

Government Response to Questions-1333ND24QNB130212:

	Solicitation Section	Questions	Response
1		Who is the incumbent contractor for this project, and what is the contract number and total value of the current contract?	No incumbent contractor
2		Could you clarify if there are specific data visualization or risk identification features that CPO prioritizes in the web portal subscription service?	Foreign ownership, control, and influence particularly as related to foreign entities of concern
3		What specific risks does CPO consider most critical in semiconductor supply chain management, and how would you like these risks to be addressed in the proposal?	The Government wants data only. The Government does not want the contractor to perform any analysis on the data. Any analysis of the data will be done by the Government.
4		Are there any particular data elements (e.g., supply chain tiers, ownership, partnerships) that are crucial for risk mitigation purposes and need to be highlighted in the proposal?	All the data elements identified in the SOW.
5		It looks as if you are looking for 5 (subscriptions) to some supply chain data for semiconductors, yet it is labeled web portal.	Yes, the Government is looking for a vendor that has supply chain data for the semiconductor industry that can meet the specifications identified in the statement of work. The Government wants to access and download the data via a web portal (access to the search engine via the internet).
6		We offer a web portal which AGGREGATES data from all sources (supply chain data (bases) news sources, anything, and everything and from MULTIPLE sources, in which to dynamically generate charts, graphs, and (fancy) dynamic reporting on any vendor, region, or semiconductor type, based the rights of those asking for the report.	The government requires a single web portal to a set of supply chain data that may come from one or more sources as long as the compiled dataset meets the specifications identified in the statement of work.

7		If it is the goal to be able to dynamically search, cross reference and output semiconductor by (any criteria) from MULTIPLE sources, we will build out a high-fidelity prototype (at no cost) to prove our capabilities.	The Government is looking for an existing web base search engine that will provide the supply chain data for the semiconductor industry that can meet the specifications identified in the statement of work. The system must be available and ready for the Government to search on day one.
8		On page four paragraph two of the document entitled Final Combined Synopsis it states: "The fall protection hazard survey report, CVs and/or resumes... are not included in the page count/limit."  These listed items are not referenced elsewhere in either the SOW or Final Combined Synopsis documents - are we to include a fall protection hazard survey report and CVs and/or resumes in our proposal?	The fall protection hazard survey report, CVs and/or resumes has been removed from the combined synopsis and solicitation.
9	RFQ Document - III. FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Reference FAR 12.301(b)(1))	Could some clarification be provided regarding the solicitation process? Is NIST's intention to perform a down selection between the provision of the Technical and Business/Pricing Quotations and the Web Portal Demonstration? Will all bidders who provide Technical and Business/Pricing Quotations be invited to participate in a Web Portal Demonstration?	The Government will not be performing a down select. All vendors are required to submit Technical and Business/Pricing Quotations. After receipt of these documents, the Government will set-up a time for a web portal demonstration.
10	RFQ Document - Evaluation Criteria	What is the timeline for Evaluation Phases I, II, and III? Are they concurrent or sequential?	There are no phases. Evaluation will be done as described in the combined synopsis and solicitation.
11	SOW Document – V. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/LEAD TIME	When does NIST expect to make an award decision?	Award will be made sometime late fiscal year 3rd quarter or early fiscal year 4th quarter.
12	RFQ Document - III. FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS	Would it be possible to extend the submission deadline? We	The Government has considered your request for

	TO OFFERORS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Reference FAR 12.301(b)(1)): Due Date for Quotations	would like to ensure our company’s response is in full alignment with NIST’s needs based on the answers to the Q&A and an extension would be beneficial in facilitating this comprehensively. Additionally, an extension would also assist us in negotiating with the appropriate Small Business Teaming Partners.	an extension and the due date for quotations is unchanged.
13	RFQ Document – BACKGROUND/GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	If a solution allows for unlimited users, would NIST anticipate having more than 5 users access the proposed platform?	The Government expects not having more than 5 users access the proposed platform.
14	SOW Document – III. Requirements/Scope of Work	What data elements would NIST find helpful for further narrowing the search results? Are there fields NIST would find more useful or would require?	Supply chain data may come from one or more sources as long as the compiled dataset meets the specifications identified in the statement of work.
15	Not Applicable	What entity has been performing this scope of work up to this point?	The Government has been performing this requirement by gather data from multiple sources.
16	RFQ Document - III. FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (Reference FAR 12.301(b)(1)): VOLUME II: BUSINESS/PRICE QUOTATION	What is the budgeted value of this contract?	The Government will not provide you our estimated value.
17	SOW Document – III. Requirements/Scope of Work	Are there any required Minimum Certifications/Qualifications? i.e., ISO, CMMI, CMMC, FedRAMP, etc.	No.