

RFI Questions and Responses: **Solicitation**  
(Design questions and responses are listed separately)

1.	<p>Question: Can an Offeror submit qualification and reference information of a major subcontractor and/or Teaming Partner?</p> <p>Response: Qualifications and references must be for the legal entity that will be entering into a contract with the Government. If the teaming partnership is a legal entity, then references and qualifications from all members of the team may be used.</p>
2.	<p>Question: Is this a new or follow on requirement?</p> <p>Response: This is a new requirement.</p>
3.	<p>Question: Is this solicitation set aside or not?</p> <p>Response: This solicitation is set aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB).</p>
4.	<p>Question: Please Confirm that Proposal Submission is Email or Hardcopy?</p> <p>Response: Proposal should be submitted as electronic files on a cd-rom with original hardcopies of the SF1442 and Bid Bond.</p>
5.	<p>Question: Are there multiple project categories separated by dollar amount based on bonding capability.</p> <p>Response: Only one project is specified.</p>
6.	<p>Question: Can the list of attachments be incorporated and identified within the text of Volume 3, Technical Information, or do these attachments need to be placed at the end of Volume 3?</p> <p>Response: Either way as long as they can be clearly distinguished as the requirement.</p>
7.	<p>Question: Please verify that (i) the only pricing data required upon submittal of the proposal is the price for the Sample Project that shall be entered into block 17 of the SF1442; and (ii) that any other price/cost information deemed necessary will be formally requested by the Government.</p> <p>Response: This is correct.</p>
8.	<p>Question: Some agencies and personnel will no longer fill out requested past performance questionnaire forms and will only provide Past Performance evaluations via the CCASS/ACASS systems. A Government-issued past performance evaluation may not be available until significantly after the actual completion of the contract or until the Government deems the project as 100% complete/final. In the event a CCASS is available, will the Government accept a copy of the evaluation in lieu of the obtaining of a completed Past Performance Evaluation Questionnaire? Will the Government consider accepting such previously completed past performance questionnaires/evaluations? Will other evidence of customer satisfaction (i.e. Letter of Appreciation, Certificate of Appreciation, etc.) be deemed acceptable?</p> <p>Response: Yes, these other items will be considered.</p>
9.	<p>Question: Offerors are to provide official documentation that specifies their OSHA and EPA violation record along with the Experience Modification Rate (EMR). Please advise what type of official documentation the Government is looking for. If anything, should the Offeror have no violations, will such a statement suffice?</p> <p>Response: See #20 for OSHA. See #22 for EPA. A statement with a company's EMR will suffice.</p>
10.	<p>Question: Will the Sample Project be awarded or used only for the purpose of competing on the MATOC?</p> <p>Response: It is the Government's intent to award the Sample Project.</p>
11.	<p>Question: What is the construction cost limitation for the Sample Project?</p> <p>Response: The cost range for the Sample Project is between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.</p>

