Question Number	Question/Comments	Answer/Response	Date Posted to Web
1	This question is related to available hours for a FFP-LOE effort. On the current Omnibus BPA the LOE for procured services, as defined in the TOR, states, "Payment is due upon delivery of the full level-of-effort, and is conditioned upon receipt of the full level-of-effort." ACC-Warren has expected offerors to expend all available hours which consists of 2080 hours minus 10 holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. In some cases we have not been able to bill a labor category until the minimum hours exceed 150 hours for the billing month. If a staff member in a single labor category is out for two weeks annual vacation of sick leave the contractor is expected to have a backup employee available that meets minimum requirements to perform the effort. In essence if personnel utilize sick or leave hours during the Period of Performance for a specific Lot, is it required that the hours be 'made up' by the same staff person (or others on the team) during the same Period of Performance in order to receive full payment for that Period. It is the contractors responsibility for managing its workforce to complete the required LOE within the period identified. For TS3 Family of Contracts is it the Governments intent to have 100% utilization of the available hours or 1912 hours per year.	The representative task orders are not FFP LOE. The hours for a full-time-equivalent for an ERS contract FFP LOE will be determined at the individual task order level. Labor mix is task order dependent.	8/11/2014
2	We intend to submit our proposals a day early to avoid the rush of uploading them on the due date. Will the Government have someone available to help on September 1, Labor Day, should we encounter problems uploading our proposals?	No one from the Government will be available on 2014 Sep 01 to assist with uploading proposals. However, as of the date of this question response, the RFP closing date has been moved so that Labor Day is not the immediately preceding day. The RFPs now close on 10 Sep 2014.	8/11/2014 Revised 8/26/2014
3	Reference Experience Factor, Can we include previous PWS/SOWs as annotated attachments in our proposal submission and reference the paragraphs in the experience matrix/narrative? If we put all relevant paragraphs in the experience matrix/narrative we quickly exceed page count.	No. Annotated attachments are not permitted.	8/11/2014
4	H.22.3.2.1 Organization Conflict of Interest Plan H.22.3.2.1.1 The contractor agrees that it shall not compete for or accept any contract or subcontract for the production of any system, component or items on which it has worked, or provided recommendations on, under this contract or TO. In addition, the contractor agrees not to work as a subcontractor (including but not limited to, development or production, engineering, and consulting) to any hardware vendor to provide any system, component, or item on which he has worked under this contract. This prohibition shall be in effect from contract award through seven years after the end of the period of performance of the applicable TO. While we recognize the need to avoid actual or perceived conflict of interest with respect to task work to be solicited under this contract, we find the OCI language to be prohibitively restrictive and inhibiting. Prohibitive language regarding exclusion from any system which was previously worked on would result in the exclusion of companies that are in the best position to add value to the task for which assistance is being solicited, and would limit participation to firms with a very narrow scope, experience, and focus. Please revise the OCI language to be less restrictive and more in line with traditional language that would seek to prohibit participation of those companies in a clear position to gain an advantage based on their actual knowledge of, or association with, the work being contemplated. Please advise regarding your willingness to revise this OCI language as requested above. We look forward to your response.	Please see the revisions made to H.16 via of Amendment 0003.	8/11/2014

5	Within the TS3 ERS Technical Approach Factor, RSJPO PWS Attachment, paragraph 5.2.5 and 5.2.5.1 address the position of Liaison Integration Management. This paragraph lists five (5) tasks to perform. The 5th task labeled as "e" states: "Provide a weekly summary of activities report, based on tasks listed in 5.2.6.1, to the COR (A008)." Section 5.2.6.1 is a totally different section from the Liaison Integration Management position. Section 5.2.6.1 is the Web Based Supply Chain Management System Analysis position and lists 12 different tasks for that position. Question: Is the Liaison Integration Management task in 5.2.5.1.e truly supposed to refer to tasks in 5.2.6.1 or is the 5.2.5.1.e task supposed to refer back to the preceding tasks in 5.2.5.1?	The correct reference is 5.2.5.1. This was updated via Amendment 0003.	8/11/2014
6	Background: Request clarification for the eligibility of offerors under "Consideration levels #1-3", attachment 0004 (ERS), draft RFP section L.4.1.2.1-3 , W56HZV-14-R-0031. Question: Can the government please clarify that a Small Business Offeror, bidding as a "Prime", would be considered "responsive" if it's historical experience is cited under a single consideration level (#1-3); or does the government determine a Small Business Offeror is responsive as a "Prime", only if it's historical experience is cited under #1; or the requirement is citation of experience under three ALL consideration levels #1-3?	An offeror must provide experience for all three experience considerations. The Government will evaluate each of the considerations in Section L.4.1.2 (L.4.1.2.1, L.4.1.2.2, and L.4.1.2.3) to establish an overall adjectival Experience rating for each offeror. Amendments 0001 and 0002 were issued to amend L.4.1.2.1 and M.5.1.1.	8/11/2014
7	Reference Section L.4.1.2.1 of the RFP where it cites FAR 9.601(1) for the definition of a "contractor team arrangement" (CTA). Part 1 of FAR 9.601 (FAR 9.601(1)) defines CTA only as when "Two or more companies form a partnership or joint venture to act as a potential prime contractor". Part 2 of FAR 9.601(FAR 9.601(2)) includes agreements with other companies to serve as subcontractors in performance of the government contract. This Part 2 of the definition (FAR 9.601(2)) states that a CTA may be defined when "A potential prime contractor agrees with one or more other companies to have them act as its subcontractors". Since a JV or partnership agreement is not required to execute the resulting contract, experience in managing subcontractor teammates should also be included in the definition of CTA. Therefore, for purposes of this solicitation, it seems that the Government should be evaluating the prime offeror's experience with managing teammates in general, not only as formal legal Joint Ventures or partnership agreements. We recommend that the FAR reference in this section of the RFP be changed from FAR 9.601(1) to FAR 9.601 so that both parts of the definition of CTA are included.	Paragraphs L.4.1.2.1 and M.5.1.1 were revised via amendments 0001 and 0002 respectively.	8/11/2014
8	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.	If your company was novated or underwent a name change, please provide the supporting documentation as part of Volume I.	8/11/2014
9	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?	It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the type of supporting documentation it chooses to provide to the Government.	8/28/2014
10	Most contracts referenced as relevant examples satisfy 75-100% of the ERS 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.	8/26/2014

11	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.	8/26/2014
12	ERS Attachment 010 item 1.6.6 says that the Robotics TO is T&M, but the TOR says it's CPFF. Which source is correct?	This was revised via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
13	For labor to be performed in Afghanistan should hardship, hazard and DBA be included in the labor or under OCONUS ODCs?	Each contractor accounts for these costs (hardship, hazard, and DBA) according to their standard cost accounting practice. Therefore, it is up to the individual company to account for these cost accordingly. It can be reflected in the labor or the OCONUS ODCs. The offeror just needs to indicate where these costs are included.	8/28/2014
14	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.	8/26/2014
15	Fringe is not mentioned in Attachment 0012. Are offerers to assume the rate inputs in rows 8-39 are direct labor plus fringe? If not, how does the Government want to see the fringe breakout?	No. Offerors should comply with Section L.6.2.2 Robotics Task Order Instructions. Fringe Expenses may be included with Labor Overhead Expenses and Offerors 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.	8/26/2014
16	Text: Font size shall be no smaller than 10 point with margins no less than 1 inch (top, bottom, left, and right) excluding headers, footers, and page numbers. Question: Will the government allow the 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.	8/26/2014
17	L.4.1.2.1 Service contracts performed as the prime contractor which included contractor team arrangement(s) (CTA) (as defined by FAR9.601(1)) of at least three other organizations, not including the prime contractor. Include detail discussing the type and portion of work performed by each firm to accomplish tasks relevant to the ERS SOW key tasks contained within paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.6. Question: Does the government want detail related to the type of work performed, per the ERS 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 ERS SOW key tasks set forth in paragraphs C.4.1-C.4.6.	8/26/2014
18	1. Why were the qualifications on L.4.1 changed from "or" to "must have"	The words "must have" do not appear in L.4.1.	8/28/2014

