

TACOM Strategic Service Solutions (TS3)
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1	KBS RFP	M.7.1, M.7.2, and M.7.5	<p>Section M, 7.1 Eval. Of Volume IV, page 90: indicates that the Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) for the MAC IDIQ contract will be evaluated by considering the reasonableness of the proposed fully loaded labor rates (to include profit/fee), as reasonableness is defined in paragraph M.7.3.</p> <p>M.7.2 Eval. Of Volume IV, page 90: indicates the Prime Proposal Summary File (Attachment 0012) will be evaluated for both reasonableness and realism (as defined in paragraph M.7.4).</p> <p>The language in paragraph M.7.5 references both the Attachment 0002 and Attachment 0012, and indicates that evaluators will use one or more of the price and cost analysis techniques and procedures identified in FAR 15.404-1 to determine the cost realism and reasonableness of the proposed costs/prices.</p> <p>Will the Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002): (1) be evaluated for cost reasonableness alone, as indicated in paragraph M.7.1, to ensure the proposed IDIQ maximum rate ceilings are reasonable (i.e. does not exceed what a prudent person would establish as a maximum ceiling IDIQ rate), or (2) will the Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) also be evaluated for realism (i.e., a rack-and-stack comparison to pre-determined independent Government cost estimate (IGCE) rates, other Government and industry surveys/benchmarks, and comparison with the ceiling rates submitted by other competing Offerors)?</p>	<p>The "KBS Pricing Labor Matrix" (Attachment 0002) will only be evaluated for cost reasonableness, as indicated in paragraph M.7.1.</p> <p>The "KBS Prime Proposal Summary File - NIE" (Attachment 0012) will be evaluated for both cost reasonableness and realism, as indicated in paragraph M.7.2.</p> <p>Paragraph M.7.5 refers to the techniques and procedures the Government may use when performing its cost reasonableness and realism assessment.</p> <p>Amendment 0001 was issued to revise paragraph M.7.5.</p>	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
2	KBS RFP	L.2.4(a)	<p>Paragraph L.2.4(a) states, "Files in either Microsoft (MS) Windows Vista/MS Office 2007 or Office XP: Word, Excel, or PowerPoint."</p> <p>Is it acceptable to submit using MS Office 2010?</p>	Offerors shall ensure files are submitted in a MS Office 2007-compatible format.	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
3	KBS RFP	L.4.1.2	<p>Section L, L.4.1.2, page 78: "...the offeror shall provide supporting documentation to establish that he performed the work himself in order for the experience to be considered relevant."</p> <p>(1) What type of supporting documentation is considered acceptable? (2) Will the supporting documentation be counted as part of the limited page count for Volume II?</p>	<p>(1) It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the type of supporting documentation it chooses to provide to the Government.</p> <p>The offeror shall complete and submit Attachment 0003 as part of its Experience Volume proposal.</p> <p>(2) All information provided as part of the Experience Volume will be subject to the suggested page count.</p>	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
4			Is there an anticipated start date for pricing purposes for the IDIQ Ceiling Rates?	It is anticipated that the IDIQ contracts will be awarded in January 2015. Task orders can be issued immediately following IDIQ contract award.	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
5	NIE task order		Is there an anticipated award date for the NIE Task Order, for pricing purposes?	Paragraph 7 within section A of Attachment 0009 ("Task Order Request: NIE") states, "The award of this task order is anticipated to be made within 45 days of the award of the KBS MA IDIQ contracts."	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
6	Attachment 0002		<p>Attachment 0002, Price Matrix - KBS - 541330 references CY15 - CY23.</p> <p>Does the "CY" reference calendar year or contract year?</p>	The acronym "CY" stands for "calendar year" throughout the KBS RFP.	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
7	KBS RFP	H.2.1.4.1.1	<p>"If the Government provides labor categories within the TOR, the contractor's labor rates proposed in response to the TOR shall be predicated on the qualifications for the level designated within the KBS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002)."</p> <p>May the contractor submit labor rates from a higher level of the same labor category or propose a suitable alternate labor category with minimum qualifications and provide rationale for inclusion in the proposed labor mix?</p>	Offerors may only submit rates for the labor categories contained in Attachment 0002. The contractor may only propose suitable alternate labor category(ies) with corresponding minimum qualifications and provide rationale for inclusion in the proposed labor mix if invited to do so by a TOR in accordance with paragraph H.2.1.4.1.2.	8/5/2014	8/11/2014
8	KBS RFP	L.1.10	<p>Section L.1.10 states, "Proposals shall conform to the requirements of this solicitation. All offerors, including joint ventures (JVs), shall be limited to one proposal." Draft documents stated, "... excluding joint ventures (JVs), shall be limited to one proposal."</p> <p>Will the Government please clarify this change? Specifically, can a Joint Venture submit a proposal for the restricted pool under Knowledge Based Services, and one of the ventures submit a separate proposal for the F&O (OTS8) pool?</p>	<p>A joint venture comprised of two or more companies will be considered a single offeror. A joint venture has its own CAGE code. One of the ventures within that joint venture could also be considered a single offeror, and have its own CAGE code (separate from the joint venture CAGE code).</p> <p>If a joint venture submits a proposal under Knowledge Based Services in the restricted pool, a member of that joint venture may submit one proposal outside of the joint venture in the full and open pool under its individual cage code if it qualifies as an Other-Than-Small-Business under the NAICS code.</p>	8/4/2014	8/11/2014
9	KBS RFP	L.4.1.2.1	<p>The affect [sic] of this requirement will be to cripple small business participation as Prime Contractors. This is to high of a bar for a small business to meet and will make most legitimate small businesses unable to compete.</p> <p>Recommend that the government's needs can be met with alternative language such as: "Prime contractor must have experience managing subcontractors and explain their system for managing task orders and subcontractor teammates."</p>	The Government revised the language in paragraphs L.4.1.2.1 and M.5.1.1 through amendments 0001 and 0002.	8/3/2014	8/11/2014
10	KBS RFP	L.4.1.2.2	<p>The affect [sic] of this requirement will be to cripple small business participation as Prime Contractors. This is to high of a bar for a small business to meet (6 people at 3 locations) and will make most legitimate small businesses unable to compete. In practice, the processing for deployment is accomplished at IRDO and the process for the company is no different if they are deploying one employee or fifty employees. By deploying one employee a company will have verified that it can prepare a person for deployment, accomplish the IRDO processes, manage the employee while deployed and manage the return. The company has also put in place the DBA and foreign liability insurance.</p> <p>Recommend that the government's needs can be met with alternative language such as: "Prime contractor must have recent experience deploying employees and providing all necessary DBA/Foreign Liability Insurances."</p>	The Government does not plan to revise.	8/3/2014	8/11/2014
11	KBS RFP	H.16	<p>I am proposing that you use less restrictive OCI language that has been used in a number of Army contracts. One such Contract is the R2-3G IDIQ contract issued out of CECOM in Aberdeen.</p> <p>Note the OCI language that appears in clause H.1 of the above-referenced IDIQ contract. Language of this sort would be preferable to that proposed in the current RFP, as it is quite a bit less restrictive and would promote better contract utilization.</p>	Please see the revisions made to H.16 as a result of Amendment 0003.	8/1/2014	8/11/2014 Rev 8/22/2014

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12	KBS RFP	L.1.2	<p>We understand the proposal response is to be uploaded to ASFI website.</p> <p>1) In the event the ASFI website is down/inaccessible, and the offeror has made every attempt to submit the response to this website well in advance of the due date and time, will the Government please confirm email submission as an alternate/contingency method of submission?</p> <p>2) If email is the acceptable contingency submission method, would the Government please provide the email address to provide our proposal response?</p> <p>3) Would the Government please provide any file size restrictions (i.e. 10 MB per email) or file type restrictions (i.e. no zip files allowed) for contingency email submission?</p> <p>4) If email is the acceptable contingency submission method, would the Government please confirm identification of multiple emails (i.e. 'email 1 of x', 'email 2 of x', etc.) would be appropriate?</p>	<p>Submitting proposals via the ASFI BRS website is the only acceptable method to submit your proposal. No contingency submission methods are authorized.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
13	KBS RFP	L.1.4 and L.2.2	<p>L.1.4 states 10 MB capacity for each file uploaded; L.2.2 states restriction of 5 files per upload when combined cannot exceed 10 MB.</p> <p>Will the Government please confirm the file size/combined file size restrictions as less than 10 MB/five files max per upload, with the ability to use the upload utility multiple times to permit the contractor to submit the volume of data and information required to respond to this solicitation?</p>	<p>Amendment 0001 was issued to revise paragraphs L.1.4 and L.2.2.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
14			<p>What if my company was novated? I'm concerned that when I submit our proposal, my experience will be reflected under our "old" company and my proposal will be submitted under my "new" company. I want to ensure that when the Government verifies my claimed experience, there is no confusion as to whether or not I performed the work as a prime contractor.</p>	<p>If your company was novated or underwent a name change, please provide the supporting documentation as part of Volume I.</p>	7/30/2014	8/11/2014
15	KBS RFP	L.4.1.2.1	<p>L.4.1.2.1. references FAR 9.601(1) and M.5.1.1 references FAR 9.601.</p> <p>Which FAR reference is correct?</p>	<p>Amendment 0001 was issued to revise paragraph L.4.1.2.1.</p> <p>Amendment 0002 was issued to revise paragraph M.5.1.1.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
16	KBS RFP		<p>Reference L.4.1.2.1.</p> <p>(1) Is the only acceptable relevant experience that in which the prime offeror performed as the prime contractor on a CTA, as defined in FAR 9.601(1)?</p> <p>(2) If yes, how will CTA experience (or lack of experience) be evaluated? Reference L.4.1.2.1</p>	<p>Please see Q&A number 15.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
17	KBS RFP		<p>Prime offerors are asked to propose a single set of labor rates. How does the Government plan to evaluate proposed labor rates for performance at Government site vs. performance at Contractor site?</p>	<p>Please reference paragraph L.6.2.1.1 which states, in part, "Ceiling rates will cap the total cost per labor hour to the Government, per labor category, regardless of the contract type or whether the proposed labor is performed by the prime contractor or subcontractor or at an on-site or off-site location."</p> <p>Please reference paragraph H.21, which states, in part, "The contractor shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing its ceiling rates for each labor category listed in Attachment 0002." The ceiling rates will be evaluated using one or more of the price and cost analysis techniques and procedures identified in FAR 15.404-1 to determine the reasonableness of proposed rates.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
18	Attachment 0002	"Category description with Min Quals" tab	<p>The Attachment 0002 Pricing Labor Matrix "Category description with Min Quals" spreadsheet tab contains a "Level III" column and a "Level III maximum" column, each of which include different minimum education and experience requirements. However, the "Price Matrix" spreadsheet tab only allows one set of Level III rates to be entered (per labor category and year).</p> <p>(1) What is the intent of the "Level III maximum" column? Are personnel who exceed the maximum requirements (if assumed to be the "Level III maximum" column's minimum education and experience requirements) ineligible to work on the contract? If not, for the purposes of Attachment 0002 should the contractor need to account for all personnel that would exceed the Level III maximum requirements within their ceiling price for the Level III labor category?</p> <p>(2) Are the minimum education and experience requirements in the "Level III maximum" column supposed to be the Level III maximum education and experience requirements? If not, what are the "Level III maximum" column's additional minimum education and experience requirements to be used for, when the "Level III" column already contains minimum education and experience requirements? If not, what are the maximum education and experience requirements for Level III above which a new higher level could be used in task order proposals?</p>	<p>The purpose of the "Level III maximum" column is to notify offerors that the Government anticipates that the majority of the requirements solicited against the KBS contract suite can be performed by contractor personnel at or below a level III.</p> <p>The Government may have a requirement for a labor category with qualifications exceeding those listed in Attachment 0002. At the time such a task order is issued, IDIQ contractors will have the opportunity to propose prices for that specific task order. Paragraph H.2.1 will be amended.</p> <p>If a specific labor category level (I, II, or III) is required for a task order, the contractor may choose to utilize an employee with qualifications exceeding the Government's required labor category and corresponding level, but the Government will not pay more than the ceiling price in Attachment 0002 for that required category and associated level.</p> <p>Levels I and II represent the minimums of education and experience. Level III constitutes a range spanning the minimum levels of education and experience, up to the described maximums.</p> <p>Attachment 0002 will be amended to reflect this clarification.</p>	8/6/2014	8/11/2014
