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1. The SF 1442 requests an **original and two copies** of the proposal be submitted. Item No. 3.1 of the Submission Instructions requests **3 hard copies** of the proposal be submitted. Please confirm an original and two copies of each Volume shall be submitted.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf. Also see #33 below for instructions pertaining to Price Volume 3.

2. Item 9.9 of the Proposal Volume Contents states “written references for subcontractors may be included and are encouraged.” Please confirm these written references will not be included in the 10 page (double sided) limitation of the Past Performance Volume.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

3. Item 9.7 of the Proposal Volume Contents requests to “include construction awards, customer letters of commendation, etc...” Please confirm these construction awards, customer letters of commendation, etc. will not be included in the 10 page (double sided) limitation of the Past Performance Volume.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

4. Item 2.2.1 Evaluation Factors and Subfactors and Their Relative Order of Importance, 2) Factor 2- Major Subcontractor Experience (Volume 1) lists major subcontractor experience in descending order. The descending order indicated differs from Item 2.4.2 Evaluation Factor 2: Major Subcontractor Experience. Please clarify the descending order of importance being evaluated.

See Amendment A0005 to the solicitation for clarification of the subfactor order of importance.

5. Item 2.4.1 Evaluation Factor #1: Key Personnel Experience, Item 1 states “references for each employer and client must be included.” Please confirm these references for each employer and client will not be included in the 20 page (double sided) limitation of the Technical Volume.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

6. Item 2.4.1 Evaluation Factor #1: Key Personnel Experience, Item 2 states “Contractor must include verification of status,” a signed letter for current employees and letter of intent for potential employees. Please confirm these verification of status letters will not be included in the 20 page (double sided) limitation of the Technical Volume.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

7. Item 2.4.3 Evaluation Factor #3: Prime Previous Experience states “Provide evidence of minimum of two (2) contracts completed or substantially completed eighty percent (80%) within the last five (5) years. A min of one (1) of these projects must be the remodeling of an occupied public works building and/or occupied medical facility.” Item 2.6.1 Evaluation Factor # 5: Past Performance states “the proposal shall include a minimum of 3 occupied public works building and/or occupied medical facility to be considered for award.” Please clarify the minimum number of prime contractor projects required to be submitted.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

8. Will the government accept previously completed CPARS/CCASS evaluations or previously completed NAVFAC/USACE Past Performance Questionnaires to satisfy Item 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of the Proposal Volume Contents? If so, will the government allow these Past Performance documents to be included in the proposal submission documents and not counted in the

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page limitation; or be faxed or emailed to the government from the Offeror (not direct from the client)?

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

9. Item 9.4 of the Proposal Volume Contents requires the submittal of Subcontractor Information Consent Forms (Attachment B). Please confirm these Subcontractor Information Consent Forms will not be included in the 10 page (double sided) limitation of the Past Performance Volume.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.

10. Currently, the bid date is the day after a holiday weekend. Please consider extending the bid date to allow for maximum subcontractor participation.

See Amendment A0007.

11. The current bid date is May 28th. This date comes after a 3 day holiday. To meet the current delivery requirements, our bid must be completed by Friday, May 24th. Please consider extending the bid date a day or 2 so that we can complete our bid on the day prior to the delivery due date.

See Amendment A0007.

12. Is there a limit to the number of subcontractors that are allowed to attend the May 8th site visit? Is it possible to bring 20 or more of our local preferred subcontractors to walk the site? Will we be able to get this RFI answered prior to the May 8th site visit?

No longer applicable.

13. Evaluation Factors Item 2.2.1.2 Factor 2 – Major Subcontractor Experience are weighted in descending order of importance. This descending order is different and does not match the 2.4.2.1 descending order of importance. Please confirm which order is correct.

See Amendment A0005 to the solicitation for clarification of the subfactor order of importance.

14. Evaluation Factor #2 – Major Subcontractor Experience notes projects of similar size and magnitude. I take this to mean similar jobs where the overall project was in the 5 to 10 million dollar range, not the subcontractor's contract amount. Please clarify.