19	2. The National Deployment Center Language is overly restrictive. a. Please define "equivalent of national deployment center" Are there any commercial centers? If so, can we use commercial while using the same standards as the national deployment? b. Do we have to have national deployment experience? c. Can you give us an example of commercial contract?	It is the offeror's responsibility to explain why its experience with deployed individuals is equivalent to the NDC process. Commercial contract equivalent is not used in the L.4.1.2 language. If an offeror fails to explain how its experience with deployed individuals is equivalent to the NDC process then it may be evaluated as higher risk. The Government cannot comment on hypothetical scenarios. Experience in deployment (reference Section L.4.1.2) is one of the considerations that the Government is using in making its best value determination.	8/22/2014
20	3. We are three companies. Companies A & B are a SBA approved MPAJV, which falls under the $7 million dollar size standard. We would like to use company C as a subcontractor. Will Company C's sales be counted toward the overall size standard?	Please refer to 13 CFR 121 and 124.	8/28/2014
21	Our company, [Redacted], is considered a Large Business for the ERS suite and intends to form a Joint Venture with another Large Business to bid on this effort. Both companies are registered in SAM and will comply with Section A.11 of the solicitation to fully disclose company relationships and delineate specifically how the JV will conduct business. A legally binding JV agreement, signed by both parties, will also be submitted with the proposal. Question #1: Is it required that the Joint Venture be registered in SAM at time of proposal submission? Our current plan is to file the JV documents with the IRS and Secretary of State only after notification of pending contract award. Since the JV will not have a Federal ID #, Cage Code or DUNS number until such time that it is has formally filed, registration in SAM cannot be completed. Question #2: If the answer to question #1 above does not require the JV to be registered in SAM, does the certification of SAM registration by each of the independent companies to the Joint Venture satisfy the requirement until such time that the Joint Venture completes the SAM registration?	#1: Yes. #2: N/A: See above response.	8/28/2014
22	Reference: Attachment 12 shows labor categories by Task Area and PWS paragraph number. Under Task Area 2, there appears to be a conflict between the paragraphs listed and the labor categories to support the specific task (i.e. Para 5.2.4.1 Warehouse and General Supply has Technical Instructor Course Developer listed against it). Question: Please confirm that the PWS paragraphs listed in Attachment 12 for the different labor categories correctly reflect the work that staff in these positions will be required to perform	The cited references for 5.2.4.1 all have the correct labor category referenced in the final ERS RFP.	8/28/2014
23	Solicitation Reference: L5.1.2 "Based on the analysis of the Robotics PWS (Attachment 0010), discuss the specific technical approach proposed, to include identification of necessary tasks, labor categories and details on how the offeror proposes to perform the requirements of the Robotics PWS (Attachment 0010)." Question: The final RFP added "labor categories" to the referenced section; however, Attachment 0012 designates the labor categories and hours by PWS paragraphs. Will the Government allow offerors to deviate from the assigned labor categories and hours listed in Attachment 0012?	No.	8/22/2014

24	Solicitation Reference: L.6.2.2.1 “The offeror shall provide spreadsheets, in accordance with its own accounting practices, as added tabs to the ERS Prime Proposal Summary File Robotics (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.” Question: Will the government provide the Period of Performance (PoP) start and end dates for the Base and option periods so that we can ensure the proposed costs submitted in Attachment 0012 are accurate?	The period of performance is be based on the anticipated award date on the TS3 website for the IDIQ (currently Jan 2015), plus up to 45 days for task order award as stated in Attachment 0009.	8/22/2014
25	M.6.1.1 “The Government will evaluate the offeror's analysis and discussion of key success drivers and risks of the NIE PWS (Attachment 0010) in the areas of performance, schedule, and cost efficiencies, to assess the proposal risk probability that the offeror will successfully achieve task order requirements and objectives.” L.5.1.1 An analysis of the Robotics 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 Robotics PWS (Attachment 0010) to reduce costs and avoid cost overruns. Question: • Would the Government please clarify if offerors are to address the phase-in period or the overall schedule of the Robotics Task Order? • Would the Government please clarify the reference to the NIE versus the Robotics PWS?	1) 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. 2) The reference to NIE has been amended to Robotics in Amendment 0003.	8/28/2014
26	Solicitation Reference: L.1.2 Drawings and graphics included within the proposal that may be more appropriate to use larger paper may utilize no larger than 11 x 17 paper. Question: Will the Government please verify that a single sheet of 11x17 paper , printed on one side only, will count as one page?	Correct. Pages left intentionally blank and noted as such will not be included in the page count.	8/28/2014

27	M.7.2 “The assessment of the total evaluated cost/price will include consideration of the reasonableness of both the FFP CLIN and CPFF CLINs, as defined in paragraph M.7.3, and realism of the CPFF CLINs, as defined in paragraph M.7.4, of the proposed cost/price.” Attachment 0010, Paragraph 1.6.6 “Type of Contract/Task Order: This effort shall be performed on a Time & Materials basis with travel on a cost-reimbursable (no fee) basis. A 60 day Phase-In period will be included on a Firm-Fixed Price basis.” Question: Section M.7.2 references CPFF CLINs while 1.6.6 states that costs, other than travel and Phase-In, are Time & Material. • Would the Government please clarify the type of contract for the Robotics Task Order? • Would the Government please clarify if the type of contract in the Robotics Task Order is Cost Plus Fixed Fee or Time and Materials?	The Robotics task order is CPFF. This was revised via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
28	Solicitation Reference: L.4.4 “Cross-Reference Matrix: In addition to populating the ERS Experience Matrix/Narrative (Attachment 0003) required by paragraph L.4.2, the offeror shall also complete the ERS Cross-Reference Matrix (Attachment 0004). The offeror shall populate the yellow-shaded cells by citing up to two prior contracts for each of the areas identified in L.4.1.2 and assigning a corresponding relevance level, based on the relevance definitions provided within Attachment 0004. The offeror's cited contracts should reflect the types of experience the Government will be using for evaluation purposes, as identified in paragraphs L.4.1.2.1, L.4.1.2.2 and L.4.1.2.3.” Question: Would the Government allow Attachment 004, ERS Cross-Reference Matrix, to be excluded from page count?	Attachment 0004 is not included in the page count.	8/28/2014
29	Solicitation Reference: L.3.6 “A subcontracting plan (if the offeror is an Other-Than-Small-Business (OTSB) in accordance with FAR 52.219-9).” Question: FAR 52.219-9 requires a Subcontracting Plan submission of the Total contract Value and Total Subcontracted. • Would the Government please clarify which Cost/Pricing Attachment Worksheet offerors are required to use to calculate Total Contract Dollars and Subcontract amount?	Please see: 1. Section L, L-10, TACOM clause 52.219-4004, SUBMISSION OF SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, paragraph (c) which says "Include goals for ERS Prime Proposal Summary File - Robotics (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. 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 Robotics TO. The Subcontracting Plan may be updated for future orders.	8/28/2014