19	KBS RFP	L.4.1.2.2	<p>Regarding paragraph L.4.1.2.2, the requirement for "processing in and out of the National Deployment Center (or equivalent)" is a requirement for deployment to only a small subset of OCONUS potentially hostile environment locations such as Iraq and Afghanistan. There are many OCONUS locations that are governed by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) for which there is no requirement for National Deployment Center processing. The government has not identified any specific work locations and indicated that these will be provided at the Task Order-level. Given that deployment to the majority of OCONUS locations are not subject to processing in and out of the National Deployment Center, can the government please confirm that the "(or equivalent)" means the appropriate processing takes place in order to comply with the governing theater policy and deployment requirements to include SOFA?</p>	<p>It is the offeror's responsibility to explain why its experience with deployed individuals is equivalent to the National Deployment Center process.</p>	8/7/2014	8/11/2014

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20	Attachment 0009		A Joint Venture (JV) has been formed to provide the Federal Government with a low risk / best value solution. The JV would not have a FCL at time of award but would be capable of obtaining one with award documents. All JV members have identical facility clearances which are at, or above, the clearance level in the TOR requirement. Would the JV proposal be eliminated from consideration of the overall IDIQ for non-compliance or would the JV only be eliminated from consideration for the NIE TO for non-compliance due to not having the FCL at time of award?	Please reference paragraph L.3.8.1, which states, "A FCL is not required for award of a MA IDIQ contract against the KBS contract suite. Only offerors with a current, active FCL will be eligible for award of the NIE task order. However, to be eligible for subsequent TOs under the KBS contract suite, all interested offerors must submit a proposal for the NIE TOR requirements. (Reference M.2.3)" A joint venture shall have a FCL specifically applicable to the joint venture.	8/7/2014	8/11/2014
21			The values provided in the Small Business Participation Factor (SBPF) spreadsheet are derived from the NIE Task Order. The evaluation factor for the SBPF provides goals of 15% for SB, 2% for SDB/WOSB and 1% for Hubzone/VOSB/SDVOSB. Since the dollars from the Task Order tie to the SBPF, all of the aforementioned goals must be met for the NIE Task Order. The NIE Task Order is 8 FTE's which will make it difficult to meet the goals with such a small task. Request the Government provide separate values for the SBPF to encompass the entire contract in order to provide realistic goals for small businesses and socioeconomic groups.	No change will be made. The percentages in Section M are based on procurement history of KBS type work.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
22			Attachment 0009, Task Order Request, Section I: CONTRACT CLAUSES' paragraph 1b. 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 1989) includes in pages 9 -10 a table with columns labeled "Employee Class" and "Monetary Wage – Fringe Benefits". Please confirm that the listed hourly figures in the second column are actually wage rates only, excluding fringe.	Confirmed, the rates provided are base hourly rates, see FAR 22.1016(b).	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
23		L.4.1.2	Will the government define "Supporting Documentation" as discussed in L.4.1.2? Will metrics/ labor category breakouts (by company) satisfy this supporting documentation requirement?	Please see response Q&A number 3.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
24		L.4.2.7	Most contracts referenced as relevant examples satisfy 75-100% of the KBS PWS elements. Most of these PWS's exceed 100 pages each. Using actual excerpts to demonstrate relevancy is not feasible with the page count restrictions detailed in Section L. May the offeror include the individual contract reference's PWS/SOW as an attachment (outside of page count) to the volume?	No. Offerors shall complete and submit only the relevant portion(s) of the PWS/SOW. All information provided as part of the Experience Volume will be subject to the page limits designated within L.1.2, as revised in Amendment 0005.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
25		L.6.2.1.1	Are Offeror's required to provide detailed documentation showing the calculation of a blended rate (prime and subs combined) for each labor category proposed?	No.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
26		L.5.1.1 & M.6.1.1	Section L requires offerors to provide a "discussion of...the proposed phase-in schedule, to include milestones and dates, for successfully achieving task order requirements and objectives" whereas Section M states the offerors will be evaluated on "discussion of ...in the areas of performance, schedule, and cost efficiencies...." Please clarify which schedule [phase-in or performance] is required and will be evaluated?	Section L.5.1.1 is what an offeror is to submit. Section M.6.1.1 is how the Government will evaluate what the offeror submitted.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
27	NIE PWS	1.5	Please clarify if the Base Period is 5 months as indicated in L.1.5.2 or 6 months?	The base period of performance is 6 months.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
28	Attachment 0012	Tab titled "Instructions"	In the event an offeror's disclosure statement dictates that Overhead should be applied to non-labor and subcontractor labor, how are they to complete attachment 12 to comply with RFP instructions and their disclosure statement? It only permits the application of G&A to these costs.	Offerors should provide a composite indirect rate in the cell designated G&A and should explain in their cost narrative how this composite indirect expense amount was developed.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
29	Attachment 0012	"NIE Prime" tab	Fringe is not mentioned in Attachment 0012. Are offerors [sic] to assume the rate inputs in rows 7-13 are direct labor plus fringe? If not, how does the Government want to see the fringe breakout?	No. Offeror's should comply with Section L.6.2.2 NIE Task Order Instructions. Fringe Expenses may be included with Labor Overhead Expenses and Offeror's should provide an explanation in their Cost Narrative that shows the various indirect expense pools and the allocation base that makes up the proposed "Labor Overhead" amounts.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
30		L.1.2	Will the government all [sic] use of 8 point font within graphics and tables?	Graphic presentations, including tables, while not subject to the same font size and spacing requirements, shall have spacing and text that is easily readable. Please reference paragraph L.1.2, which was amended.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
31		L.4.1.2.1	Does the government want detail related to the type of work performed, per the KBS SOW key tasks, for each subcontractor? Or should the prime details be included also?	The offeror shall include a description of its own performance, in addition to the performance of at least three other organizations, in its discussion of the type and portion of work performed to accomplish the tasks relevant to the KBS SOW key tasks set forth in paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.7.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
32	Attachment 0009	Section I: Contract Clauses; page 10	KBS TOR, Section I, page 10, references a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), however, a CBA was not provided in the RFP. Will the Government please clarify whether there is an applicable CBA for the KBS workforce?	The Government is not aware of any CBA.	8/8/2014	8/22/2014
33		L.3.3	Is it the Government's intent for the offeror to elaborate and expound upon its ability to meet all of the of the requirements of Section C?	No. The Government is asking for an affirmative statement, not a discussion.	8/11/2014	8/22/2014
34		M.8.1.1	...the term "Total Contract Amount" is defined as the total proposed amount for all of the Basic CLINs and all of the Option CLINs identified in the KBS Prime Proposal Summary File NIE (Attachment 0012). Does the above definition for TCV apply to the TCV that is to be used in the Small Business Subcontracting Plan that is submitted in accordance with FAR 52.219-9 and DFAR 252.219-7003? If the definition of TCV provided above only applies to the sample TO, is there a more appropriate value for TCV that would be used in the SB Subcontracting Plan? If so what is the value that should be used in the Small Business Subcontracting Plan.	Please see: 1. Section L, provision L-10, TACOM clause 52.219-4004, SUBMISSION OF SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, paragraph (c) which says "Include goals for KBS Prime Proposal Summary File NIE (Attachment 0012) ONLY. List goals for the Basic and each Option separately for the Task Order." 2. Small Business Participation Factor Workbook, Attachment 0005, CON tab. 3. Please reference the Small Business Participation Factor Workbook Instructions, Attachment 0006, Page 9. The Subcontracting Plan does not normally list the TCV. If it did, it would be the same as for the Small Business Participation Factor because the Plan is to include subcontracting for only the NIE TO. The Subcontracting Plan may be updated for future orders.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
35		L.3.6 and L-10	L.3.6 requires that Other-Than-Small-Business (OTSB) offerors submit a small business subcontracting plan (SBSP) as part of Volume I – Proposal Terms & Conditions. L-10 requires that OTSB offerors submit a SBSP as an separate attachment to the offer. Will SBSPs included in Volume I satisfy the requirements of L-10?	Yes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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36	Attachment 0009	Section F, paragraph 1	The period of performance schedule shows a Phase In period of "Date of Award – 30 days After Date of Award". The schedule then shows the base period as "Date of Award – 6 months after date of award". These periods of performance run simultaneously – which seems to negate the need for a phase in period. Is it the government's intention to have the Phase In and Base period run simultaneously? If so, it would seem there would be no need to price a Phase In Period as the base period would be fully staffed. Please clarify.	The periods do run simultaneously. The contractor has 30 days to reach full performance, any costs related to phase-in which are not reimbursed under the CPFF labor CLIN shall be included in the FFP phase-in CLIN. Paragraph 1.5.2 of Attachment 0010 will be amended.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014 Rev 8/27/2014
37	Attachment 0010	5.1.4.2.7	KBS RFP, Attachment 10, paragraph 5.1.4.2.7 states: "The Contractor shall meet the requirements necessary to operate Government owned or leased vehicles. The Contractor shall be licensed (Commercial Driver's License (CDL)) to operate up to a 10K fork lift." Can the government provide more detail on the types and extent of vehicle operations.	The contractor may be required to utilize the 10K forklift identified in addition to GSA leased vehicles or tactical wheeled vehicles.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
38			Amendment 0001 seems to have eliminated cross-referencing to KBS SOW tasks C.4.1-C.4.7 for consideration #1 in Attachment 0003. Amendment 0002 seems to indicate that cross-referencing is still required within Section M.5.1.1 Please advise if "cross-referencing KBS SOW C.4.1-C.4.7 tasks" are required for section 8 content of Attachment 0003.	Please see the revisions made to Narrative A0002, Attachment 0003, and Attachment 0004 as a result of Amendment 0003. The Government is still requiring offerors to include detail discussing the type and portion of work performed by each firm to accomplish the tasks relevant to the KBS SOW key tasks set forth in paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.7.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
39		H.16.4.1.5.2	Paragraph H.16.4.1.5.2 ("Subcontracts") requires the prime to flow down "the subject organizational conflict of interest provisions" to subcontractors at any tier, but specifically cites only paragraph H.16.4.1.4, regarding protection of proprietary information. Is it the intent of the Government that the prime must also flow down the provision contained in paragraph H.16.4.1.1, which would effectively bar any vehicle OEM from subcontracting to provide equipment-based services on vehicles it manufactured, even where the provision of such services would not otherwise constitute an organizational conflict of interest under applicable regulations?	Under H.16.4.1.5.2 the contractor is only required to flow down the OCI plan when another business concern is covered under H.16.4.1.4 and is provided to the subcontractor. Paragraph H.16.4.1.4 does not apply to an OEM's own data. See also H.16.4.2 regarding exceptions to the OCI Mitigation Plan and clarifications made to H.16 via amendment 0003.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
40			Would the Government consider increasing the page limits for the experience factor from 15 pages to 16 pages to allow 4 pages for each cited contract?	Yes. Please see L.1.2, as revised in Amendment 0005.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
41		L.1.2	Section L.1.2 states that "Font size shall be no smaller than 10 point." The Government provided Attachment 003, KBS Experience Matrix/Narrative, in 11 point font size. Will the Government allow offerors to reduce the font size in Attachment 003 to 10 point?	Yes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
42		M.5.1.1	RFP Reference: M.5.1.1, Amendment 0002: The RFP states "... Include detail discussing the type and portion of work performed by each firm to accomplish tasks relevant to the KBS SOW key tasks set forth in paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.7." The requirement to address SOW tasks C.4.1-C.4.7 was deleted from L.4.1.2.1 in Amendment 0001. Recommend this requirement be deleted from M.5.1.1.	Please see response to Q&A number 38.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
43		H.2.1.2.1 and H.2.1	Section H.2.1.2.1 states "In the event a task order contains a requirement for the contractor to deploy personnel to an overseas location, contractor employees that are required to work in a contingency location are authorized the following adjustments to their wages: Danger Pay and Hardship Pay. However, the rates charged to the Government shall not exceed the allowable rates as determined by the State Department for the area of operation." Section H.2.1 states "All fully loaded labor rates (including profit/fee) shown on the KBS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) will be incorporated into the contract as ceiling rates for all contract types. The ceiling rates are for regular (non-overtime) CONUS labor and are subject to downward negotiation only." The RFP does not appear to have any instructions as to how OCONUS differentials will be handled post award on task orders that require OCONUS staffing. Does the government envision that new labor categories will be proposed on these task orders with rates that include these costs?	The ceiling rates are for anywhere in CONUS. OCONUS and associated premiums will be handled on the task order level.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