Yes, The overall project.

15. Which aspect of the Evaluation Factor #2 – Major Subcontractor Experience is more critical, the dollar size of the project or the SF area size of the project?

Neither, they are both as important; same as for all of the other factors. Similar magnitude is defined as project with award value of greater than \$5 million. Similar scope and complexity is defined as projects that consist of the complete gutting and renovation of approximately 25K SQFT occupied public works building and/or occupied medical facility.

16. Evaluation factor #4, Item 2.4.4.1 calls for the identification of the Specialty Subcontractors team members and their qualifications. Item 2.4.4.2, items a through f only request or require information on the registered engineer, not the specific specialty subcontractor. Please clarify if the resume of the Specialty Subcontractor for items a through f is required for evaluation factor #4 in addition to the structural engineers resume.

We want both the Specialty Subcontractors team members, their qualifications, and the Structural Engineers resume for items A through F.

17. Evaluation Factor #5 – Past performance limits the possible recent similar scope and magnitude projects to the last 5 years. Would it be possible to extend this to 7 years?

No.

18. Item 4.17 52.236-1 Performance of the work by the Contractor notes 20% of the work to be performed with in its own organization. It would be impossible for a general contractor to self perform 20% of the work given the 6 Major Subcontractors noted in 2.4.2 Evaluation Factor #2 and the 6 Specialty Subcontractor requirements noted in 2.4.4 Specialty Subcontractor Requirements. Please consider removing or reducing the 20% self performed work requirement from this project.

See Amendment A0009.

19. Is there a project completion time duration (5 years, 7 years, 10 years) for the projects than can be submitted for item 2.4.2 Evaluation Factor #2: Major Subcontractor Experience? Or are any projects in the companies history that meet the requirements for similar magnitude, scope and complexity permitted? Please clarify.

Any, there is no time limit.

20. There is no wage determination listed for insulation installers. What rate should we use?

You need to find the closest to the job description. Talk to subcontractor. As a last resort, use "laborer" in the closest category.

21. According to "3. Submission Instructions", please advise where we can hand deliver the proposal submission.

See Solicitation 3. Submission instructions, 3.1 Hand deliveries can be made to the same address. Please deliver during normal business hours to ensure someone will be available to date and time stamp your proposal. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday 0800-1730.

22. Please advise if there is a format for Volume 1, Tab 3, Prime Previous Experience.

No, as long as you include the required information listed under paragraph 2.4.3, 1-6.

23. In Volume 1, Tab 3, Prime Previous Experience, the Government is asking for only 2 project examples. Our firm as an extensive number of seismic retrofit project experience. Please advise if there is a maximum number of projects to include in this section.

No, but you must remain under the allowed twenty (20) sheets printed front and back.

24. Volume I, Tab 5 indicates that we are to include 3 PPQ's, but Volume 1, Tab 3 indicates only 2 project examples are required.

- a. Please advise if the PPQs requested in Tab 5 need to be for the projects listed in Tab 3.
- b. Can we submit PPQ's from clients for relevant projects not included in Tab 3 to demonstrate the breadth of our company's seismic experience?

The projects for tab 3 and 5 CAN be the same, but they DON'T have to be.

25. Please advise if we can use PPQ's from previous submittals that include the information requested in this submission rather than getting new PPQ's from the clients.

No, they must be new.

26. According to 7.2.1, "Page limits for **Technical** Volume are twenty (20) sheets printed front and back." Please advise if 7.2.1 means 40 pages of content or 20 pages of content.

Means 40 pages of content, equivalent to 20 single sheets of paper printed front and back.

27. According to 7.2.2, "Page limits for **Past Performance** Volume is ten (10) sheets printed front and back." Please advise if 7.2.2 means 20 pages of content or 10 pages of content.

Means 40 pages of content, equivalent to 20 single sheets of paper printed front and back.

28. Please confirm Volume 3 does not have any page limits.

No. Only provide the items listed under tabs 1-6. No technical information is allowed.