30	Question #160 Drawings and graphics included within the proposal that may be more appropriate to use larger paper may utilize no larger than 11 x 17 paper. Per response to this question, an 11x17 counts as one page. Please confirm that an 11x17 graphic will count as one (1) page.	An 11x17 graphic will count as a single page.	8/28/2014
31	L.3.6, L.7, and M.1.1.1 Section L.3.6 of the RFP requires a small business subcontracting plan IAW FAR 52.219-9 to be included as a part of Volume I. FAR 52.219-9 refers to small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business concern, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business as separate entities. Section L.7 of the RFP requires a Small Business Participation Factor – Volume V – that relates specifically to the Robotics Task Order. Section M.8.1.1 of the RFP indicates that Volume V will be evaluated using the following percentages for small business participation:15% for SB, 2% for SDB, 2% for WOSB, 1% for HUBZone, 1% for VOSB, 1% for SDVOSB Is the requirement for "Small Business Participation" 15% total, or is the requirement 22% total?	The Small Business Participation Factor SB goal is 15%. Please see Attachment 0006, Small Business Participation Factor Workbook Instructions, Page 3, Sub $, Subcontractor Participation Dollars, paragraph f, which explains how the percentages for each SB subcategory are not simply added together for a total SB percentage.	8/28/2014
32	Section L.6.1.1 requires "the proposed phase-in schedule to include milestones and dates." Section M.6.1.1 appears to not include an evaluation factor for the phase-in schedule requirement in L.6.1.1. Please clarify how the proposed phase-in schedule and milestones 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.	8/28/2014
33	Section L.6.1.1 requires a discussion of "how cost efficiencies will be realized during the performance period of the Robotics PWS (Attachment 0010)." Section M.6.1.1 states "the Government will evaluate the offeror's analysis and discussion of key success drivers and risks . . in the areas of performance, schedule, and cost efficiencies," which seems to imply that the Section L.6.1.1 cost efficiencies requirement will only be evaluated in terms of risk. Please clarify how the offeror's proposed approach to achieving cost efficiencies will be evaluated.	The Government will evaluate the key success drivers and risks in each area, including cost efficiencies.	8/28/2014
34	Section L.4 states: For the purposes of this Task Order, the Technical Factor is "slightly" more important than the Cost/Price Factor. However, Section M.3 states that the Technical Factor is "significantly" more important than the Cost/Price Factor. Which statement is correct?	This was revised by Amendment 0005.	8/28/2014

35	pp 3- 4 Appears to skip from 1.6.8 to 1.6.10.	Paragraph 1.6.9 is reserved as noted in amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
36	5.2.3.3 PWS paragraph 5.2.3.3 states, For Robotics Repair in support of FORSCOM, contractor shall perform the preceding duties as outlined in 5.2.4.1 except for d through h; and duties as outlined in 5.2.4.2 except for d, e, g though i, and k. Paragraph 5.2.4.1 addresses Warehouse and General Supply. Paragraph 5.2.4.2 addresses Warehouse and General Supply in support of the JRRF. Neither 5.2.4.1 nor 5.2.4.2 includes Robotics Repair tasks. The only PWS paragraph that addresses Robotics Repair is 5.2.3.2. Please clarify which PWS paragraphs offerors should follow for Robotics Repair in support of FORSCOM.	The correct references are 5.2.3.1 and 5.2.3.2 and were updated by amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
37	Section 5.2.4.2 states the contractor shall perform the duties as outlined in “5.2.5.1…” Should that say “5.2.4.1” since 5.2.5.1 is a totally different functional area/responsibility from this section?	The correct reference is 5.2.4.1 and was updated by amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
38	5.2.5.1.e References an activity report based on tasks in 5.2.6.1, which is a task different from Liaison Integration Management. Perhaps the reference should be to 5.2.5.1.	The correct reference is 5.2.5.1 and was updated by amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
39	Text: The offeror will provide a quarter time-phased breakout of the labor rate for each category of direct labor, including the basis for the rate and any escalation used Question: If an offeror proposes escalation based on a yearly factor of the IDIQ period of performance to the offerors fiscal year, 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 contractors accounting system. These Contractor Format Spreadsheets should be reconciled with Attachment 12 using the "Roadmap" explained in Section L.6.2.2.3.	8/26/2014
40	Text: Show the quarterly time-phased application of the proposed direct and indirect rates Question: 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?	Offeror's, 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 contractors accounting system. These Contractor Format Spreadsheets should be reconciled with Attachment 12 using the "Roadmap" explained in Section L.6.2.2.3.	8/26/2014

41	Text: As assessment of the extent of the offeror's proposed levels of participation by SB concerns compared against the Government's goals for SBs in the categories listed below for this solicitation and expressed as a percentage of 'Total Contract Amount'. 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 ERS Prime Proposal Summary File Robotics (Attachment 0012). Question: 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 in 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 only incorporating these 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.	8/26/2014
42	Text: Fixed Fee The Government has asked contractors to provide a T&M type contract. On this type of contract, fee would not be fixed, it would be one fixed labor rate. Can the government please clarify?	In accordance with Section L.6.2.2.1.1, offerors shall propose a composite rate. The Attachment 0012 'Labor Distribution' tab provides estimated labor distributions.	8/22/2014
43	Question: The Government has provided a listing of approximately 21 additional locations for the Electronics Technician Maintenance II/III and Technical Instructor/Course Developer labor categories, however, they have not provided additional lines to accommodate the additional locations. Can the Government please amendment Attachment 0012 to reflect labor rates for each specific location of performance pursuant to the "Labor Distribution" tab?	In accordance with Section L.6.2.2.1.1, offerors shall propose a composite rate. The Attachment 0012 'Labor Distribution' tab provides estimated labor distributions. Amendment 0004 made a change to the locations for the estimated hours.	8/28/2014
44	Question #1: Please confirm that "NIE" referenced in this section should state "Robotics".	Correct. The reference was updated via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
45	In the Equipment Related Services RFP for small businesses, will JV subcontractors revenue count against the 7M limit in NAICS code 81111?	Please refer to 13 CFR 121.	8/28/2014
46	Can large businesses be used as subcontractors in the small business category as long as they meet the 51% rule.	Yes, as long as small businesses perform at least 50% of the work, large businesses may be used as subcontractors for task orders set-aside for small businesses.	8/28/2014
47	Performance Requirements Summary #1 Monthly Progress Reports CDRL A001, PWS Paragraph 5.2.7 is identified but is omitted under Task Area 5.2. Is there a PWS Paragraph 5.2.7?	The PWS Technical Exhibit 1 was revised to remove the reference to 5.2.7 via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
48	Performance Requirements Summary #1 Monthly Progress Reports CDRL A001 PWS Paragraph 5.5.3, is identified but is omitted under Task Area 5.5. Is there a PWS Paragraph 5.5.3?	The PWS Technical Exhibit 1 was revised to remove the reference to 5.5.3 via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014