44	KBS RFP & Attachment 0012	L.6.2.2.1.1	Section L.6.2.2.1.1 repeatedly refers to pricing submissions as being time-phased on a quarterly basis for the sample task order. However, the attachment 0012 pricing template provided is designed around time-phasing based on six month periods. Can you please reconcile this apparent inconsistency?	Offerors should review paragraph L.6.2.2.1, Offeror's Format Spreadsheets, and Attachment 0012. Quarterly time-phased spreadsheets are necessary for the tracking of fiscal quarter/year data to the amounts proposed within Attachment 0012.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
45	Attachment 0010	1.5	There is no specific labor category mentioned for a contract/program manager. Is this position included in the labor categories listed in Section 1.5? If so, which one?	No. Please see response to Q&A number 56.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
46	Attachment 0010	5.1.1.4	How often, during VALEX COMMEX NIE execution, is the contractor required to generate reports on personnel location?	Daily. The Government amended paragraph 5.1.1.4 within Attachment 0010 in Amendment 0004.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
47	Attachment 0010	5.1.1.4	Is the contractor required to locate personnel who have not logged into the system?	If personnel have not logged into the system, the contractor shall contact his/her supervisor to validate accountability.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
48	Attachment 0010	5.1.2.2.1 and 5.1.2.2.2	The two tasks referenced require reporting of schedule variances within three and five days, respectively, of "identification." Does this reporting requirement refer to only the initial discovery, or is this a requirement to report every 3 or 5 days for the duration of the variances' existence?	Initial discovery and any changes to variance.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
49	Attachment 0010	5.1.2.3.1	This section specifies responsibility to update systems "such as" SharePoint and SIF. Are there currently knowledge management systems other than SharePoint and SIF that will require content management within the scope of this requirement?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
50	Attachment 0010	5.1.2.3.4	Does the reference to "implement ... fixes" refer only to database administrative issues such as user access and data content correction? Or, is there a more general responsibility to maintain these databases, which implies a software maintenance activity?	Applies to administrative issues; the contractor is not responsible for software maintenance.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
51	Attachment 0010	5.1.4.2.3	Approximately how many vehicles and drivers are being tracked?	Approximately 30.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
52		L.6.2.2.1.1	If an offeror proposes escalation on a year basis of the IDIQ period of performance to the offerors fiscal year and raise cycle, will the offeror need to provide the direct labor time-phased by quarter, or would one rate suffice since the rate would not change per quarter?	Offerors, per the instructions in L.6.2.2.1.1, shall develop Quarterly Time-Phased Contractor Format Spreadsheets that propose costs and fee in accordance with the contractor's accounting system. These Contractor Format Spreadsheets should be reconciled with Attachment 0012 using the "Roadmap" explained in Section L.6.2.2.3.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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53		L.6.2.2.1.4	If an offeror has an approved FPRP/FPRA in place with DCAA, would the offeror be required to show this as it is only a crossover on a yearly basis, rather than a quarterly basis? Will the offeror be allowed to composite indirect rates on an annual basis instead of on a quarterly basis?	Please see response to Q&A number 52.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
54		M.8.1.1	Achieving small business goals is typically based on the experience and expertise that small businesses bring to the table, and is handled at the IDIQ level, and is not managed at the task order level. This seems excessive, given that some small businesses will not be able to fill required positions on the task order that is limited in scope, but will be able to participate on future task orders where they bring expertise. Does the Government anticipate requiring specific SB goals on each task order, or will this be handled at the IDIQ level? Will the Government consider removing the SB goals at the task order level and incorporating only into the IDIQ contract?	No change will be made. The goals for the sample TO will be the only ones used in the evaluation for the IDIQ. If the offeror is awarded an IDIQ, the offeror's proposal, and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (if the offeror is an OTSB), will be incorporated into the IDIQ and will contain the goals only for the sample TO. If the IDIQ awardee then does not receive the sample TO award, the contractor will not be required to report on the TO goals listed in the Small Business Subcontracting Plan. As the IDIQ contractor is awarded TOs during the life of the IDIQ, the Small Business Subcontracting Plan may be updated to include goals for those TOs. The government's goals for those future TOs may be stated in the TORs when an update to the Subcontracting Plan is required. Under a Multiple Award IDIQ, there is no guarantee that an IDIQ holder will receive all TO awards for the life of the contract. Under the TS3 arrangement, an IDIQ holder will have to submit one report to the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) on cumulative goals for only the TOs that are awarded on that IDIQ.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
55	Attachment 0012	"NIE Prime" tab	The Government has asked offerors to prepare the "NIE Prime" tab at the rollout level in accordance with the approved accounting system, however, the Government has not provided a row to accommodate Fringe costs. Will the Government consider revising the spreadsheet, or allowing offerors to revise the spreadsheet to accommodate these costs?	Please see response to Q&A number 52. Offerors should input data on Attachment 0012 using its best judgment, and should reconcile the data using the "Roadmap" explained in paragraph L.6.2.2.3.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
56	Attachment 0010		Regarding Sample Task Order, Attachment 010, page 3, please confirm that the Government is looking for a Technical not a Contractual personnel, and that the terms "contract manager" can be substituted with "program manager" and term "contract matters" can be substituted with "technical matters". If the Contract Manager is indeed a Contractual person (Contracting Officer counterpart) dealing with administrative functions such as receiving and signing modifications, etc does the category need to be proposed as part of the BOE?	The Government is unable to comment on how a contractor structures its proposal. This position is intended to provide the Government with a contractor point of contact who has the authority to make binding decisions on behalf of the contractor. A labor category for this position will not be included at the task order level.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
57		L.1.2	Can the government confirm that a proposal will still be accepted if it is over the "suggested" page limit?	Firm page limits have been implemented and incorporated in paragraph L.1.2 in Amendment 0005. Proposals will only be evaluated up to the established page limit.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014 Rev 8/27/2014
58		L.1.2	Will a response that is over the "suggested" page count be negatively evaluated?	Firm page limits have been implemented and incorporated in paragraph L.1.2 in Amendment 0005. Proposals will only be evaluated up to the established page limit.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014 Rev 8/27/2014
59		L.4.2.7	While SOW/PWS paragraph references address requirements, they do not necessarily best reflect experience in satisfying those requirements. Would the Government consider removing the requirement for prior SOWs/PWSs and instead accept Corporate Experience written by the offerors?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
60		L.3.8	Would the Government please clarify if only the prime offeror is required to have a FCL?	The FCL is not required for award of an IDIQ contract. Reference L.3.8.1. For the NIE task order, the prime contractor and any subcontractors must have an Fall in order to be eligible for award of the task order. FCLs for future task orders to be awarded under KBS will be determined on a case-by-case basis.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
61		L.3.8	Are Small Business Subcontractors required to have a FCL?	Yes; all offerors and its subcontractors, to include small business subcontractors, must possess a current, active FCL in order to be eligible for award of the NIE task order. Reference paragraph L.3.8.1.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
62		L.4.1	Can the Government clarify the minimum and maximum number of contracts that are required for the Experience Volume? The solicitation states, "A total of no more than two contracts for each of the areas identified in paragraphs L.4.1.2.1 and L.4.1.2.2" "Include detail discussing the type and portion of work performed by each firm to accomplish the tasks relevant to the KBS SOW key tasks set forth in paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.7." (1) Can the government clarify what the areas are? Are the areas the requirements of the SOW C.4.1-C.4.7? (2) Can the Government confirm that if an offeror uses 2 contracts per area of SOW C.4.1-C.4.7 then an offeror will use 14 contracts for CONUS for the experience volume?	(1) The key tasks are those which are contained in C.4.1-C.4.7 of the IDIQ contract-level statement of work, to include any subparagraphs thereunder. (2) The Government is requesting no more than two contracts for L.4.1.2.1 and two contracts for L.4.1.2.2, for a total of no more than four contracts.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
63		L.4.1.2.1	There is a limit to at most 2 contracts (per Section L.4.1), but the requirements in section C.4.1-C.4.7 are diverse in nature (1) Will the Government consider allowing additional contract references to be cited? (2) Will the Government provide the details to the evaluation criteria, in relevance of importance, to ensure the offerors can respond to the diverse and numerous requirements in a significantly small amount of 'suggested' page count? (3) Does the Government require the offeror to address each of the PWS requirements in C.4.1 – C.4.7 inclusive, and if yes, would the Government please provide the evaluation weighting for each?	(1) No. The limit is no more than two contracts per area for L.4.1.2.1 and two contracts for L.4.1.2.2. (2) The evaluation criteria is detailed in Section L.4.1 and its subsections. (3) Please refer to L.4.1.2.1 and L.4.1.2.2.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
64		L.4.1.2.2	Please confirm if the experience response for L.4.1.2.2 is not required to show relevance to PWS sections C.4.1-C.4.7, but only relevance to areas described in L.4.1.2.2?	An offeror's experience response for L.4.1.2.2 should address how the experience may be relevant to SOW paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.7.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
65		L.4.3	Section L.4.3, pg 78, Experience Information- Does the Government require a separate Experience Narrative in addition to what is required in Attachment 0003 and 0004?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
66		L.4.4	Reference: L.4.4 Cross-Reference Matrix: In addition to populating the KBS Experience Matrix/Narrative (Attachment 0003) required by paragraph L.4.2, the offeror shall also complete the KBS Cross-Reference Matrix (Attachment 0004). Would the Government consider not counting these matrices against the 'suggested' page count limits?	Yes. Attachment 0003 contains four matrices. Therefore, those four pages will not count toward the offeror's page limits. Additionally, Attachment 0004, which is one page, will not count toward the offeror's page limits. The Government does not require, nor desire, any information other than what is contained in Attachments 0003 and 0004 as part of its Experience Volume.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014 Rev 8/27/2014

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67		L.6.2.1.1	Will the Government please clarify if the capped rates per hour will also pertain to CPFF task orders?	CPFF task order proposals may not include labor prices that exceed the ceiling rates in Attachment 0002 unless FAR 52.222-42 for FAR 52.222-43 apply.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
68		L.7.1.6	What other resources will the Government use to evaluate the SBP?	The Government does not have a list.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
69		M.3.4.1.3	If the offeror maintains multiple facilities and proposes the use of more than one of these facilities, will the Government potentially visit each proposed site or a sample? Also, what specifically is the "current data relevant to its proposal" noted by the Government?	The Government reserves the right to visit all proposed facilities. "Current data relevant to its proposal" could be technical and/or financial data, as noted in M.3.4.1.2. The Government will advise offerors of any data that needs to be made available as part of a site visit or pre-award survey.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
70		M.3.5	M.3.5 defines the importance of the evaluated cost/price as it relates to the Government's best value decision. M3.5 indicates that "The Best Value to the government may not necessarily be the offeror(s) with the lowest evaluated cost/price." The only reference to an evaluated price as defined in M.7 (Evaluation of Volume IV – Cost/Price Factor) is the total evaluated price of the NIE task order (M7.2) (1) Will the Government be generating an evaluated price based on each offeror's IDIQ labor category pricing? (2) How will the KBS Labor Rate matrix (Attachment 0002) be utilized in the Government's best value evaluation? (3) Is it the Government's intent to utilize the evaluated price for the NIE task order which consists of 5 labor categories, 8 FTEs, a 6 month base period of performance (all from Attachment 0012), and a relatively low-complexity technical task (Attachment 0010) as the cost/price basis to award the IDIQ contract valued at \$1.8B?	(1) No. (2) The Ceiling Rates on Attachment 0002 must be determined reasonable by the Government in order for the contractor to be eligible for award. The Total Evaluated Price will be determined as described in Section M.7.5. Cost Realism and reasonableness will be performed for the NIE task order (Attachment 0012). (3) The NIE task order is just one aspect of the IDIQ contract evaluation.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