29. Can the bid date be moved since it is a day after a holiday? This will help in receiving more subcontractor bids thus lowering the cost on this project.

See Amendment A0007.

30. The submission instructions require 3 hard copies and 1 electronic copy. My question is can the price volume binder 3 which is a completed bid schedule form SF 1442 not be included on the electronic copy. I would like to include this SF 1442 form in with my 3 hard copies. The reason for this is because my competitive subcontractor bids will most likely come in on bid day.

This is not a public bid opening. We need to have the proposals by the posted due date and time. Please note under section 3. Submission Instructions 3.3, In the event that discrepancies between original hard copies, and the electronic versions of proposals arise, the original hard copies shall prevail.

31. Item 9.11 Price Volume (Binder 3), Tab 3, calls for a cost breakout for all elements that have a value of \$5,000 or more. Is there a specific format required for this breakout? Is an itemized lump sum break out of the total project cost adequate at the time of bid? Please clarify.

See Amendment A0009; Tab 3 will be changed and a pricing schedule broken down by major divisions will be uploaded and labeled Attachment F.

32. On Page 1-1 – Information Regarding Bidding Material, Bid Guarantee and Bonds, Item C, it states that bidding materials may be obtained only upon written application to the issuing office. We have downloaded plans, specifications, and five amendments from www.fedbizops.gov website. Are all of the necessary documents posted to this website? If so, can you please direct me to where I can find the Bid Bond/Guarantee Form to submit to our surety company? If there are extra documents that I must request, can you please send those documents to me.

They are the Standard Forms 24 BID BOND, 25 PERFORMANCE BOND, 25A PAYMENT BOND, and will be uploaded with Amendment A0009.

33. The solicitation, as written, requires one original, 2 copies and one electronic copy. While it is common for the Offeror to provide multiple copies of Technical and Prior Experience volumes, it is uncommon for an Offeror to provide more than one hard copy of a Price

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Volume. Can the VA change the submission requirements to include only one hard copy and one electronic copy of the Price Volume 3?

Yes, but they must both be turned in together before the proposal due date and time.

34. Item 4.20 VAAR 852.211-73 Brand Name of Equal notes that bids offering equal products will be considered for award if such products are clearly identified in the bids. Please provide a form or format to identify "Or Equal" products used in our bid proposal.

Should you decide to propose an "or equal" product, then you must prepare a submittal following the submittal specifications on the product you are proposing to use. This submittal must be included in your proposal in a separate Volume labeled Brand Name or Equal; two copies must be provided.

35. The standard Bid Bond Form provided by Surety Companies is acceptable and there is NO bid bond form provided for the General Contractors in the specifications or forms to use?

They are the Standard Forms 24 BID BOND, 25 PERFORMANCE BOND, 25A PAYMENT BOND, and will be uploaded with Amendment A0009.

36. Per the price volume binder index, Tab 3 is a cost breakout for all elements that have a value of \$5,000 or more. Please provide a format for the break out and a description of what it is expected to include.

See Amendment A0009; Tab 3 will be changed and a pricing schedule broken down by major divisions will be uploaded and labeled Attachment F.

37. Please provide the address/location for hand-delivered proposals to be turned in on bid day.

See Solicitation 3. Submission instructions, 3.1 Hand deliveries can be made to the same address. Please deliver during normal business hours to ensure someone will be available to date and time stamp your proposal. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday 0800-1730.

38. SF1442 does not have a price schedule. Please confirm we can simply put "Reference Attachment D" in box 17 and then complete Attachment D to fulfill this requirement.

We want the total contract cost in block 17. Then, just complete Attachment D & F (Attachment F will be uploaded under Amendment A0009).

39. Volume 3 Tab 3. Please provide the form to complete Volume 3, Tab 3, Cost Breakout.

See Amendment A0009; Tab 3 will be changed and a pricing schedule broken down by major divisions will be uploaded and labeled Attachment F.

40. Reference 9.7 on page 2-6. Please advise if the construction awards, customer letters of commendation, etc. are included in the 10 sheet count.

See Amendment A0004; Bid Responses 4-30.pdf.