49	Performance Requirements Summary #1 Monthly Progress Reports CDRL A001 PWS Paragraph 5.6.5 is identified whereas Task Area 5.6 has been omitted from the RFP. Is there a PWS Paragraph 5.2.7? [sic]	The PWS Technical Exhibit 1 was revised to remove the reference to 5.6.5 via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
50	PWS 5.2.7 is identified within Attachment 0011, Pages 1, 6 and 7 but is omitted under Task Area 5.2.	Attachment 0011 was revised via amendment 0003 to remove reference to 5.2.7.	8/22/2014
51	Page 15 only identifies maintenance for OCONUS. Should this not also include maintenance for CONUS?	No. CONUS based maintenance/repair is under paragraph 5.2.3.2.	8/22/2014
52	Will the government provide an estimate (%) of task orders to be awarded utilizing this evaluation methodology and or what types of requirements it intends to award utilizing this evaluation methodology?	No.	8/22/2014
53	If Technical Go/No Go is utilized, the Government will determine the standards for the non-cost factors of the proposal on an Acceptable/Not Acceptable (Go/No Go) basis, and then evaluate the lowest total evaluated price.	That is an accurate statement regarding the Go/No Go evaluation approach.	8/22/2014
54	Background: Per the above references all members of a JV are considered to be a single prime offeror. Therefore, the Government will evaluate the experience of all of the members of a JV under the experience factor. As such, each JV member is allowed up to 2 contract for each of the areas identified in paragraphs L.4.1.2.1, L.4.1.2.2 and L.4.1.2.3. Furthermore, Attachment 0003, Experience Matrix/Narrative requires the submission of SOW/PWS excerpts to substantiate relevancy. Question: To provide the full scope of the references efforts, will the Government allow 20 pages per company for Attachment 0003, Experience Matrix/Narrative, for JV submissions?	Amendment 0005 increased the limit to 25 pages for the Experience Matrix. In addition, a JV is only entitled to submit experience on two contracts per experience factor, not each JV member. So you have to pick the experience that best represents your JV.	8/28/2014
55	Question: Can the Government please explain/clarify the relationship between the SCA/SOC categories when compared to the various levels (I, II, III, III maximum) and their corresponding descriptions? For example; SCA/SOC Category, “Administrative Services Managers” Level III requires a masters or bachelor’s degree in a specialized field, whereas level III maximum requires a PhD. 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 while offerors are being held to the higher level descriptions. Will the Government please clarify the relationship of the SOC descriptions and salaries, as well as their corresponding percentile wage estimates, against the labor category level descriptions and how they will be used in the evaluation of offerors rates?	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. 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.	8/26/2014
56	Question: What geographic region(s) are offerors to use when mapping SCA/SOC labor categories?	Offeror are to take into consideration all geographic regions on CONUS and to incorporate adequate contingencies into their Ceiling Rates because these Ceiling Rates are non negotiable after contract award.	8/26/2014
57	Question: Can offerors add a tab to Attachment 002 for supporting data and celling rate builds?	No.	8/28/2014

58	Question: Are offerors and subcontractors to assume a Jan. 1 start date to illustrate quarterly time-phased breakout? In addition, will the Government provide detailed instructions for subcontractors to provide sealed pricing packages?	Q1) A Start Date of 1 Feb 2015 may be used for evaluation purposes. Q2) No supporting documentation is required for subcontractors.	8/28/2014
59	Question: 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 businesses 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.	8/26/2014
60	Question: 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. Will the Government provide an example and/or clarify what information is needed for the “roadmap?”	The "Roadmap" is intended to reconcile the Offeror's Format Spreadsheets to Attachment 0012.	8/26/2014
61	Question: Will the Government provided a mapping of Labor Categories identified in Attachment 12 to the locations identified in Attachment 0010, section 1.6.5?	No. See Attachment 0012, 'Labor Distribution' tab.	8/28/2014
62	Question: The Government listed this as a Time and Materials type contract, but Attachment 0009, section A, Item 5, lists this contract as a Cost Plus Fixed Fee award. Will the Government please clarify the type of contract?	The contract type is Cost Plus Fixed Fee - Term and is reflected via Amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
63	Question: Are offerors required to complete in addition to Attachment 0012?	The question is unclear.	8/22/2014
64	Question: Please confirm that only offerors who receive a prime IDIQ ERS award first will be evaluated for the sample task?	Correct. Only offerors who are awarded an ERS MA IDIQ contract will be eligiable for award of the Robotics Task Order.	8/22/2014
65	Question: Will contractors deploying be required to attend IRDO at Camp Atterbury or Fort Bliss, TX?	IRDO processing is through Camp Atterbury.	8/22/2014
66	Question: Will CRC Ft Bliss, TX have the same 6 day processing?	IRDO processing is through Camp Atterbury.	8/22/2014
67	Question: The instructions indicate a FFP LoE contract type, this contradicts Attachment 0010 (T&M) and Attachment 0009 (CPFF). Will the Government please confirm the contract type?	The Robotics task order is CPFF and is reflected as such in amendment 0003.	8/22/2014

68	Question: Will the Government please confirm if these cells are to be completed by the offerors who propose OCONUS uplifts (i.e.hazard, hardship, DBA)? Also, will the Government clarify if there should be an ODC cell in the robotics sub tab?	Contractors apply these costs based on their standard cost accounting practices. Some contractors include these costs as part of their labor and some include these costs as part of their ODCs. If these costs are included as part of your labor costs, then Prime Offerors should complete the Quarterly Time Phased Contractor Format Spreadsheets in accordance with their normal accounting practices. The "Roadmap" (See Section L.6.2.2.3) should reconcile the OCONUS Pay Premiums and other miscellaneous costs for OCONUS Staffing with Attachment 12. Subcontract HAP/DAP/DBA may be included in Subcontract fully burdened labor, or as a cost under the Prime ODC.	8/28/2014
69	Question: 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: [Your Company Name]-Volume [X]-File [X] of [X]-[Solicitation Number] As an example: ACCWRN-Vol1-1 of 2-14R0031 Note: Abbreviations, including the solicitation number, are allowable to stay within the 40 character limit. Link to ASFI BRS Users Guide for Vendors: https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi/BRS_guide.doc	8/28/2014 Revised 9/5/2014 Revise 9/8/2014
70	Question: Will the Government designate the Wage Determination to be used for ERS? Recommendation: That the Government designate and accept using Washington, DC Wage Determination for development of proposed pricing for the ERS proposal.	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.	8/26/2014
71	Question: Will the Government designate the Wage Determination to be used for ERS? Recommendation: That the Government designate and accept using Washington, DC Wage Determination for development of proposed pricing for the ERS proposal.	No. 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.	8/26/2014

72	Question: 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.	8/26/2014
73	Question: 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.	8/26/2014
74	RFP Reference: 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 ERS Prime Proposal Summary File NIE (Attachment 0012). Topic: TCV Clarification Question: 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, L-10, TACOM clause 52.219-4004, SUBMISSION OF SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, paragraph (c) which says "Include goals for ERS Prime Proposal Summary File Robotics (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. 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 Robotics TO. The Subcontracting Plan may be updated for future orders.	8/26/2014
75	Question: The RFP states that "the base period is 3 months; base surge option is 3 months; Option period 1 is 9 months; Option period 2 is 12 months and Option period 3 is 12 months. Further on page 4 of attachment 10 paragraph 1.6.15.1.1 it states that "the phase in is the initial 60 calendar days after task-order award. Isn't this 60 days phase in part of the 3 month base period? We do not believe that on 30 days of full performance (i.e. the last 30 days of the base period) is sufficient to allow the contractor and the government to adequately perform and be evaluated on this contract. We assume that the Government only intends to fund the base period initially and not the base period surge or the option periods. During phase-in the contractor will be hiring personnel, conducting joint inventories, meeting with counterparts and government officials but performing at full rate. Recommendation: We recommend that the base period be six (6) months which includes the 60 day phase-in and that Option period 1 be 6 months also. This would preclude a multitude of contract modifications during the first 6-12 months.	Yes, the phase-in is part of the initial base period. The Government does not plan to make any change to this section.	8/22/2014