12.	<p>Question: Are we required to show e-mail correspondence requesting a Contracting Officer or COR to complete the past performance questionnaire? To show that we did try to have someone fill out the past performance questionnaire, could we include emails of Fedex receipts?</p> <p>Response: You are not required to supply this information. However, you may in order to provide project contact information. See also #8 for additional options.</p>
13.	<p>Question: Regarding multiple award contracts, will those contractors be awarded as an individual, or they will be just the selected contractors who will receive RFP for each project for next 5 years.</p> <p>Response: Multiple contracts will be awarded to individual contractors/companies for this one solicitation. The aggregate awards are considered an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The contractors that are awarded contracts under the IDIQ will compete for Task Orders via any RFPs that are issued under the IDIQ.</p>
14.	<p>Question: The RFP states to provide a letter from our Surety company stating our bonding capacity, individual and aggregate, to be evaluated in Volume One. What is the minimum bonding capacity, per project and aggregate, for this contract's evaluation purposes?</p> <p>Response: The minimum individual bonding capacity is at least equivalent to the minimum task order. There is no set minimum aggregate amount, though it should be at least the amount of the minimum individual amount.</p>
15.	<p>Question: In order to continue a sustainable approach to contracting, will the Government consider accepting only electronic copies of the proposal, submitted via email or government-FTP site, rather than one original and one copy (Submitted in 3 emails; Volume 1, Volume 2, and Volume 3)?</p> <p>Response: Specific submission instructions will depend on the requirements of each task order issued. For this solicitation, the submission is in electronic form (one cd-rom) with an original hardcopy of the SF1442 and Bid Bond.</p>
16.	<p>Question: Regarding Volume 1, Offer Documents and Price/Cost Information, is there an order the Government will like offerors to follow (i.e., Tab 1, Cover Letter, Tab 2 SF1442, Tab 3 CLIN Schedule, Tab 4, Reps and Certs, Tab 5 Bonding, etc.). Or, would the Government like Offeror's to submit the required information in any order, as long as it's labeled appropriately and provided with a Table of Contents?</p> <p>Response: Any order appropriately labeled is fine. This is accomplished electronically on CD. An original hardcopy of the SF 1442 and Bid Bond are also required.</p>
17.	<p>Question: The Proposal Checklist, Exhibit D states to "Insert the price/cost associated with the Sample Project on the SF 1442". Do we just insert one (1) number in box #17, adjacent to "Amount". We typically see Pricing/CLIN Schedules with line items that need to be populated for a Sample Project. Please confirm how Offeror's are to submit their price for the Sample Project.</p> <p>Response: Total price should be entered into box #17.</p>
18.	<p>Question: For Volume 1, please confirm that only four items are required for submission: (Tab 1) Cover Letter; (Tab 2) Table of Contents; (Tab 3) SF1442, signed and completed; (Tab 4) Reps and Certs. Where does the State Issued General Contractor's License go?</p> <p>Response: Required submissions for Volume 1 are a Table of Contents, the signed and completed SF1442, and the general contractor's license.</p>
19.	<p>Question: In evaluating Volume 2 Past Performance projects for relevancy, the RFP states to provide examples that are similar to the Sample Project in complexity, scope, location, and construction methods. Therefore, will the Government confirm that relevancy is considered, healthcare facilities/dental clinics, renovation/expansion, southern California, and phasing?</p> <p>Response: Some areas of possible relevancy we will consider include healthcare facilities, interior renovation/expansion, dollar value, phasing, and Government project.</p>

20.	<p>Question: For Volume 3, Technical Information, #6C, are Offeror's to submit OSHA 300 and 300A forms? If so, provide the years needed to submit (i.e., 2011, 2010, etc.).</p> <p>Response: OSHA 300A for 2011 and 2010. OSHA 300 for 2012.</p>
21.	<p>Question: Is a sample schedule for the Dental Clinic required with our Technical package?</p> <p>Response: Yes.</p>
22.	<p>Question: In reference to Factor 6 Safety and Infection Control Subfactor 6C offeror's are asked to provide official documentation that specifies their company's EPA violation record. After speaking with several EPA representatives it does not appear that the EPA can or will provide any official documentation stating a company's violations or confirmation that no violations have been received. Can the offeror just provide a statement indicating that they have received no EPA violations? Please provide guidance on what the government will accept for this subfactor.</p> <p>Response: A statement indicating any violations or lack of violations will suffice.</p>
23.	<p>Question: It was mentioned in the Pre-Bid Conference held on October 30, 2012, that the VA is considering awarding IDIQ contracts to SDVOSB Prime Contractors who do not meet the single-project bonding capacity of \$10 million. Given the fact that the task orders under the VISN 22 IDIQ Contract can range up to \$10 million, it seems reasonable to assume that all contract awardees should be able to bond up to the maximum task order dollar range. Otherwise, it decreases the number of competitive bids on higher dollar task orders. Would the government consider eliminating SDVOSB Prime Contractors if they cannot meet the single project bonding limit of \$10 million, ensuring a level playing field for all contract awardees on future task orders?</p> <p>Response: After long and careful consideration, the SDVOSB set aside will remain, however, we are changing the minimum task order amount to \$5 million. Bonding will be required on all task orders.</p>
24.	<p>Question: Will Liquidated Damages be assessed?</p> <p>Response: Not on this task order.</p>
25.	<p>Question: Please clarify what is meant by "Describe the specific elements of the work performed by your firm"; which appears under Project Relevance Questionnaire, Question D.1. Is this meant to detail the work/trades the general contractor has self-performed in past projects?</p> <p>Response: Yes.</p>
26.	<p>Question: Can past project references from the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) or the Contractors Performance Reporting System (CPRS) be used for factor 2?</p> <p>Response: Yes, this will be considered.</p>
27.	<p>Question: Please confirm bid package is as follows:</p> <p>Electronic Binder 1: Volume I: PRICE/COST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 Original/hardcopy</li> <li>- 1 CD of scanned documents</li> </ul> <p>Electronic Binder 2: Volume II and Volume III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No originals/hardcopy</li> <li>- 1 CD with both Volumes.</li> </ul> <p>Response: One CD for all volumes; hardcopy original of SF1442 and Bid Bond.</p>