71		M.5.1.1	(1) Would the Government please clarify "Service contracts"? (2) Would the Government please define what are considered as 'KBS SOW key tasks'? Comment: With respect to C.4.1-C.4.7, these sections go down to the 4th level (i.e. C.4.1.2.3). Additionally, C.4.1 and all associated subsections of C.4.1 are a total of 7 pages of requirements. (3) Would the Government please identify the level that the offeror is required to address in the response?	(1) The FAR defines "service contract" at 37.101, Definitions. (2) Please see response to Q&A number 62. (3) It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the type of information to be included in its proposal.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
72		M.5.2	Would the Government please explain this sentence, as it appears to be ambiguous as to how the Government will evaluate experience?	Please see revisions made to paragraph M.5.2 as a result of Amendment 0004.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
73		M.6.1.1	If deviations in labor hours and labor categories in Attachment 0012 are not allowed, what is the evaluation criteria for cost efficiencies?	The Government is interested in any potential cost savings that the contractor can provide as part of its technical approach. Cost efficiencies are not being evaluated separately, but as part of the totality of the analysis of the offeror's overall technical proposal.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
74		M.7	Are the rates in the price proposal for both CONUS and OCONUS, and if so, what specific locations should the offeror use in the baseline for building the ceiling rates in the price proposal?	Please see response to Q&A number 43.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
75		M.7.1 and M.7.3	M.7.1 The cost/price factor volume evaluation will include consideration of the reasonableness, as defined in paragraph M.7.3, of each of the proposed fully loaded labor rates (to include profit/fee) in the KBS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) for the MA IDIQ contract M.7.3 Cost Reasonableness A cost/price is considered reasonable if it does not exceed what would be incurred by a prudent person in the conduct of competitive business. (1) Is the cost reasonableness being evaluated against a certain geographical location, and if so, would the Government please provide the location? (2) If one proposed rate is determined to be unreasonable, will the offeror be eliminated for further consideration for award?	(1) No. (2) The Government cannot respond to hypothetical scenarios.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
76	Attachment 0010	1.5.2.1	Shall the offeror assume the base period of 6 months covers single (one) NIE?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
77	Attachment 0010	1.6.5	Please confirm that the contractor is required to maintain adequate workforce "at all times" when the Government facility is open for normal operations and NOT just during core hours of 0800-1700.	The PWS is correct as written.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
78	Attachment 0010	5.1.2.1	It appears that a word is missing in paragraph 5.1.2.1. Will the Government clarify this sentence, as it appears that the requirement may be the Schedule Status Report will be in both Excel and PowerPoint?"	The PWS is correct. The schedule is Microsoft Excel-based with a Microsoft PowerPoint supplement for the briefing.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
79	Attachment 0010		Is there a start date we should assume for developing the task order schedule?	Please see response to Q&A number 5.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
80	Attachment 0010	1.5.2	Can the offeror deviate from the identified labor hours and FTEs? The last sentence [in H.21] states that all conceivable contingencies should be accounted for when developing ceiling rates.	No. The language in H.2.1.4 and H.21 of the current RFP is correct.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
81		H.2.1.4 and H.21	Please confirm that the Contractor should not account for possible increases in wage determination rates and H&W entitlements in ceiling rates for SCA positions.		8/12/2014	8/27/2014
82		H.5 and H.5.3	Since Prime Contractor pricing for the KBS MA IDIQ provides ceiling rates that must account for all possible contingencies and these rates are discounted at the Task Order level to account for actual requirements, what would be the purpose and benefit to the Government/Contractor to participate in Open Season to make downward cost/price adjustments?	This is a matter for an offeror to decide.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
83		H.5 and H.5.3	Would the Government consider letting Prime Contractors make upward cost/price adjustments during any Open Season period in the event they need to adjust for contingencies that are precluding the Contractor from participating but for which they were unable to account during preparation of their original submission?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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84	Attachments 0009 and 0010	1.5	Attachment 0010, Section 1.5 details the period of performance as follows: Phase-In Period: The phase-in period shall be from date of award to 30 days after award. Base Period: The base period shall be from 30 days after award to six months after award TOR, Section F states: Phase-In (30 days): Date of Award – 30 days after date of award; Base Period (6 Months): Date of Award – 6 months after date of award. Will the 30-day Phase-in occur prior to the six month Base Period or will it run concurrently?	Please see response to Q&A number 36.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
85			For the NIE events, are the vehicles that are modified owned by PM Current and stored at the Integration Motor Pool (IMP), or are they provided by the units? If they are owned by PM Current, how many vehicles are stored at the IMP?	The Government will not answer this question.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
86		L.4.1	Section L.4.1 A states: "...contact shall be defined as: (a) single Government or Commercial contract; or, (b) a single task order placed under a single award or multiple-award IDIQ task order contract..." Our interpretation is that by this definition, an Omnibus contract on its own does not qualify as a single contract. Is this interpretation correct?	Yes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
87		L.4.1.2.1	Section L.4.1.2.1 defines a relevant contract, in part, as: "Services contracts performed either as the prime contractor team arrangements (CTAs) with at least three other organizations not including the prime contractor, or services contracts performed as the prime contractor that involved the award of subcontracts to at least three other organizations." (1) If an offeror is a prime contractor on an Omnibus contract with more than three subcontractors where the three subcontractors do not work collectively on any single task order but rather on several different task orders, does this qualify under the definition provided? (2) Or, is it the Government's intent that in order to qualify under the definition an offeror must have worked as a prime contractor together with three or more subcontractors on the same task order?	The Government cannot comment on a prospective offeror's qualifications. The Government cannot respond to hypothetical scenarios.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
88		L.1.10	In L.1.10, it states "All Offerors, including joint ventures (JVs), shall be limited to one proposal." Is this limitation based on the offeror submission as a prime contractor? Is there any limitation of cross teaming?	L.1.10 means that each JV may submit only one proposal. (See L.4., "Due to affiliation, all members of a joint venture are considered to be a single prime offeror.") Cross teaming is allowed. If company A is a member of one JV that submits a proposal, Company A can also be a member of another JV that submits a separate proposal. Company A may submit its own proposal as a non-JV prime.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
89		L.3.3	In section L.3.3, you request "An Affirmative Statement that all the offeror proposes to meet all requirements of Section C, or through the use of subcontractors." Is the government looking for any additional substantiation on how the offeror will meet the requirements for this requirement?	Please see response to Q&A number 33.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
90		L.3.8.1	Requiring offerors to hold a current, active FCL in order to be eligible for award of the NIE task order restricts competition from companies that require an award in order to apply for an FCL. Based on this requirement, no offeror without an FCL could qualify for an award of the NIE task order or any future IDIQ task orders that require an established FCL prior to task order award, even if the offeror is a Joint Venture where all members have an active FCL. Is the Government Contracting Authority (GCA) willing to consider an FCL from each member of a Joint Venture as evidence that the Joint Venture offeror can reasonably be expected to obtain an FCL after award of the NIE task order or future task orders requiring an FCL?	No. Please see response to Q&A numbers 20 and 60.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
91		M.2.3	In order to request and obtain a FCL per the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual DoD 5220.22-M Section 2-102. Eligibility Requirements (a.) The company must need access to the classified information in connection with a legitimate U.S. Government or foreign government requirement. Since an offeror is unable to request a FCL without a need to access classified information, in this case prior to award of the NIE task order*, is the GCA willing to sponsor the offeror so they may request a FCL upon contract award and then provide verification of the FCL application or assignment within 60 days of award? * i.e. an awarded contract with an applicable DD254. A RFP or IDIQ level DD254 is insufficient for DSS to initiate an FCL request.	No. Please see response to Q&A numbers 20 and 60. Offerors may be eligible for award of future task orders under KBS that do not include a FCL requirement.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
92		C.4.3.5.1	Please define "theater-based BCA" as used in the first sentence.	The BCA is to be tailored to be theater specific, depending on, but not limited to some of the following, the security posture, equipment, facilities, supply chain logistics, system sustainment support and other factors the BCA would be 'theater specific' addressing the needs within a theater of operation.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
93	Section K and Attachment 0009		Amendment 1, Section K changed the Minimum Acceptance Period from 120 to 150 days. However, Attachment 0009 – the NIE Task Order Request, page 1, Section A, item 5 states: "180 days". Request clarification of the specific required acceptance period of the offer.	The anticipated award date of the NIE task order differs from the anticipated award date of the IDIQ contract. Clause 52.215-4005 pertains to the minimum acceptance period for proposals associated with the IDIQ contract. The acceptance period in Attachment 0009 shall remain unchanged at this time.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
94	Attachment 0009		page 5, 1st para, requires contractor to obtain an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) email address. It is our understanding that AKO has stopped taking new accounts as the system is being terminated in the near future. Is there another medium, such as a DISA Enterprise Email account that can be used in lieu of the AKO?	AKO is still functioning and taking new accounts but eventually all contractors will be migrated to a .ctr@mail.mil email address.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
95	Attachment 0006		In Attachment 0006 Instructions on page 2 of the KBS RFP it requires us to include dollars for all prime contract work to be performed entirely outside the US or its Outlying Areas. On pages 3 and 8 we are instructed to exclude all subcontract dollars performed outside of the US. If we subcontract to a SB concern with OCONUS work, which there is significant work OCONUS, we the percentage of small business participation will be evaluate only on the CONUS work and does not fully represent SB participation. If we are to exclude SB OCONUS participation, we should exclude all OCONUS dollars unlike what is required on page 2. Will the Government consider consistent by including or excluding all OCONUS dollars?	There is no OCONUS work for the NIE task order, and the Government cannot respond to hypothetical scenarios.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
96		M.8.1.1	In paragraph M.8.1.1 on page 91 of the KBS RFP, the Government lists percentage of the work to be distributed to various types of small businesses. If the goals are not achieved, will the offeror be disqualified?	The Government cannot respond to hypothetical scenarios. However, FAR 19.702(c) applies to this RFP (e.g., H.4.1).	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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97		M.8.1.1	In paragraph M.8.1.1 on page 91 of the KBS RFP, the Government lists percentage of the work to be distributed to various types of small businesses. Given the PWS provides for only 8 FTEs for prime and subcontractor participation, How is the prime going to be able to achieve the percentages as 1% of an FTE is not reasonable. Therefore, the ability to meet those percentages is virtually impossible for the sample task. Is the offeror required to meet those percentages in order to have an acceptable proposal?	M.8.1.1 pertains to the "Total Contract Amount" in terms of dollars, not FTEs.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
98	Attachment 0002		For ceiling prices (Attachment 0002) is there a Government Wage Determination to be used or is that decision left to the discretion of the prime contractor?	Ceiling rates are at the discretion of the Offeror and are expected to cover all contingencies that may arise, including work in high cost labor markets.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