76	Question: If the Offeror intends to use more than one subcontractor for a particular task area (e.g. 5.2.3.2, 8160 hours for 23182 (SCA) Electronics Technician Maintenance II), how do we indicate this within the offeror certification columns in BF and BG?	Offeror's with multiple subcontractors, including those with multiple subcontractors proposing on the same labor category should identify the subcontractors on their Quarterly Time Phased Contractor Format Spreadsheets and also use a Roadmap (See Section L.6.2.2.3) to reconcile the Contractor Format Spreadsheets to Attachment 12. A blended rate may be used on the Robotics Sub Labor Tab and the Prime Offeror is certifying in column BF/BG. Offerors may use Column C on the Robotics Sub Labor Tab to identify its subcontractors.	8/28/2014
77	Regarding the Sample Task Order, Attachment 010, page 4, 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.	8/22/2014
78	Section 1.6.6 of the RSJPO SETA TO states that the TO effort will be performed on a Time & Materials basis with travel on a cost-reimbursable (no fee) basis. Attachment 9 (the TOR) Section A(5) states that the TO will be Cost Plus Fixed Fee. Please clarify the TO type.	The Robotics task order is CPFF. This was revised via amendment 0003.	8/22/2014
79	Per Attachment 2, Pricing Labor Matrix, 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 ERS RFP was revised via amendment 0003. No ceiling rate is required for higher qualified staff.	8/22/2014
80	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 ERS Robotics STO?	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.	8/26/2014
81	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 for the MA IDIQ contracts, in accordance with CLIN 0001, is from the date of MA IDIQ contract award through 1,824 calendar days after contract award. The 2,922 days after award as indicated in "Deliveries or Performance" represents the "performance period" of the MA IDIQ contract. A task order issued on the last day of the ordering period may have a three-year period of performance.	8/22/2014
82	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.	8/22/2014

83	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.)	8/22/2014
84	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.	Section H.2.1.5 has been revised via ERS RFP Amendment 0003 to state, "In order to be eligible for overtime premiums, overtime shall be explicitly authorized in advance by the contracting officer."	8/22/2014
85	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.	8/26/2014
86	Section L, paragraph 1.2, provides the formatting requirements for Offerors' proposals. Please address the following questions related to these instructions: a. 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? b. Will the Government please confirm the font size requirement does not apply to tables and graphics as long as the font used is legible? c. Would the Government please confirm that Offerors can format Solicitation Attachments to ensure compliance and consistency?	(1) The RFP only requires font size to be no smaller than 10 point. The RFP does not prohibit any particular font. (2) Please reference Q&A number 30. (3) Offerors are not required to format the solicitation attachments to ensure compliance and consistency.	8/26/2014

87	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. 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. 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? 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? 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?	Q1: In paragraph (c) of the clause, it refers to "a separate part for the basic contract and separate parts for each option (if any)". It also says in paragraph (i) that "When a modification meets the criteria in 19.702 for a plan, or an option is exercised, the goals associated with the modification or option shall be added to those in the existing subcontract plan." 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 Robotics TO. If the IDIQ awardee is not awarded the Robotics task order, 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 future TOs during the life of the IDIQ, the Small Business Subcontracting Plan may be updated to include goals for those TOs that meet the criteria in FAR 19. 702. The government's goals for those future TOs may be stated in the TO requests if 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) for the entire contract, but list cumulative goals and cumulative accomplishments for only the TOs that are awarded on that IDIQ. Q2: 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 RSJPO task order. If the Government goals for future task orders change, subcontracting plans may be updated. Q3: Discrepancies or inconsistencies in the proposal may result in a higher risk assessment.	8/28/2014
88	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.	Yes, as stated in L.2.4(b).	8/26/2014
89	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?	(1) No, the Facility Clearance (FCL) requirement is only applicable to the prime offeror at the ERS MA IDIQ level. The prime offeror is the only one that needs to submit FCL evidence in accordance with Section L.3.8. (2) No, the evaluation of an offeror's proposal will not be affected if a subcontractor does not have an FCL for award of an ERS MA IDIQ contract. However, subcontractors may be required to have an FCL based on the requirements of a specific task order.	8/22/2014

90	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.	It is the offerors responsibility to determine the type of documentation it chooses to provide to the Government as evidence that it possess an adequate financial management and accounting system and fund tracking procedures. In addition to any evidence an offeror chooses to provide, offerors shall also complete and submit a Defense Audit Agency (DCAA) Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor Accounting System Checklist.	8/26/2014
91	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.	That is correct.	8/26/2014
92	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?	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.	8/26/2014
93	Would the Government please describe the adjectival Experience ratings and define how each offeror will be evaluated against the ratings?	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.	8/26/2014
94	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? a. 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.") Crossteaming 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 proposal, and it can submit one on its own as a non-JV prime.	8/26/2014
95	2) 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?	No. The Government is asking for an affirmative statement, not a discussion.	8/26/2014
96	Equipment Related Services (ERS), Attachment 10, Paragraph 1.5 states that the period of performance may be extended for “…an additional 33 months in the form of a base surge option, a nine-month option and two-twelve month options…”. Would the Government please confirm that the total task order period of performance is 36-months and that the if the Base Period and Base Surge Period are concurrent events?	The Robotics has a potential maximum period of performance of 36 months, if all options are exercised. The Base Period and the unexercised Base Surge Option Period run concurrently.	8/22/2014
97	Equipment Related Services (ERS), Attachment 10, Paragraph 1.6.15.1 states that the “…Phase-In period shall be the initial 60 calendar days after task-order award.”. Would the Government please confirm that the hours provided in Equipment Related Services (ERS), Attachment 12,”Hours Check” are exclusive of this Phase-in requirement?	Correct, hours provided in the 'Hours Check' area do not include any hours the contractor deems necessary for successful completion of the Phase-In.	8/22/2014

98	What are the numbers for each type of each system in 1.4.1 and where are they located.	The Government may not provide this information.	8/22/2014
99	In 5.1.4.1 c. there is a reference to "Technical Management" systems. Are these another pool of systems and, if so, what are the numbers, type and location for these?	These are the same systems referenced in Section 1.4.1 of the PWS.	8/28/2014
100	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. Request the Government to provide applicable WDs.	Reference Section H.18. Offerors should consult the Departement of Labor (DOL) website: https://www.dol.gov for specific wage determinations as appropriate.	8/22/2014
101	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. 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. 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.	The language in H.2.1.4 and H.21 of the current RFP is correct.	8/26/2014
102	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.	8/26/2014
103	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.	8/26/2014
104	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.	FAR 52.222-43 and FAR 52.222-44 will apply at the individual task order level.	8/26/2014
105	What are the specifics that the CO will require to approve a new subcontractor be added to a prime team?	That is a matter thatwill be handled at the task order level (subcontractors are not locked in at the IDIQ level).	8/22/2014

