

Questions and Response to the Solicitation (amendment 2):
 Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Solar PV Commissioning

The questions below were asked by email or via telephone calls. I have avoided duplication of the questions:

1. When is the due date and time of the RFQ

Response: Friday March 1, 2013 at 9:00am (EST). **Proposals received after this time will not be accepted**

2. I live in west coast and that's too early for me to send in a proposal

Response: You can send in your proposal on Thursday Feb 28, 2013

3. Could you please expand on what is outlined in the RFP in terms of response formatting to ensure our responses are easy for you to read.

Response: Please read the RFQ and the solicitation description. For example, page 55 to 58 discusses the evaluation factors. Also, the PWS on page 7 asks that "...To respond to this RFQ, please use the Solar PV and CHP project requirement as listed below..." meaning that you are bidding for three projects. Note this requirement is similar to some of our PWS that we have written and received proposals for.

1. Salem Solar PV
2. San Juan Solar PV
3. Togus CHP

This especially will help us when reviewing the technical approach and price. Note that your "...Documentation shall also explain any description of any assumption of terms and conditions as well as a specific description of any pricing and technical assumptions that the response is predicated on..." therefore, we need to see a price breakdown and total cost per task not just the bottom number or rates.

4. Do I have to write 50 pages?

Response: No, this is lists the maximum allowed

5. Example- should pricing for tasks appear in Volume one or volume 2

Response: The price is in volume two. This volume is reviewed independently. "...Solicitation/RFP with completed Schedules of Prices and associated tables; completed fill-ins in Contract Administration Data; Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors..."

6. I have never commissioned a system, but my engineers are well trained and can handle most engineering problems after all commissioning is mostly walk through.

Response: VA is looking for experience team. We need subject matter expert that can guide us in case of technical difficulties. In some or most cases, the commissioning agent has to be more experienced than the installing team

7. What do you mean by installers of solar and CHP systems (for VA/OAEM/NEBC) or are currently supporting OAEM green team projects and who are these companies?

Response: It means those companies that install the CHP and or Solar PV Systems for VA. This is to prevent trade secrets and also because they have information that may result to unfair competition. The list includes companies/employees/consultants that are supporting the OAEM Strategic and Acquisition Package Development or are part of the OAEM BPA titled: Technical, Analytic, and Strategic Support for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Green Management Program Service. Please verify with your partners to make sure that they are not in the mentioned excluded category.

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