99	Attachment 0010	1.6.7	Per Attachment 10 Paragraph 1.6.7, a secret clearance (utilizing an SF-86 via e-QIP Application process through OPM.gov) is required yet as Attachment 10 Paragraph 1.6.7.1.3 reads that an additional investigation is required beyond that of a secret clearance request. If so, will the Government or contractor conduct this additional background check and if the contractor must conduct a commercial background check will this cost be cost billable to the Government?	There is no paragraph 1.6.7.1.3 in Attachment 0010, and paragraph 1.6.7 does not discuss an e-QIP application process.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
100	Attachment 0010	1.6.10	In paragraph 1.6.10 of the KBS RFP Attachment 10, where does the contract manager need to be located? Vicinity of TACOM Warren?	The contractor may choose where the contract manager referenced in 1.6.10 is physically located; there is no geographic requirement.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
101	Attachment 0001		Per Attachment 0001 to the KBS RFP, paragraphs B.2 and B.3 are confusing especially since these are Labor CLINs and there is a price of \$800. Is this the cost only for preparing the semi-annual reports? If so, why is the other periods of performances not included thru CLIN 006? In the TOR for KBS, Attachment 0009 Section B, all CDRLs are CLINs 000XAD and are NSP.	Yes. The price of \$800 is only for preparing the semi-annual reports, which constitute the Guaranteed Minimum Quantity required in accordance with FAR 16.504(a).	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
102	Attachment 0010	5.1.3.4	In the KBS RFP, Attachment 10 page 8 and PWS para 5.1.3.4 is entitled "Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership, Education, Personnel, and Facilities (DOTML-PF) Services" which may not be the current term and acronym. The Defense Acquisition University "ACQuipedia" tool lists the term and acronym as "Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership and education, Personnel, Facilities, and Policy (DOTMLPF-P)." Which is correct?	The latter is correct. The Government will amend paragraph 5.1.3.4 within Attachment 0010 accordingly.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
103	Attachment 0010	1.5.1	CDRLs: In the KBS RFP Attachment 10 and Para 1.5.1, discusses the Phase-In Period, is a one-sentence description of a 30 day period following award. There is no other information provided and there is no CDRL associated with it (such as a Phase-In Plan). In the KBS RFP Attachment 10 and Para 1.6.13, describes Phase Out requirements, has 3 subparagraphs, and requires submission of a Phase-Out Plan 60 days prior to commencement of phase-out operations (CDRL A003). Is the government not intending/requiring submission of a Phase-In Plan? If it is, is there an associated CDRL?	Paragraph L5.1.1.1 requires offerors to discuss, in part, "the key success drivers and risks associated with performance and the proposed phase-in schedule, to include milestones and dates, for successfully achieving task order requirements and objectives." No revisions to the PWS need to occur. Additionally, no CDRLs need to be added.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
104	Attachment 0010	1.2	PM Current Mission Requirements: In the KBS RFP Attachment 10 PWS and para 1.2 (Background), which discusses principal roles and responsibilities of the Agile Process, states that that "PM Current, manages the design, installation, integration, checkout, verification, and validation of networked and non-networked systems integrated onto tactical platforms within a BCT at Fort Bliss." It goes on to say that at the conclusion of the NIEs, PM Current "1) recovers NIE equipment from the returning platforms and systems; 2) restores NIE platforms and systems to their baseline configurations, if required; and 3) prepares to integrate new NIE systems and technologies onto BCT platforms to support future NIE events." Para 1.2.1 (Implementation of the Agile Process) goes to list numerous additional PM Current missions, including "...providing sustained systems engineering, network integration, test coordination, integrated logistics support, and program management expertise before, during, and after NIE execution." None of these functions/responsibilities appear to align directly to the objectives of the PWS, which are focused on providing "...programmatic support to perform the planning, managing, documenting...and reporting services required to sustain management and execution of the Agile Process and twice-yearly NIE events at Fort Bliss, TX and WSMR, NM." Is it correct to interpret the information in para 1.2 and 1.2.1 as overarching PM Current mission requirements, and that the 4 PWS tasks listed as "programmatic" represent a small sub-set of these overarching PM current mission requirements?	Section 5 of the NIE PWS (Attachment 0010) lists the tasks that will be required to be performed for the NIE task order.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
105	Attachment 0002	"Category description with Min Quals" tab	Per Attachment 2, Pricing Labor Matrix, "Level III Maximum" Column, would the Government please clarify if offerors should treat the years of experience and education defined for the "Level III Maximum" be interpreted as maximum qualifications for the Level III positions? Or, is the intent for offers to provide an additional rate for highly qualified staff? If the latter, will the Government please update the Attachment 0002, Pricing Labor Matrix to allow for the inclusion of a "Level III Maximum" ceiling rate?	Level III constitutes a range spanning the minimum levels of education and experience, up to the described maximums. Attachment 0002 of the KBS RFP was revised via Amendment 0003. No ceiling rate is required for higher qualified staff.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
106	Attachment 0012	"Instruction" tab	Per Attachment 0012, Instruction 3, the Government will consider a tradeoff for years of experience and education at the task order level. Can this tradeoff be made on the KBS NIE STO? In other words, the instructions tab for the Task Order pricing in Attachment 0012 appear to indicate that we are required to follow the contract labor categories along with their minimum qualifications. We would like to seek clarification if additional years of experience could be substituted for the education requirements. For example, could 4 years of additional experience be substituted for a Bachelor's Degree.	Attachment 0012, Instruction 3, does not authorize the trade-off as described. Offerors will be required to comply with the qualifications as set forth in Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
107		Section B, CLIN 0001	The narrative of CLIN 0001 indicates that the ordering period is 1,824 calendar days after contract award. In the "Deliveries or Performance" section of CLIN 0001, it is listed as 2,922 Days after award. Would the Government please clarify the ordering period?	The five year ordering period, in accordance with CLIN 0001, is from the date of MA IDIQ contract award through 1,824 calendar days after contract award.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
108		G.1.2.1	Per G.1.2.1, the invoicing instructions state that Prime Contractors' invoices should include the names of the individuals that performed the work and their hourly rate. The Government's solicitation is not for individuals, but rather specific labor categories. Would the Government please update the instructions to, "Identify the Labor Category that performed the work?"	No, the Contractor is required to identify the individual(s) assigned to perform the tasks as well as the applicable hourly rate.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
109		H.10	Per H.10, are Contractor Site employees required to follow Federal Holiday Schedules, or can they perform billable services on those dates?	Unless otherwise authorized at the task order level, on-site contractor employees should not be performing billable hours during federal holidays listed in Section H.10. For SCA positions, reference the respective wage determinations for further guidance regarding paid holidays. (Also reference H.10.3 and H.10.4.)	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
110		H.2.1.5	Section H.2.1.5 states the Overtime must be approved in advance by the CO. Please confirm advanced CO approval is not required for salaried employees performing Cost Reimbursable task orders for which an overtime premium is not applicable.	Unless otherwise authorized at the task order level, on-site contractor employees should not be performing billable hours during federal holidays listed in Section H.10. For SCA positions, reference the respective wage determinations for further guidance regarding paid Holidays. (Also reference H.10.3 and H.10.4.)	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
111		H.2.2.3	H.2.2.3 states that travel expenses are subject to PCO approval. Section H.2.2, H.2.2.5 and H.2.2.1 state that the COR has the authority to approve travel. Please clarify if PCO approval is required for travel, or if the COR can approve those expenses on his or her own?	Both the COR and PCO have the authority to approve the necessity of the travel. The PCO has sole authority to determine the allowability of any resulting travel cost(s), in accordance with FAR 31.201-2, "Determining Allowability."	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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112		L.1.2	<p>Section L, paragraph 1.2, provides the formatting requirements for Offerors' proposals. Please address the following questions related to these instructions:</p> <p>(1) The Government states that font size shall be no smaller than 10 point. Would the Government please confirm that 10 point Arial Narrow is compliant?</p> <p>(2) Will the Government please confirm the font size requirement does not apply to tables and graphics as long as the font used is legible?</p> <p>(3) Would the Government please confirm that Offerors can format Solicitation Attachments to ensure compliance and consistency?</p>	<p>(1) The RFP does not prohibit any particular font, as long as it is no smaller than 10 point.</p> <p>(2) Please reference Q&A number 30.</p> <p>(3) Offerors are not required to format the solicitation attachments to ensure compliance and consistency.</p>	8/12/2014	8/22/2014 Rev 8/27/2014 Rev 8/29/2014
113			<p>FAR clause 52.219-9 Alt II, as included in the solicitation, requires Offerors to submit a small business subcontracting plan that addresses dollar and percentage subcontracting goals for small businesses and each socio-economic category for the basic contract and each option year, collectively representing the subcontracting goals for the entire life of the contract.</p> <p>The evaluation factor in M.8.1.1 appears to be in conflict with this FAR clause as it requires our proposed goals for the Small Business Participation Plan and Small Business Subcontracting Plan to be based on the Sample Task Order. Goals based on the Sample Task Order value are not likely to be representative of the goals to be executed for the aggregate of the basic contract and each option year as required by the FAR clause. In addition, the Offeror's ability to meet each socio-economic goal at the Sample Task Order level may be impeded based on the limited scope and size of the STO PWS.</p> <p>(1) Would the Government please clarify if the intent of the solicitation is to incorporate our proposed Subcontracting Goals into the awarded overall IDIQ Contract based on the goals proposed at the Sample Task Order level?</p> <p>(2) If yes, would the Government please advise how an Offeror's proposal will be evaluated if we are unable to meet all of the socio-economic goals based on the limited scope and size of the Sample Task Order?</p> <p>(3) Would the Government please advise if the Offeror provides clarification between any discrepancies between the Sample Task Order price proposal, SB Participation Workbook, SB Participation Plan and SB Subcontracting Plan, would the plans be negatively evaluated?</p>	<p>(1) Yes. If the offeror is awarded an IDIQ, the offeror's proposal, and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (if the offeror is an OTSB), will be incorporated into the IDIQ and will contain the goals only for the known TO. If the IDIQ awardee then does not receive the NIE TO award, the contractor will not be required to report on the goals separately listed for that TO in the Small Business Subcontracting Plan. As the IDIQ contractor is awarded TOs during the life of the IDIQ, the Small Business Subcontracting Plan may be updated to include goals for those TOs.</p> <p>(2) The Government will evaluate offeror's proposals based on the adjectival ratings set forth in the DoD Source Selection Procedures. In accordance with provision L.7.1.8(b)(4), the SBP Factor goals are to be expressed as a percentage of the total contract amount for the NIE task order. If the Government goals for future task orders change, subcontracting plans may be updated.</p> <p>(3) The Government cannot comment or speculate about an individual offeror's qualifications.</p>	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
114			<p>In Question 2 in the KBS Questions and Answer released 11 August, 2014, the Government specifies that submissions should be in Microsoft 2007 – Compatible Software. Would the Government allow Offerors to submit all proposal requirements, excluding spreadsheet attachments, in .pdf format? This will reduce the size of the files and reduce the chance of errors as documents transfer between computers with different versions of word processing software.</p>	Yes, as stated in paragraph L.2.4(b).	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
115		L.3.8	<p>Per Section L.3.8, are all Subcontractors required to submit evidence that they possess a current, active (TS or Secret) Facility Clearance (FCL) or is the Prime the only company required to provide that documentation in Volume I? Will the evaluation of an Offeror's proposal be affected if a Subcontractor does not have an FCL?</p>	Please reference Q&A numbers 60 and 61.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
116		L.3.9	<p>Per Section L.3.9, please confirm that Offerors with DCAA-approved accounting systems can submit documentation proving certification in lieu of a DCAA Preaward Survey of Perspective Contractor Accounting System Checklist.</p>	Offerors shall also complete and submit a Defense Audit Agency (DCAA) Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor Accounting System Checklist.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
117			<p>The instructions in Section L for the IDIQ Contract Ceiling rates and the Pricing Instructions for the Task Order appear to indicate that Subcontractors are only required to show their fully loaded labor rates regardless of contract type. Subcontractors would consider their direct and indirect rates as proprietary, therefore, they would not disclose that data to the Prime Contractor and the Prime Contractor would then have no way to disclose that information in our Prime proposal files. Please confirm that Subcontractors are not required to provide any further breakdown of their direct (salary) and indirect (G&A, OH, etc.) rates.</p>	That is correct.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
