

Questions and Answers through January 10, 2018

Question 1 (multi)

a) The North American Industry Classification Code (NAICS) is 541519, Other Computer Related Services with a Size Standard of \$23 Million. The RFP lists this text on the cover page. Is this a free and open BPA or is it restricted to small business under the size standard?

b) Within #11 Contract Clauses, the RFQ (p.25) indicates that this BPA is small business concern set-aside. Please confirm.

Answer to Question 1

This solicitation is 100% set-aside for small business concerns. Note that the current size standard for this NAICS is \$27.5 Million, with an exception for Value Added Resellers who are considered small if they have fewer than 150 employees.

Question 2

Will any one of the non-mandatory requirements (i.e. page 7 of 58 Help Desk Telephone number) disqualify a vendor from an award?

Answer to Question 2

No

Question 3

Section 1.0 Identity Resolution and 4.0 Behavioral Analytics link to LOA 3 attributes. Section 3.0 Account Verification links to IAL 2. Have the NIST Identity Assurance Levels been formally established yet? If not, are vendors still required to follow these or should this be referencing LOA 3?

Answer to Question 3

As standards evolve vendors will be required to follow the latest version

Question 4 (multi)

a) Following award of the BPA, and once post award evaluation has taken place and overall capability and fit for the offered vendor services has been determined, will task orders be competed amongst the BPA holders? If so, will pricing be submitted for evaluation on a task order basis, or will task orders be awarded based on the pricing provided in response to the BPA RFQ?

b) Is there a planned process/procedure to manage the task issuance and rotation of vendor services based on the factors specified in the RFQ?

c) Paragraph (5) introduces the concept of Order Rotation. Please clarify the concept and the transactional block sizes of orders anticipated for each capability area.

Answer to Question 4

Administration of any resulting BPAs and the placement of orders will be consistent with the requirements of FAR Part 13.303.

Question 5

Section 8.0, Evaluation, Instructions to Offerors, page 21

Please confirm that the technical volume page limit, 12 pages, does not include cover page, cover letter, and table of contents.

Answer to Question 5

Yes, the 12 page limit does not include the cover page or table of contents.

Question 6

In the event that the RFQ response is submitted by a prime and subcontractor team, please confirm that past performance may be provided by either the prime, subcontractor or teaming partner?

Answer to Question 6

Yes, past performance information can be submitted for prime or any subcontractors.

Question 7

Within #11 Contract Clauses, the RFQ (p.25) indicates that this BPA is small business concern set-aside. Given GSA's desire to obtain the strongest technical proofing capabilities in the market, would GSA reconsider the small business concern set-aside and allow large businesses to pursue as prime?

Answer to Question 7

No

Question 8

RE: Section 6.0 Mandatory requirement: Maintain test environment to allow for separation of real test data with the ability for the government to conduct end-to-end testing that are a mirror of production.

Is this requirement for each Task Order Capability/Deliverable during the period of performance for each task?

Answer to Question 8

Yes

Question 9 (multi)

a) Will an offeror's cover letter, title page, and/or table of contents be considered as part of the Technical Volume 12 page limitation?

b) Will appendices used to document the security practices as called for in Section 6.3 be counted as part of the Technical Volume 12 page limitation?

Answer to Question 9

No