106	Can the Government advise where in Afghanistan Contractors may be deployed?	The Government may not provide this information.	8/22/2014
107	Can the Government advise where Contractors will be based in Afghanistan?	The Government may not provide this information.	8/22/2014
108	Robotics Task Order, Section 8, Clause 5152.225-5908, Government Furnished Contractor Support indicates "FOR PRICING PURPOSES CONTRACTORS SHOULD ASSUME THAT FOR ANY POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE LOCATION IN AFGHANISTAN THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS ARE CHECKED FOR U.S. CITIZENS ONLY: APO/FPO/MPO/DPO/Postal Services; Billeting; CAAF; Controlled Access Card (CAC); Badge; DFAC; Excess Baggage; Govt Furnished Meals; Military Banking; Military Exchange; MIL Issue Equipment; MILAIR; MWR; Resuscitative Care; and Transportation." However, 5152.225-5908, Government Furnished Contractor Support (May 2012) indicates US Citizens will be authorized "None" of the life support services. Please confirm that if the Government deploys Contractor personnel to Afghanistan and no life support and/or security is provided, Contractor will be entitled to refuse deployment without penalty or task order termination.	No, pursuant to FAR 52.243-2(d), the contractor is not excused from performance.	8/22/2014
109	How much notification will be provided to Contractor employees prior to deploying to Afghanistan?	This is unknown at this time, however this task order includes Afghanistan possible as a place of performance.	8/22/2014
110	Please advise what GFI and marking restrictions will be provided to the Contractor under this task order?	Potential markings are listed within the clause.	8/22/2014
111	Would the Government consider adding the following language to the end of clause (c) "Contractor is not liable for any claims or liability arising from the negligence or misconduct of Government or third parties. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the Contractor's total liability will not exceed the total value of task order regardless of the legal theory assert, unless such liability arises from Contractor's gross negligence or willful misconduct." This requested language clarifies that Contractor is only responsible to negligence or misconduct of own employees when handling GFI.	The Government does not plan to make any change to this section. See DFARS 227.7103-7(c)(5).	8/22/2014
112	Please confirm that the Contractor is authorized to invoice the fixed fee in equal monthly increments. If not, how is the Contractor to invoice the fixed fee?	When a cost-plus-fixed fee task order is awarded, payment of Fixed Fee is pursuant to FAR Clause 52.216-8 -- Fixed Fee and the schedule (such as progress payments if applicable) as identified in the task order.	8/22/2014
113	Section H.2.1.4 states "The contractor's ERS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) proposed in response to the IDIQ solicitation sets forth the labor categories and associated maximum labor rates the Government will reimburse for any given performance period. Offerors are advised that the proposed labor rates to successfully perform any task order issued hereunder should reflect the most competitive price. At the task order level, should the applicable Wage Determination rate(s) increase during task order performance, the Contracting Officer can make adjustments in accordance with FAR 52.222-43, "Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts)." And Section H.21 states "All fully loaded labor rates (including profit/fee) shown on the ERS 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. Ceiling prices will apply, unless an applicable Wage Determination increases beyond the ceiling; see H.2.1.4. The contractor shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing its ceiling rates for each labor category listed in Attachment 0002." Q: The last sentence states that all conceivable contingencies should be accounted for when developing ceiling rates. 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.	The contractor shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing its ceiling rates for each labor category listed in Attachment 0002. The contingencies considered are the offeror's decision.	8/28/2014

114	Section H.5 states that the Government may conduct an Open Season approximately 2.5 years into the ERS MA IDIQ performance period and H.5.3 states "Existing ERS MA IDIQ contractors may also participate in Open Season in order to make downward cost/price adjustments." Q1: Since Prime Contractor pricing for the ERS 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? Q2: 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?	Q1) This is a matter for an offeror to decide. Q2) No.	8/28/2014
115	Attachment 10, Section 1.6.6 states "Type of Contract/Task Order: This effort shall be performed on a Time & Materials basis with travel on a cost-reimbursable (no fee) basis. A 60 day Phase-In period will be included on a Firm-Fixed Price basis." Q: The TOR and Attachment 00012, ERS Prime Proposal Summary File, both state that the contract type is a Cost Plus Fixed Fee Level of Effort (CPFF-LOE). Please clarify.	See Question 62.	8/22/2014
116	TOR, Section F – lists the following for Period of Performance: Phase-In (60 days): Date of Award – 60 days After Date of Award (ADA) Base Period (03 Months): Date of Award – 3 Months ADA Base Surge Option (03 Months): Date of Award – 3 Months ADA Option Period One (9 Months): 3 Months ADA – 12 Months ADA Option Period Two (12 Months): 13 Months ADA – 24 Months ADA Option Period Three (12 Months):25 Months ADA - 36 Months ADA Q: Please advise whether the 60 day Phase-In will take place before the Base Period or whether the Phase-In will take place concurrently with the Base Period.	The Phase-In Period will run concurrent with the Base and Base Surge Option Periods.	8/22/2014
117	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.	8/22/2014

118	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." 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? 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.	8/22/2014
119	The following questions refer to the "Hours Check" tab of Attachment 0012: Q1: The Labor Category addressing PWS paragraph 5.1.6 is identified as "17-2111 Health and Safety Engineer III." PWS paragraph 5.1.6 addresses Radio Frequency Engineering." The assigned labor category does not seem to meet the position requirements. Can the Government identify a more appropriate labor category for this position? Q2: The Labor Category on Row 27 addressing PWS paragraph 5.2.5 is identified as "15-1121 Computer Systems Analyst III" and the Labor Category on Row 28 is "15-1141 Database Administrator II." Based on draft solicitation document and review of the PWS requirements, it appears that Row 27 should address PWS 5.2.6.1 – Web Based Supply Chain Management System Analysis" and Row 28 should address PWS 5.2.6.2 – Web Based Supply Chain Management System Administration." Is this correct, and if so, will the Government correct Attachment 0012?	Q1: Amendment 0003 revises the labor categories for tasks 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 in Attachment 0012. Q2: Please see Amendment 0005.	8/28/2014
120	QUESTION: 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.	8/26/2014
121	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.	8/26/2014
122	QUESTION: 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.4.6?	It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the type of information to be included in its proposal.	8/26/2014
123	QUESTION: 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.	8/26/2014

124	QUESTION: 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?	It is the offerors responsibility to determine the type of documentation it chooses to provide to the Government as evidence that it possess an adequate financial management and accounting system and fund tracking procedures. In addition to any evidence an offeror chooses to provide, offerors shall also complete and submit a Defense Audit Agency (DCAA) Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor Accounting System Checklist.	8/26/2014
125	QUESTION: 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 varying (three months, 9 months, and one year) 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.	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.	8/26/2014
126	QUESTION: 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?	No, at this time subcontractors are not required to supply supporting information pertaining to their fully burdened labor rates.	8/26/2014
127	Health and Safety Engineers typically recommend process and product safety features, inspect facilities/machinery to ensure safety regulation compliance, investigate industrial accidents, and other similar tasks. Given the preponderance of work under this SOW is electronics, electronics systems integration, sustainment and configuration management, wouldn't the labor category of Electrical Engineer III make more sense?	Amendment 0003 revised the labor categories for tasks 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 in Attachment 0012 to 17-2199 Engineer, All Others, III.	8/28/2014
128	Please clarify the Government's intention behind stationing two individuals in an OCONUS location with only a 0.26 man-month labor requirement.	The hours reflect the Government's anticipated need at this time.	8/22/2014
129	Question #4 in the Q&A released 11 August questions the restrictive nature of (now) PWS clause H.16.4.1.1. As written, the clause reaches well beyond the intent of the FAR 9.5 Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) clause. Using the Robotics sample task as an example, the clause seems to eliminate any supplier in the Robotics industry if they've worked on, made recommendations for, developed, produced, engineered, or consulted for any Robotics product or component. Further, if a prime could find a supplier left standing, they would most likely be eliminated because they have serviced or maintained a Robotics product/system/ component by virtue of having "worked on" it. To further complicate matters, H-clause 16.4.1.2 not only expands the restriction vertically and horizontally across any corporation, but seizes any future affiliations that may occur through merger or acquisition. Is it the Government's intent to expand the restrictions of FAR 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest, and if so what exactly is the Government hoping to achieve with such expansive restrictions?	Amendment 0003 revised the OCI language in Section H.16. It is not the Government's intent to expand the rules in FAR 9.505.	8/22/2014
130	RFP Para. M.6.1.1 This paragraph refers to an "NIE PWS." Will the Government confirm that this should read "Robotics PWS"?	Correct. This is corrected in Amendment 0003.	8/22/2014