118		L.6.1.1	<p>Section L.6.1.1 indicates, "the offeror shall show complete development of the elements of the cost/price proposal." However, Attachment 2, Pricing Labor Matrix, does not require provision of the individual cost elements for the ceiling rates. Will the Government please clarify which portions of the proposal (Attachment 2, Pricing Matrix and/or Attachment 12, Sample Task Order) require offerors to show the complete development of the cost elements?</p>	Per Section L.6.2.2.1, offerors should show the labor buildup and provide explanations in their Cost Volume Narrative and within Attachment 0012.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
119			<p>The Government states in its response to Question #6 [released by the Government under the ERS Solicitation on 11 August 2014], "The Government will evaluate each of the considerations in Section L.4.1.2 to establish an adjectival Experience rating for each offeror."</p> <p>Would the Government please describe the adjectival Experience ratings and define how each offeror will be evaluated against the ratings?</p>	The adjectival Experience ratings are located within the Department of Defense Source Selection Procedures (DoD SSP). The Government will evaluate all offerors in accordance with Section M - Evaluation Factors For Award.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
120			<p>Attachment 2 KBS Pricing Labor Matrix – Can the government please explain/clarify the relationship between the SCA/SOC categories when compared to the various levels (I, II, III maximum) and their corresponding descriptions? For example; SCA/SOC Category "Administrative Services Managers" Level III calls for a masters or bachelor's degree in a specialized field, level III maximum calls for a PhD.</p> <p>The SOC Category description does not support the need for advance degrees and specialization. The extremely divergent descriptions, when combined with cost realism and reasonableness, makes it extremely difficult for offerors to price if the SOC direct labor/salary is used as an evaluation basis and offerors being held to the higher level descriptions. There are numerous categories where this occurs.</p> <p>Can the government please clarify the relationship of the SOC descriptions and salaries, and their corresponding percentile wage estimates, against the level descriptions and how they will be used in the evaluation of offerors rates?</p>	<p>SCA categories do not have qualifications like the SOC categories listed in the Attachment 0002 Price Labor Matrix. The listed education qualifications have some equivalent options since substitution of experience for education is allowed at the task order level IAW H.2.1. There is no relationship between the SCA categories and the SOC categories.</p> <p>Labor qualifications above the level III maximum is highly qualified and specialized for specific task order requirements. The contractor shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing its ceiling rates for each labor category listed in Attachment 0002. Qualifications are related to applicable experience that applies to the scope of work that may be performed under a TS3 contract. Level III constitutes a range spanning the minimum levels of education and experience up to the described maximums.</p>	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
121	Attachment 0002		<p>Attachment 2 [KBS] Pricing Labor Matrix – What geographic region are offerors to use when mapping SCA/SOC labor categories?</p>	Offeror shall take into consideration all geographic regions within CONUS and incorporate adequate contingencies into their ceiling rates within Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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122		L.1.4	Does the Government have a preferred naming scheme for the uploaded proposal files to the ASFI BRS site?	Each electronic file shall be labeled as follows so it is easily identifiable for evaluation purposes: <p style="text-align: center;">"[Your Company Name]-V[X]-F[X]-[Solicitation Number]"</p> As an example: <p style="text-align: center;">"CompanyName-V1-F1of1-W56HZV14R0030.xlsx"</p> NOTE: there is a 40 character limit for file names (https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/BRS_guide.do); special characters, to include semi-colons, are not permitted. Abbreviations are allowed, if necessary.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014 REV 9/5/2014 REV 9/8/2014
123		L.6.1.1	Can offerors insert a tab into attachment 0002 to illustrate their rate build by cost element? Can the government please identify or provide an example of the elements it is requiring offerors to illustrate in their detailed ceiling rate builds?	No, offerors are not required to submit supporting data for the rates on Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
124		L.6.2.2.1	In order to provide time phased totals and calendar year sub-totals, are offerors to assume the NIE task order start date in Jan 1?	Please see response to Q&A number 5.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
125		L.6.2.2.1.7(d)	Are approved DCAA indirect rates acceptable? If so are offerors still required to provide detailed supporting pool information? In addition many small businesses may not have approved DCAA indirect rates. What supporting documentation/level of detail is acceptable for small business to support their indirect rate structure?	Contractor Indirect Rates that have been approved by DCAA, include (1) Forward Pricing Rate Agreement (FPRA) and (2) Forward Pricing Rate Recommendation (FPRR) which are both issued by your DCMA Administrative Contracting Officer. Offeror's who have submitted proposed rates (Forward Pricing Rate Proposal (FPRP)) or have approved billing rates must still send in supporting information on the development of the Indirect Rates which will remain proprietary to the contractor. Subcontractors are not required to provide any indirect rate information at this time.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
126		L.6.2.2.1.1 (b), L.6.2.2.1.4, and L.6.2.2.1.6	Are subcontractors required to provide a time phased breakout to the same level of detailed as prime offerors? If so, are we to assume subcontractors can provide in a sealed package? If a sealed package is required can the government provide specific instructions for the submission of sealed packages for subcontractors, including how the subcontractor should label their package to ensure the government knows what prime they are supporting?	No, at this time subcontractors are not required to supply supporting information pertaining to their fully burdened labor rates.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
127	Attachment 0012	L.6.2.2.3	It appears the government has identified labor categories and levels in attachment 0012 that already correspond to the labor categories and levels in attachment 0002. Can the government provide an example or clarify what information is needed for the "roadmap"?	The "Roadmap" is intended to reconcile the Offeror's Format Spreadsheets to Attachment 0012.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
128		L.5.1.1	Does the risk review only cover the phase-in or does it encompass other task areas?	The Government is going to evaluate the offeror's proposed approach to all requirements. Please reference Section M.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
129	Attachment 0002	"Price Matrix" tab	A.6 states five years; Attachment 0002 has nine yearly periods. It is unclear if this is an error or if an offeror must fill out all nine year periods. Please clarify.	A.6 designates the Ordering Period, which is five years from award of the IDIQ contract. A Task Order awarded in the 5th year could have a performance period extending into calendar year (CY) 2023. Therefore, the offeror shall propose ceiling labor rates for all periods listed in Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
130		L.4.1, L.4.1.2.1, and L.4.1.2.2	Can the offeror use BOTH contract references to meet the stated requirement or must EACH contract reference meet the stated requirement on its own? For example, can one contract be used to satisfy the requirement of managing three or more subs and the other be used to meet the PWS requirements? Can one contract reference demonstrate experience in C.4.1-C.4.3 and the other show experience in C.4.4-C.4.7?	It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the type of information to be included in its proposal.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
131		L.4.1.2.1; C.4.1-C.4.7	Must the offeror show experience in all referenced SOW paragraphs? If not, how will experience in each paragraph be weighted? For example, is experience in paragraph C.4.1 valued more or less than experience in C.4.2?	Experience is detailed in L.4.1.2.1 and L.4.1.2.2. Both considerations are equally important.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
132		L.3.9	If an offeror has official letter from DCMA, complete with successful audit report number, stating it has an approved accounting system must the offeror also submit the DCAA checklist referenced?	Please see response to Q&A number 116.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
133	Attachment 0012	L.6.2.2.1	Directions throughout L.6.2.2 require the offeror to show "quarterly time-phased" numbers and "sub-totaled by calendar year" yet the Government's worksheets are by six month option periods. (1) Please clarify the phrase "quarterly time-phased." (2) Please clarify the apparent discrepancy between the time periods required of the offeror-generated worksheets and the Government-generated worksheets.	Please see response to Q&A number 52.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
134	Attachment 0012	L.6.2.2	Do subcontractors need to show the same level of build-up as the Prime or can the prime simply use the subs' rates if the prime has verified the rates meet the prime's ceiling and the rates are reasonable?	Please see response to Q&A number 126.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
135	Section K and Attachment 0009		Prior to Amendment 001, Section K stated the Government requires a minimum acceptance period of 120 calendar days. However, Attachment 0009 states proposals shall be valid for 180 calendar days. With the release of Amendment 001, the requirement in Section K is being changed to 150 days. Please clarify the expectation for the validity period for the TO submission (Attachment 0009). Is this also 150 days?	Please see response to Q&A number 93.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
136		L.1.2	Will the Government exclude the table of contents required with each volume from page count?	The table of contents is not subject to the page limits designated within paragraph L.1.2, as revised in Amendment 0005.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
137		L.1.2	Will the Government exclude "Intentionally Left Blank" pages from page count?	Pages left intentionally blank and noted as such will not be included in the page count.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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138		L.4	<p>Section L.4</p> <p>Paragraph L.4.2 says, "For each of the recent/relevant contracts identified per paragraph L.4.1, the offeror shall provide the following information within the KBS Experience Matrix/Narrative (Attachment 0003)."</p> <p>Paragraph L.4.2.8 states that offerors must provide a discussion of "specific similarities between the contract PWS/SOW paragraphs [sic] provided...to the relevance considerations cited in paragraphs L.4.1.2.1, L.4.1.2.2."</p> <p>However, Attachment 0003 does not require offerors to address both of the relevance considerations for each contract, as stated in L.4.2. Instead, Attachment 0003 requires offerors to cite two contracts for each relevance consideration and to discuss only that particular relevance consideration in paragraph 8.</p> <p>Can the Government confirm that offerors are required to only address one relevance consideration per experience narrative (even though L.4.2 (and by extension, L.4.2.8) states that for each of the recent/relevant contracts, the offeror must address both relevance considerations?)</p>	Attachment 0003 was revised via Amendment 0003.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
139		L.1.4	Will the Government please confirm the preferred naming convention for files to be uploaded for the submission?	Please see response to Q&A number 122.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
140		H.19	<p>Clause H.19 of the RFP requires compliance with the Davis Bacon Act. Specific language in the clause only references compliance with DBA wages. The RFP does not appear to include any additional Davis Bacon Act clauses or provisions.</p> <p>Because the DBA includes several requirements that would have a significant impact on proposed contractor rates, clarification from the government on compliance with DBA is requested.</p> <p>If full compliance with the DBA is required, could the government please provide all of the applicable clauses and provisions that would be applicable to DBA/Construction within the RFP? Or is it the intent that DBA/Construction is incidental to the overall work under the contract and only labor rate proposal on a task order basis is required? If this is not the governments intent, we request clarifications be made regarding applicability of Davis Bacon Act, and appropriate amendments made to reflect the intended requirements.</p>	Davis Bacon Act clauses and labor rates, for positions specific to DBA/Construction, will be handled on a task order basis. The Davis Bacon Act is not applicable to the NIE task order.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
141		A.7	Section A.7 of the RFP states that KBS will have a five year period of performance; however the IDIQ level pricing sheet (Attachment 002) asks for pricing for 8 years. Please clarify the correct period of performance and the corresponding years for providing IDIQ pricing.	Please see response to Q&A number 129.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
142		L.6.2.1.1 (b); L.6.2.2.1.3(a)	Per the requirements in L.6.2.1.1(b) and L.6.2.2.1.3(a) the offeror is instructed to provide a breakout of direct labor rates by quarter for both the prime and the subcontractors; however Attachment 0012 asks for direct labor rates in terms of period of performance, which is 6 months. Please clarify the appropriate method for reporting direct labor rates.	Please see response to Q&A number 126.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
143		L.6.2.2.1.3(b)	In order to provide backup information for verifying cost reasonableness of each proposed subcontractor labor rates, will the government allow the subcontractors to directly submit their costs to the government? Rate buildup information is competition sensitive and submission of this information directly to the prime contractor is typically avoided.	Please see response to Q&A number 126.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
