

E.8 52.212-2 EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2014) (Tailored)

The Government intends to award a BPA resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offerors whose quote conforming to the solicitation provides the best value to the Government. Quotes will be evaluated by performing a comparative evaluation in accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3) to determine which response represents the “best” as a whole. Quotes will be evaluated by performing a direct comparison of one quote with another in a uniform manner to determine which quote provides the Government with its needs, as identified in the RFQ. The Government has the discretion to accept other than the lowest priced quote that provides additional benefits.

This procurement is set-aside according to the order of priority for contracting preferences as established in 38 U.S.C. § 8127 and includes a tiered evaluation approach pursuant to **VA Procurement Policy Memorandum (PPM) 2018-04** (Attachment A):

- (a) The Government will award a BPA resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Offeror whose quote conforming to the solicitation provides the best value to the Government, price considered. If no quotes were submitted by SDVOSB concerns, or if none of the quotes would result in award at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government, then the SDVOSB set-aside will be withdrawn and the agency will review quotes from the next tier.
- (b) If no quotes were submitted by VOSB concerns, or if none of the quotes would result in award at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government, then the VOSB set-aside will be withdrawn and the agency will review quotes from the next tier.
- (c) Within the small business tier, the Government will afford a preference to HUBZone small business concerns and 8(a) participants. If no quotes were submitted by HUBZone small business concerns or 8(a) participants, or if none of the quotes would result in award at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government, then the Government will review quotes from other small business concerns. If no quotes were submitted by small business concerns, or if none of the quotes would result in award at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government, then the Government will review quotes from the next tier.
- (d) If no quotes were submitted by large business (i.e. unrestricted) concerns, or if none of the quotes would result in award at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government, then the solicitation may be cancelled, and the requirement resolicited.

The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. Technical: VA evaluation team to include clinical staff will review submitted items to assure they fit within the category description and determine if the items are needed to support clinical practices across the VA. The team will review product literature provided by the Offeror via a hyperlink the quote sheet, and information available within the VA and other sources, to make a clinical judgement.

The quote sheet will provide the basis for the responsible integrated product team (IPT) to determine:

- (a) If the item is eligible for the medical/surgical prime vendor program;
- (b) To investigate evidence of safety concerns and/or product recall; and
- (c) If the characteristics match the item description for clinical utility

The exact same item, meaning same manufacturer and part number, will not be awarded to more than one Offeror. Items that the IPT determines are needed to support the clinical practice of the VA, which may be similar to another item awarded, may also be awarded.

2. Price: To be eligible for award, Offerors must submit pricing that the contracting officer determines to be fair and reasonable.

These factors are listed in descending order of importance.

Before award, the contracting officer will conduct an affirmative responsibility check to include past performance and experience.

(End of Provision)