131	The Phase-In tab includes a section for materials. This appears to be the only section to include Phase-In non-material Other Direct Costs (ODC)s. Instructions do not permit offerors to manipulate the tab. With respect to the Phase-In tab of Attachment 0012, does the government consider Materials to include all material and non-material ODCs?	Material and non-material ODCs may be included. The offeror should include detailed information in its roadmap on costs included. Amendment 0005 revised the ODCs section of the 'Phase-in' tab.	8/28/2014
132	The Phase-In tab includes a section for materials without distinguishing fee-bearing material cost from non-fee-bearing material cost. The tab is constructed with formulas that apply fee to all Materials. The tab is not to be manipulated by the offeror. With respect to the Phase-In tab of Attachment 0012, would the Government consider revising the formulas so that both fee-bearing and non-fee-bearing costs (e.g., Travel) can be proposed?	Amendment 0005 revised the ODCs section of the 'Phase-in' tab.	8/28/2014
133	Attachment 0012 lists "Health and Safety Engineer III" as the sole labor category for PWS 5.1.6 Radio Frequency Engineering. Will the Government provide a more suitable labor category for this technical area?	Amendment 0003 revised the labor categories for tasks 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 in Attachment 0012 to 17-2199 Engineer, All Others, III.	8/28/2014
134	In paragraph M.8.1.1 on page 81 of the ERS RFP, the Government states an assessment will be made "of the extent of the offeror's proposed levels of participation by SB concerns compared against the Government's goals for SBs". What are the criteria for how this assessment be made? Should an OTSB firm propose not to subcontract with any SB concerns for this particular Task Order, will the assessment preclude award to the OTSB concern either the Task Order or the ERS IDIQ? What would the assessment results be?	The Government cannot comment on hypothetical scenarios. However, 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 RSJPO task order. If the Government goals for future task orders change, subcontracting plans may be updated.	8/28/2014
135	In paragraph M.8.1.2 on page 81 of the ERS RFP, the Government states an assessment will be made "of the probability that the offeror will achieve the proposed levels, or the risk the offeror will not achieve the proposed levels, during performance of the contract." Which contract is the Government referring to? Is it the IDIQ for ERS or the Task Order? What are the criteria for how this assessment will be made? Should an OTSB firm propose not to subcontract with any SB concerns for this particular Task Order, will the assessment preclude award to the OTSB concern either the Task Order or the ERS IDIQ? What would the assessment results be?	The risk assessment for the TO will also be used as the risk assessment for the IDIQ Contract. For Q3., Q4., and Q5. See answer to Question 134.	8/28/2014
136	In paragraph L.7.1.3 subparagraph (b) on page 71 of the ERS RFP, the Government states "An offeror shall fill out the Small Business Participation Factor Workbook (Attachment 0005) with goals for this solicitation specifically, even if it is an OTSB submitting a Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan." Does the Small Business Subcontracting Plan to be submitted contain both Comprehensive goals for the ERP IDIQ contract and specific goals for the Robotics Task Order or just Comprehensive goals?	Comprehensive Plans under the DoD Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan Test Program have goals for a whole corporation, company, or subdivision (plant, division - separate profit center). Goals contained in the Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plan are not broken out for each contract or for Task Orders within a contract. Please refer to L.7.1.8.	8/28/2014

137	In paragraph L.7.1.8 subparagraph (4) on page 73 of the ERS RFP, the Government states "has goals that are expressed as a percentage of Total Subcontracting Amount for all of the Basic CLINs and all of the Option CLINs identified in the ERS Prime Proposal Summary File Robotics (Attachment 0012)." This statement appears to support that both Comprehensive goals for the ERP IDIQ contract and specific goals for the Robotics Task Order are required. Is our understanding correct?	No. For both the Small Business Subcontracting Plan and Small Business Participation Plan, goals are based on the Robotics TO only. Please see: 1. Section L, L-10, TACOM clause 52.219-4004, SUBMISSION OF SUBCONTRACTING PLAN, paragraph (c) which says "Include goals for ERS Prime Proposal Summary File - Robotics (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. Small Business Participation Factor Workbook Instructions, Attachment 0006, Page 9 . Note that 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 Small Business Subcontracting Plan must include subcontracting for only the Robotics TO. The Subcontracting Plan may be updated for future orders.	8/28/2014
138	In Attachment 0006 Instructions on page 2 of the ERS 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?	No change will be made. The Small Business Participation Factor Workbook is set up to be consistent with the rules for Small Business Subcontracting Plans. The requirement on pages 3 and 8 of Attachment 0006 is in keeping with the rules for Subcontracting Plans in 13 CFR 125.3(a)(1)(ii) that require that "only subcontracts involving performance in the US or its outlying areas should be included..." in the subcontracting dollars. However, unlike Subcontracting Plans for which the percentages are based on Total Subcontracting Amount, the Small Business Participation Factor percentages are based on Total Contract Amount. Therefore, all prime dollars, no matter where the place of performance, must be included in the Prime $ tab as shown on page 2 of Attachment 0006. Note: The exclusion is for subcontracts performed entirely outside the US or its outlying areas, which is different from OCONUS.	8/28/2014
139	In paragraph M.8.1.1 on page 81 of the ERS 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).	8/26/2014
140	In paragraph M.8.1.1 on page 81 of the ERS RFP, the Government lists percentage of the work to be distributed to various types of small businesses. Given the instructions for Attachment 0005 contained in Attachment 0006, OCONUS positions are excluded from consideration for subcontractor participation. Therefore, the ability to meet those percentages is greatly reduced. Is the offeror required to meet those percentages in order to have an acceptable proposal?	The degree that an offeror meets the levels of small business participation will be used to determine the proposal's rating.	8/28/2014

141	For ceiling prices (Attachment 0002) in Attachment with ERS, is there a Government Wage Determination to be used or is that decision left to the discretion of the prime contractor?	No. The contractor shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing its ceiling rates for each labor category listed in Attachment 0002. The contingencies considered are the offeror's decision.	8/28/2014
142	For the ERS attached 12 Most Probable Cost tab, are we to assume the following costs included should be included in CLIN 000XAF ODCs (OCONUS related ODCs)? . Site Differentials & Danger Pay . Applicable Insurances including Defense Base Act (DBA)	Contractors apply these costs based on their standard cost accounting practices. Some contractors include these costs as part of their labor and some include these costs as part of their ODCs. If these costs are included as part of your labor costs, then Prime Offeror's should complete the Quarterly Time Phased Contractor Format Spreadsheets in accordance with their normal accounting practices. The "Roadmap" (See Section L.6.2.2.3) should reconcile the OCONUS Pay Premiums and other miscellaneous costs for OCONUS Staffing with Attachment 12. Subcontract HAP/DAP/DBA may be included in Subcontract fully burdened labor, or as a cost under the Prime ODC.	8/28/2014
143	On page 10 of Attachment 0010 with the ERS RFP states "The contractor shall obtain insurance, in the minimum amounts specified below, and shall maintain the insurance for the duration of performance under this task order, in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.228-5, Insurance Work on a Government Installation and FAR 52.228-8, Liability and Insurance Leased Motor Vehicles. This shall be charged as an allowable expense under Other Direct Costs. a. Workers compensation and employers liability. The contractor shall provide employers liability insurance of at least $100,000, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers compensation to be written by private carries. (See FAR 28.305(c) for treatment of contracts subject to the Defense Base Act.). b. General Liability. The contractor shall provide bodily injury liability insurance, written on the comprehensive form of the policy, of at least $500,000 per occurrence. c. Automobile Liability. The contractor shall provide automobile liabilityinsurance, written on the comprehensive form of the policy. The policy shall provide and maintain insurance covering the contractors liabilities as stated in FAR 52.228-8." Per the above cited insurance requirement, will these required insurance costs be reimbursed as an ODC?	See FAR 31.205-19 regarding the allowability and allocability of insurance costs. Reimbursement would be in accordance with a contractor's accounting practices.	8/22/2014
144	On page 2 of Attachment 0009 for the ERS RFP and in regards to CLIN numbers in Section B, the CLIN numbers are inconsistent with those identified in Attachment 12 in the Most Probable Cost Tab. As an example, there are no CLIN 000XAF ODCs (OCONUS related ODCs) in Attachment 0009 in Section B.	Please see the revisions made to this section via Amendment 0005.	8/28/2014
145	On page 13 of Attachment 0009 for the ERS RFP, does the all 3 periods of performance are possible to start and run in parallel for 60 or 90 days with the Phase-In, Base and Base Surge.	Yes, the Phase-In, Base Period, and unexercised Base Surge Option Period run concurrently.	8/22/2014