144		L.6.2.2.1.3(b)	In an unpopulated Joint Venture, participating members of the Joint Venture are considered subcontractors to the JV. In order to submit supporting data for cost reasonableness, will the government allow all members of the JV to submit separate cost backup for the TO pricing directly to the government?	Under a Joint Venture, one party should be designated to act as the Prime and coordinate the submittal of supporting data directly to the Government. Note that Attachment 0002 will need to be jointly developed with one rate for each labor category and Attachment 0012 will need to be completed with traceability back to all Joint Venture parties.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
145	KBS RFP	A.9 and L.3.9	If the offeror has DCAA approved accounting systems and provides copies of the evidence, are they still required to submit the DCAA Preaward Survey of Prospective Contract Accounting System Checklist?	Please see response to Q&A number 116.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
146	KBS RFP	L.3.2	<p>The requirement states that solicitation Sections A-K with all clauses and other fill-ins are completed and filled in.</p> <p>(1) Will the Agency provide a MS Word document so that offerors can complete?</p> <p>(2) Also, can this file be submitted as a scanned pdf file?</p>	<p>(1) No.</p> <p>(2) Yes; a scanned .pdf file may be submitted as part of Volume I.</p>	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
147	KBS RFP	L.3.2	The requirement states that solicitation Sections A-K with all clauses and other fill-ins are completed and filled in. Will the Agency allow the file to be submitted as a scanned pdf file?	Please see response to Q&A number 146.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
148	KBS RFP	L.3.8	Does the offeror need to submit evidence of Facility Clearance (FCL) for all of its subcontractors with the initial [sic] proposal or this requirement for subcontractor FCL evidence only required at the task order level?	Please see response to Q&A number 60.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
149	KBS RFP	L.6	Are offerors required to submit copies of subcontractor proposals with the same level of detail described in L.6? Since the cost/price detail contains proprietary information, can the subcontractors submit the sealed packages directly to the Government?	Please see response to Q&A number 126.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
150	KBS RFP	L.6	Is it correct that offerors are not required to submit copies of subk proposals or subk sealed packages?	Yes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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151	KBS RFP	L.6.2.2.1	<p>Could you please clarify the language, "The offeror shall provide spreadsheets, in accordance with its own accounting practices, as added tabs to the KBS Prime Proposal Summary File - NIE (Attachment 0012) or as a separate Excel file showing the proposed costs for each CLIN (as defined in Section B of the TOR). Each spreadsheet shall be organized by cost element (e.g., Direct Labor, Subcontracts, Material, Other Direct Costs, Overhead/Indirect, Fee, etc.) time phased by quarter and sub-totaled by calendar year."</p> <p>(1) We are not sure how the requested additional tabs or Excel file differ from the format of the provided Attachment 0012. Would you please clarify the manner in which this format will be used during evaluation, so we can validate that we provide the information you require?</p> <p>(2) The definitions in Part II of Attachment 0010 imply that we should propose a standard workweek for all FTEs, but does this requirement imply that the performance hours may fluctuate from one quarter to the next?</p> <p>(3) Is the government requesting a format that combines the costs of all labor categories in Attachment 0012 into one line per cost element per CLIN in the additional file? In other words, for each quarter, should we have one line for Labor cost (all categories combined), one line for Labor overhead, one for ODC, one for G&A, etc?</p>	<p>(1) Attachment 0012 does not take into account an offeror's Fiscal Year, therefore it is filled in based on the performance period which may overlap your fiscal year. The Quarterly Time Phased Contractor Spreadsheets (either tabbed or separate) are based on using your accounting system and on your fiscal year data/projections. The Contractor Format Spreadsheets should be traceable to Attachment 0012 using the "Roadmap" see L.6.2.2.3 and explain how the rates on Attachment 0012 were developed.</p> <p>(2) For evaluation purposes, offerors should assume that the performance period is made up of standard workweeks and the quarterly contractor format spreadsheets should trace to the performance periods on Attachment 0012. As an example, if half the FY 3rd Qtr is over when the performance period on Attachment 0012 starts, then the contractor format spreadsheet should show those applicable costs, and should show how this flows to Attachment 0012.</p> <p>(3) No.</p>	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
152	KBS RFP	L.6.2.1.1	<p>Would the Government consider ceiling rates for T&M/FFP work while eliminating the rate card for Cost Type Work</p> <p>The Federal Acquisition Regulations recognize different contract types in order to create business arrangements which will result in an equitable distribution of risk while creating an incentive for the contractor to achieve or exceed the performance requirements of the contract, at a fair and reasonable price to the Government. With this in mind, our pricing methodology varies by contract type especially in the area of the application of fee. When contemplating the application of fee, we take into consideration among other things, risk, the complexity of the work being performed. This results in different rates and a different rate structure depending on the contract type. The differences in methodologies are documented in our CAS Disclosure Statement. In order to maintain compliance with our CASB Disclosure Statement and Federal Regulations, we are required to bid and bill using our most current cost rates.</p>	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
153	KBS RFP	A.5	To ensure increased competition, better solutions, and prices for Full and Open TO among OTSB providers we would like the government to consider awarding 8 SB contracts and at least 8 OTSB Contracts as a result of this solicitation.	The strategy will remain as detailed in the RFP Sections A.5 and M.1.1.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
154	Attachment 0002		Since we are to provide only ONE set of CEILING rates for all Labor Categories please provide the following: CONUS Weighting by Location per LC, OCONUS weighting by Location per LC. Please provide the top 10 SCA areas with weighting for the SCA Labor Categories. All of this information is key to providing competitive ceilings.	Offerors should include all contingencies in the ceiling rates proposed in Attachment 0002, including contingencies for work at any CONUS location. Competition will be determined by the marketplace.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
155	Attachment 0002		<p>Please indicate if the rates in Attachment [sic] 002 should start on the Government Fiscal Year or the Calendar Year? So that CY15 = October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 or should CY15 = January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.</p> <p>Request that rates follow Calendar Year = January 1, 20XX thru December 31, 20XX</p>	Rates in Attachment 0002 are Calendar Year rates (January 1 to December 31).	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
156	N/A	N/A	Please indicate who the current incumbent or incumbents are for the NIE TO or what Contractor/Contract and Task Order # this work is currently under?	The NIE representative TO, as currently written, does not have an incumbent.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
157	Attachment 0012		<p>The Phase In cost is included as part of the total evaluated Most Probable Cost and gives any incumbent clear advantage in not having to include a Phase In cost.</p> <p>Keep the Phase In cost Estimate but remove it from any part of the evaluation or provide a plu [sic] \$ amount for the Phase In to be used by ALL bidders.</p>	The evaluation scheme will remain as currently set forth in the KBS RFP.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
158	Attachment 0002		How will the ceiling labor rates provided in Attachment 0002.xls be included in the Total Evaluated Price (TEP). Example: Will Attachment 0012.xls Price for NIE TO plus All LC rates from Attachment 0002 added together = TEP? Or will each LC provided by each contractor be compared individually?	The Ceiling Rates on Attachment 0002 must be determined reasonable by the Government in order for the contractor to be eligible for award. The Total Evaluated Price will be determined as described in Section M.7.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
159	KBS RFP	L	<p>Multiple references in the Experience Factor to "contractor team arrangement(s)"</p> <p>Please elaborate on the focus on contractor team arrangement(s) in the Experience Factor when CTAs do not seem to be required in the PWS/RFP?</p>	There is no additional focus on CTAs beyond what has already been stated in the RFP.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
160	KBS RFP	L.1.2	Please clarify if the font size for tables and graphics can be smaller than 10 point	Please see response to Q&A number 30.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
161		Attachment 0009 and H.2.1.4	<p>There appears to be a conflict between Government's Draft Solicitation Q&As #63 and #64 stating that the Government is not mandating a specific DOL Wage Determination for the contractor to use in developing their Contract Ceiling Rates. All rates in Attachment 0002 will be incorporated into the contract as ceiling rates that will not be subject to future adjustments. However, Section H.2.1.4, H.21 of the solicitation and paragraph 4 of the NIE TOR (Attachment 0009) contradicts this stating that the proposed labor rates for KBS PWS may not exceed the fully burdened labor rates reflected in its KBS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002), unless FAR 52.222-43, "Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards - Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts)", applies.</p> <p>Request the Government to confirm that increases to the SCA Contract Ceiling Rates are allowable at the TO level.</p>	The language in the DRAFT RFP no longer applies. The language in H. 2.1.4, H.21, and Attachment 0009 of the current RFP is correct.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
162		L.6.2.1.2	<p>Section L.6.2.1.2 states that the offeror shall ensure that the rates proposed for all of the labor categories subject to the SCA comply with the minimums specified by the applicable DOL WD. There are no WDs provided as part of the solicitation.</p> <p>Request the Government to provide applicable WDs.</p>	Attachment 0002 ceiling rates will apply to all CONUS performance. No specific wage determination applies to any of the labor categories included in Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
163		H.19	<p>Section H.19 states that the contractor shall ensure that the base rates proposed for personnel subject to the DBA, meet or exceed the corresponding minimum wages established by the DOL for the corresponding region.</p> <p>For TOs that include Davis Bacon Act (DBA) labor, pricing for selected labor categories will vary based on the applicable DBA for the TO place of performance.</p> <p>Request the Government to confirm that increases to the Contract Ceiling Rates are allowable at the TO-level based on the applicable DBA for the TO place of performance.</p>	Please see response to Q&A number 81.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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164		L.6.2.1; Attachment 0002	The RFP References define the Contract Ceiling Rates for the MA IDIQ Pricing Labor Matrix; citing applicability to (1) all contract types, (2) labor that is performed by the prime or subcontractors, and (3) Service Contract Act (SCA) compliance. For TOs that include SCA labor, pricing will vary by place of performance in accordance with (IAW) the applicable Department of Labor (DOL) Wage Determination. Request the Government mandate that all offerors are pricing to the same requirement in developing their SCA Contract Ceiling Rates by issuing a specific DOL Wage Determination with the RFP for proposal evaluation purposes.	Attachment 0002 is not limited to a specific location and therefore must address ceiling prices for any location where the work may be performed. On subsequent task orders, contractors may propose lower ceiling rates based on the need of the Government to have work performed in a specific location. For the purpose of establishing ceiling rates however, the offeror should propose on the basis that the work can occur anywhere in CONUS.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
165		L.6.2.1; Attachment 0002	The RFP References define the Contract Ceiling Rates for the MA IDIQ Pricing Labor Matrix; citing applicability to (1) all contract types, (2) labor that is performed by the prime or subcontractors, and (3) SCA compliance. For TOs that include Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) labor, pricing for selected labor categories will necessarily vary based on the applicable CBA for the TO place of performance. Request the Government to confirm that increases to the Contract Ceiling Rates are allowable at the TO-level based on the applicable CBA for the TO place of performance, and CBA terms and conditions in force during the period of performance.	FAR 52.222-43 and FAR 52.222-44 will apply at the individual task order level.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
166		L.6.2.1.2	SCA and DBA wage and fringe benefit (i.e., Health and Welfare) rates are revised annually by the DOL. Request the Government confirm that annual adjustments to SCA, DBA and CBA wage and H&W rates will be allowable and incorporated into the Contract Ceiling Rates to ensure contractor compliance with future changes to these statutory requirements.	Please see response to Q&A number 165.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
167		H.2.1, L.6.2.2.1.1, and H.21	Per Section H.2.1 of the RFP the IDIQ rates provided will be fixed ceiling rates and can only be increased if there is a change in the Wage Determination. The offerors were instructed to base their pricing on Ft Bliss place of performance for all of the IDIQ labor categories (see below instructions L.6.2.2.1.1). The salaries in Ft Bliss may be considerably lower in some instances than other locations we will be asked to propose for future task orders. How will the rates be adjusted if the salaries are higher in other locations when proposing on future Task orders that are not covered by the Service Contract Act and applicable Wage Determination?	If rate adjustments are necessary, the adjustments will be made at the task order level and in accordance with FAR Clause 52.222-43 or FAR Clause 52.222-42.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
