and post construction drawings for Bldg 4
2. A00002 dated 8/30/12 – post attendance roster from site visit and schedule second site visit
3. A00003 dated 9/7/12 – issue clarifications and changes, including a revised Statement of Bid Items
4. A00004 dated 9/11/12 – issue clarifications

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AMENDMENT A00004 TO IFB VA263-12-B-1082 ENDS.