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RFQ Amendment 2

Q&A

1. Is there a current incumbent vendor performing Search.gov ongoing support and maintenance related to this opportunity?

Response: The incumbent on the current order is Blue Beacon Consulting, Inc. and the current task order number is GSH0013AA0166 with a total value of \$10,270,759.37.

2. Was the original Search.gov application developed in-house or by a vendor?

Response: The original Search.gov application was developed by a vendor.

3. Will the Government consider an extension by one week to noon EST on June 29, 2018? This will allow qualified vendors sufficient time to prepare a quality proposal response that thoroughly addresses TTS's needs.

Response: The Government is unable to extend the proposal due date.

4. Price Submittal - It seems that a permission is required to view one of the documents mentioned in the RFQ. Specifically, this is the link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bmsshuqnFdhFXky6QEMJW_6ldgAe dUai_MFJKGwOtSc/edit?usp=sharing . It is in "Price Submittal" section on page 2

Response: The Price Submittal form is posted in GSA eBuy, and can be downloaded from there. As stated on Page 2 of the RFQ: Quoters shall download the Pricing Form, fill in the information required, and upload it to

Section 5 on the [GSA TTS Search.gov Development Support RFQ Response Form](#).

5. Evaluation process - Will the price (phase 3) be reviewed after oral interviews (phase 2)?

Response: Yes, prices will be evaluated after oral interviews, as stated on Page 7 of the RFQ: Each Quoters price quote, including the Base Year, Option Years and Optional Tasks, will be evaluated separately from the technical quotation and oral interview.

6. Technical Approach - Does the 10 page limit exclude cover page and table of contents?

Response: The 10 page limit excludes the cover page and table of contents.

7. Response Form - The "GSA TTS Search.gov Development Support RFQ Response Form" seems to have an issue. It isn't recognizing our DUNS #. We believe there is an issue in the validation for this screen. Although we're entering a 9 digit number it still says "Must be a number equal to 9". Here is the screenshot demonstrating the issue

Response: The form was fixed. Please reload and enter the information.

8. Key Personnel - Is it up to the industry to come up with the number of key personnel? Will the number of key personnel be a factor in evaluation?

Response: Yes, it is up to Quoters to propose key personnel and identify them in their technical response. Key Personnel will be evaluated under Factor 2: Staffing Plan, as stated in the 3 bullets shown under Staffing Plan on Page 4.

9. Similar Experience - The second last bullet point has text "or an anonymized fork of a repository with Personally Identifiable Information/sensitive information is strongly encouraged" Is this a typo...should it read without Personally Identifiable?

Response: The fork of the repository should be anonymized, as stated in the second bullet on Page 6 of the RFQ.

10. Similar Experience - We believe the sentence "[.] is strongly encouraged over screenshots of private repositories" unduly restricts vendors doing work for clients that don't want their source code posted openly because of intellectual property concerns and unduly favors vendors doing work on the open source.

We request the government to remove this wording from the evaluation process. Since Oral presentations are part of the evaluation process, government can request to view the vendors private repositories over a screen share session as part of the oral evaluation.

Response: As stated in the RFQ, the Government strongly encourages access to repositories or screenshots. However, it is not required in order to submit a proposal. It is understood that some repositories are not allowed to be shared. Because links or screenshots allow the Government to effectively evaluate the Quoters' abilities, Quoters should consider alternative methods to demonstrate their abilities when links or screenshots are not possible. While the Government may elect to consider data from other sources, the burden of providing detailed, current, accurate and complete similar experience information rests with the Quoter.

11. Similar Experience - Will two projects similar in scope suffice or are 3 projects required at a minimum?

Response: Up to 3 projects should be submitted, as stated on Page 5 and 6 of the RFQ: Please provide examples of up to three (3) projects, within the past 3 years, of similar subject matter, dollar value, duration, and complexity as that outlined by the RFQ. The narrative shall include the point of contacts for the projects.

12. Price Submittal - Can the price be submitted via the XLSX file found on GitHub or does it need to be submitted via the RFQ Pricing Form? If latter, then the link to the form needs to be updated. We are not able to access https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bmsshuqnFdhFXky6QEMJW_6ldgAe dUAI_MFJKGwOtSc/edit?usp=sharing

Response: See response to question 5.

13. Is there a size standard or set aside requirement for any teaming partners or subcontractors that would be working on this project?

Response: Per FAR 52.219-14(b)(1)-- Limitations on Subcontracting. At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.

14. For the pricing template, do all of the GSA Schedule SINs have to be from the 8(a) Prime contractor, or can we also submit SINs from a teaming partner/subcontractor's GSA schedule?

Response: Information can be found at the following:

<https://www.gsa.gov/acquisition/purchasing-programs/gsa-schedules/schedule-s-flexibilities/contractor-team-arrangements/contractor-team-arrangements-faqs>

15. Pricing Based on the description of the RFQ Pricing Form template, it seems that this is an excel document. Does the Government expect to receive a cost volume narrative additionally, or will the Offeror only be expected to complete the provided RFQ Pricing Form template?

Response: The price submittal is stated on Page 6-7 of the RFQ.

16. Pricing If the Government would like an accompanying Cost Volume narrative, are there any page limitations on this document?

Response: See Question 15.