168	Attachment 0012		Is it the government's intent for the offeror to include Fringe (Holiday, vacation, payroll taxes, worker's compensation etc) and Health & welfare in the Labor Overhead percentage on Attachment 0012?	Yes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
169	Attachment 0002		Will the Government designate the Wage Determination to be used for KBS? Recommendation: That the Government designate and accept using Washington, DC Wage Determination for development of proposed pricing for the KBS proposal.	Please see response to Q&A number 162.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
170	Attachment 0012		Will the Government designate the Wage Determination to be used for KBS? Recommendation: That the Government designate and accept using Washington, DC Wage Determination for development of proposed pricing for the KBS proposal.	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
171	Attachment 0005		The workbook designates assignment of anticipated subcontract dollars to all teammates of the Offeror. This does not take into account any competition planned within the Team at the Task Order level to achieve the most competitive price. Recommendation: That the Government revise the Small Business Participation Factor Workbook and allow Offerors to only propose the dollars planned within the socio-economic categories, but not at the individual teammate level.	There will be no change to the workbook.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
172	Attachment 0002		In the price matrix, a Computer User Support Specialist I, II & III are listed in the exempt categories but the description reads very similarly to SCA, non-exempt categories. Will the Government review for exemption status? Recommendation: It is recommended that the matrix should be updated to switch the Computer User Support Specialists to the SCA Personal Computer Support Technician to ensure FLSA compliance.	Position descriptions for SOC positions are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2010 SOC definitions. No change will be made.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
173			As per solicitation, there are in total 5 6 monthly option periods. However, as per Attachment 2, there are in total 9 CYs. Please clarify.	Attachment 0012 applies to the NIE task order, which has a base period and option periods. Attachment 0002 applies to the IDIQ contract level labor price matrix. Offerors shall propose ceiling labor rates for the nine calendar years provided (CY15-CY23) in Attachment 0002.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
174			Can you please provide the OCONUS locations?	Performance in OCONUS location(s) is not anticipated or provided for within the NIE task order.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
175			How many trips are anticipated to OCONUS locations? Are you expecting any resume with proposal submission? If yes then	Please see response to Q&A number 174. No. The Government is not requesting resumes.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
176			a. For which labor categories b. How many resume for each labor category c. Letter of commitment required or not? d. What would be the page limit for each resume? e. Resume and/or letter of commitment will be counted towards page limitation?		8/12/2014	8/22/2014
177			Is there any Past Performance Questionnaire (PPQ) requested? If yes then a. how many PPQ requested b. do we need to submit the PPQ with proposal submission or can be directly send to agency by client?	No, the Government is not evaluating past performance under this solicitation.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
178			As stated in section L.3.2 One copy of this solicitation (Sections A-K) with all clauses and other fill-ins completed. System for Award Management (SAM) certifications need not be separately submitted. Are you expecting us to submit the SAM certification as separate volume? Volume Six?	No.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014

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179			As stated in section L.3.6 A subcontracting plan (if the offeror is an Other-Than-Small-Business (OTSB)) in accordance with FAR 52.219-9. If the offeror belongs to the Other-Than-Small-Business (OTSB), then and then need to provide subcontracting plan? Otherwise no need to submit subcontracting plan?	Offerors qualifying for the full and open pool at the IDIQ contract level must submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Offerors qualifying for the restricted pool are not required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Offerors in BOTH pools are required to comply with L.7. Small Business Participation (SBP) Factor. Please see paragraph L.7.1.8 for the differences between the SB Subcontracting Plan and SBP Factor.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
180			As stated in section L.5.1.1 An analysis of the NIE PWS (Attachment 0010) and discussion of the key success drivers and risks associated with performance and the proposed phase-in schedule, to include milestones and dates, for successfully achieving task order requirements and objectives. Additionally, offerors shall discuss how cost efficiencies will be realized during the performance period of the NIE PWS (Attachment 0010) to reduce costs and avoid cost overruns. In which format you are expecting milestone and dates? MS Project or Excel sheet?	Milestones should be submitted in either Excel or PDF format.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
181			Can you please provide the incumbent current contract value and eligibility criteria to re-compete?	Please see response to Q&A number 156.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
182			How many past performance, we need to submit?	Please see response to Q&A number 177.	8/12/2014	8/22/2014
183			How long does the security process take? In other words, if a contract is awarded, how soon a contract can start working?	Security clearances are required at the time of proposal submission for the NIE task order so that work may start immediately upon award. Reference 1.6.7 of Attachment 0010.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
184			As written, clause H.16.4.1.1 reaches well beyond the intent of the FAR 9.5 OCI clause. Is it the Government's intent to expand the restrictions of FAR 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest [sic], and if so, what exactly is the Government hoping to achieve with such expansive restrictions?	No, it is not the Government's intent to expand the restrictions of FAR 9.5. Please see the revisions made to the OCI provisions in H.16 as a result of Amendment 0003.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
185		Attachments 0009, 0010, and 0012	Attachment 0009 (TOR), Section F, Period of Performance: Phase-In (30 days): Date of Award – 30 days after award. Base Period (6 Months): Date of Award – 6 months after date of award. (This is conflicting) Attachment 0010, PWS, 1.5.3 explains the Base Period as The Base Period shall be from 30 days after award to six months after award (this is a 5 month period) and shall consist of approximately 7,680 labor hours. Attachment 0012, tab "Hours Check" lists the Base Period as 6 months and Required Hours of 960 Hours per line item (160 x 6). (1) Should Attachment 0012 Base Period be considered inclusive of the Phase –in period? If not, should Attachment 0012 Base Period be reduced to 5 months and the hours adjusted accordingly? (2) Should PWS, 1.5.3 change the Base Period, Period of Performance to six months after award, including the phase-in period? (3) Should Attachment 0009, Section F be corrected for clarity?	(1) No. (2) Paragraph 1.5.2 within Attachment 0010 will be amended. (3) No. Please see response to Q&A number 36 for more details.	8/12/2014	8/27/2014
186			[We would like to request] a two week extension on submitting the TS3 R&D, KBS, and ERS proposals. Please let me know if this is acceptable.	The closing date has been extended to September 10, 2014 at 1200.	8/15/2014	8/22/2014
187			NIE PWS 1.5.2 Base Period states the base period shall be from 30 days after award until six months after award which is a five month period, attachment , Attachment 0012)KBS_Prime Proposal Summary shows the base period as a full 6 month effort. Can the Government please clarify?	Please see response to Q&A number 36.	8/18/2014	8/27/2014
188			Attachment 0002 has a duplicate Statistician III labor category and does not have Statistician II labor category. Request the Government to provide corrected Attachment 0002.	The Government will amend Attachment 0002 to rename the duplicate Statistician III to a Statistician II.	8/21/2014	8/27/2014
189		L.7.1.8(b)(4)	[L.7.1.8(b)(4)] suggests that offerors KBS Prime Proposal for NIE (Attachment 0012) must include the use of small business subcontractor labor as part of the proposed solution. Given the limited scope and level of effort (8 FTEs) of the NIE task, use of subcontractor labor may not provide for the best value solution. Please clarify if offerors must include subcontractor labor in their proposed solution for the NIE task. If not, will the government please clarify how the dollar amounts for the SB Subcontracting Plan and SBP are to be calculated.	Please see response to Q&A numbers 21 and 97.	8/20/2014	8/27/2014
190	Amendment 0004	Revision to M.5.2	(1) The additional language added to M.5.2 "Accordingly, any prime experience which is identified in the offeror's experience factor proposal, but the other volumes of the offeror's proposal do not clearly support that the cited experience is intended to be used by the offeror during contract performance, may be discounted in whole or in part." in mod 4 is confusing. Will the Government provide an example of what this new wording is attempting to address so all offerors can have a complete understanding of this evaluation criteria? (2) Is the revised wording added to M.5.2 in [amendment] 4 requiring offerors to provide references to the programs listed in their experience volume as part of their technical response to the subject sample task order?	(1) No. (2) No.	8/22/2014	8/27/2014
191			Is it correct to assume that the Q&A period for each of the solicitations is closed and that the government will be responding to no further questions? And that the government has responded to all questions delivered prior to the close date of 12 August? Regardless, a notice(s) should be posted on the website indicating a. That questions can still be submitted or b. No further questions will be accepted and c. That all questions received have been answered or d. Further answers are still pending against the original questions	All questions/comments submitted on the final RFP were to be submitted no later than 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Tuesday, 12 August 2014. The Government will respond to all questions submitted by the 12 August 2014 date before the RFP closes. Any questions submitted after that date will be answered by the Government, but may not be answered before the RFP closes.	8/23/2014	8/27/2014

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192	Attachment 0010 and Attachment 0012		<p>There appears to be 8 FTEs listed in the NIE PWS and 7 FTEs listed in Attachment 0012. Can you please clarify the number of FTEs?</p> <p>From the PWS:</p> <p>1.5.2 Base Period: The base period shall be from 30 days after award to six months after award and shall consist of approximately 7,680 labor hours. The estimated labor per location is as follows, as defined by full-time equivalents (FTEs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 FTE Public Affairs (PA)/Protocol Officer/Administrative Officer Services - 6 * months - Ft. Bliss, TX * 1 FTE Scheduler/Knowledge Management Services - 6 months - Ft. Bliss, TX * 4 FTEs Operations Officer Services - 6 months - Ft. Bliss, TX * 2 FTEs Logistics Support - 6 months Ft. Bliss – TX <p>And from Attachment 0012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1.1 27-3031 Public Relations Specialists, Level II 5.1.2 13-1111 Management Analyst, Level III 5.1.3 13-1111 Management Analyst, Level III 5.1.3 13-1111 Management Analyst, Level I 5.1.3.4 13-1199 Program Management, Business Operations Specialists, All Other, Level III 5.1.4.1 13-1081 Logistician, Level II 5.1.4.2 13-1081 Logistician, Level II 	Both Attachment 0010 and 0012 are correct as written. Both attachments reflect the requirement of 8 FTEs for the NIE task order.	8/28/2014	8/29/2014
193			<p>We would like to officially request a proposal due date response extension due to the recent flooding our office has suffered that has had a negative effect on our computer hardware and facility work location in recent weeks. We appreciate your positive response to the unforeseen hardship that nature has caused to our facility.</p>	The RFP closing date and time will remain unchanged.	8/28/2014	8/29/2014
194			<p>REF: L.3.1.1 A scanned image of the SF 33 solicitation cover page signed by a person authorized to bind the offeror. Blocks 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16, 17, and 18 of the SF 33 shall be filled in by the offeror.</p> <p>Ref: L.3.2 One copy of this solicitation (Sections A-K) with all clauses and other fill-ins completed. System for Award Management (SAM) certifications need not be separately submitted.</p> <p>Q: Does Government require inclusion (compilation) and submittal of all previous amendments 001-007, including those that contained updated versions of the PWS? ~400pages of content...</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Can we submit "only" the most recent RFP (W56HZV14R0030-CONF0007) following instructions of L.3, L.3.1.1, L.3.1?</p>	Regarding paragraph L.3.2, the offeror only needs to submit a copy of the clauses and other fill-ins requiring the offeror's response/certification within Sections A thru K. The Government does not desire nor require offerors to resubmit a conformed copy of Sections A thru K in its entirety.	9/8/2014	9/9/2014
195			<p>We have formed a JV (REDACTED) with the intent of submitting a proposal on the subject solicitation. We created the JV on 5 August, but we have had difficulty getting the CAGE code validated in SAM.</p> <p>Our CAGE (REDACTED) and MPIN (REDACTED) are entered in SAM, but the CAGE is not validated. If the CAGE isn't validated when we submit our proposal, we are considering submitting our proposal using the CAGE and MPIN of one of the JV members (REDACTED).</p> <p>Assuming the CAGE is not validated in time, please advise how we should submit our formal proposal.</p>	It is acceptable to submit your proposal utilizing the CAGE and MPIN of one of the JV members. Within Volume I, the offeror shall describe in sufficient detail the status of the CAGE and MPIN of the JV.	9/8/2014	9/9/2014