146	Per Attachment 0012 for the ERS RFP in the Most Probable Cost tab, the OCONUS ODC is only in the Base Surge. Therefore, the Base Surge will need to be awarded for OCONUS work to start?	Correct, OCONUS hours may be exercised through the Base Surge Option.	8/28/2014
147	In Attachment 0009 for ERS RFP pm [age 45 paragraph 4, it states "In accordance with Section M of this TOR, offerors will be evaluated on two factors: (1) Technical and (2) Cost/Price. For the purposes of this task order, the Technical Factor is slightly more important than the Cost/Price Factor." However on page 46 of Attachment 0009 to the ERS RFP paragraph 3, it states "For the purposes of this task order, the Technical Factor is significantly more important than the Cost/Price Factor." Which is correct?	Please see the revisions made to this section via Amendment 0005.	8/28/2014
148	Per Attachment 10 Paragraph 1.6.7 for the ERS RFP, 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?	Amendment 0005 removed paragraph 1.6.7.1.3 in Attachment 0010, and paragraph 1.6.7 does not discuss an e-QIP.	8/28/2014
149	In paragraph 1.6 .10 of the ERS RFP Attachment 10, where does the contract manager need to be located? Vicinity of TACOM Warren?	The contractor may decide where the contract manager referenced in 1.6.10 is physically located. There is no geographic requirement.	8/22/2014
150	In paragraph 1.6.16.4.9 of the ERS RFP Attachment 10, the contractor is to provide transportation to and from point of origin to IROD. Is this cost reimbursable or an indirect cost?	This is a matter of contract administration and is handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally this travel is cost reimburseable IAW paragraph 1.6.12 of the PWS.	8/22/2014
151	In paragraph 1.6.14 of the ERS RFP Attachment 10, is the NDA for the contractor and subcontractors to sign or all personnel who work on the contract?	The Government is unable to answer this question at this time. NDAs are generally required for any contractor or subcontractor employee accessing non-public information during performance of the task order.	8/22/2014
152	The period of performance schedule shows a Phase In period of "Date of Award - 60 days After Date of Award (ADA)". The schedule then shows the base period as "Date of Award - 3 months ADA". 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.	Yes, the phase-in and base run simultaneously.	8/28/2014
153	[Redacted] requests a two week extension on submitting the TS3 R&D, KBS, and ERS proposals. Please let me know if this is acceptable.	Amendment 005 has extended the solicitation due date until 10 September 2014.	8/28/2014
154	Per section L.1.6 of the subject solicitation, the due date for questions has expired however can you please advise if additional questions will be answered if submitted?	Yes. All questions/comments submitted regarding the final ERS 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 ERS RFP closes. Any questions submitted after that date will be answered by the Government but may not be answered before the ERS RFP closes.	8/28/2014

155	In the Robotics Prime tab, cell B24, should the SCA # be 23183 to be consistent with the cell above and the Labor Category description of Electronics Technician Maintenance III? Currently the cell has the following description: 23182 (SCA) Electronics Technician Maintenance III - OT	Amendment 005 has clarified this section.	8/28/2014
156	Background: Reference paragraph 6.a of Amendment 0003. The amendment changes the pricing for the ERS Task Order from Time & Materials to Cost Plus-Fixed-Fee. Cost Plus-Fixed-Fee contracts are generally best suited for R&D type efforts, not Services type efforts. This pricing strategy significantly affects both billing during contract execution, and price proposal submission requirements as subcontractors will be required to provide "sealed package" submission to the government detailing their price build up information. Question: Will the government consider revising this recent change and go back to Time and Materials, with fully burdened labor fixed labor rates for the ERS Task Order? If not, will the government please explain how we provide subcontractor rate development "sealed packages" utilizing the electronic proposal submission requirements of the ASFI website.	No. Supporting documentation is not required for subcontractors.	8/28/2014
157	Question – Please confirm that the number of hours for these two positions are correct, as Attachment 0012 only provides 1,092 hours for the positions. According to the Robotics PWS 1.6.4.1, a standard work-day is 12 hours with a standard work week seven (7) days, Monday through Sunday for Contractors serving OCONUS.	The hours listed in Attachment 0012 are correct.	8/28/2014
158	Questions were submitted on August 12, 2014 and answers have not yet been provided regarding pricing and sealed package submissions and to ensure timely and compliant proposal submissions, will the government provide a proposal due date extension until September 12, 2014?	Amendment 0005 has extended the solicitation due date until 10 September 2014.	8/28/2014
159	Attachment 14 provides updated Health & Welfare amounts based on the WDs issued on July 25, 2014. However, the revisions are based on the old WDs from June 19, 2013. Request the Government to provide updated WD list.	Amendment 0005 has updated the WDs in Attachment 0014.	8/28/2014
160	In paragraph H.2.4 of the RFP it states: "The contractor's ERS Pricing Labor Matrix (Attachment 0002) proposed in response to the IDIQ solicitation sets forth the labor categories and associated maximum labor rates the Government will reimburse for any given performance period. Offerors are advised that the proposed labor rates to successfully perform any task order issued hereunder should reflect the most competitive price. At the task order level, should the applicable Wage Determination rate(s) increase during task order performance, the Contracting Officer can make adjustments in accordance with FAR 52.222-43, "Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts)." Since the Contracting Officer "can make adjustments" and the clause does not state "will make adjustments", should an offeror's Attachment 0002 take into account the contingency that WDs may increase during performance beyond the ceiling price and the Contracting Officer doesn't make the adjustment? Put another way, should labor categories subject to Wage Determinations be escalated in anticipation of future changes?	Ceiling rates will apply for all task order proposals so offerors shall account for all conceivable contingencies when developing their ceiling rates for Attachment 0002. Any adjustment, in accordance with clause 52.222-43, will be made during task order performance.	8/28/2014

161	Reference: 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.	8/28/2014
162	Reference: File Size Text: ASFI website has a 20 Megabyte (MB) maximum capacity for each file uploaded Question: Reference Attachment 0012 and Volume IV: The Government has provided a 20MB limit for file uploads. Due to the volume of spreadsheets required for submission, can the contractor reference the Excel submission instead of embedding the spreadsheets into the narrative?	The Government does not require embedding of spreadsheets in the supporting narrative.	8/29/2014
163	For Volume IV, the narrative explaining the cost elements and containing all of the certifications/letters asked for in the pricing volume would be in a Microsoft Word document accompanied by the Attachment 0012 which shows the buildup of pricing. Does the Government want the entirety of the price volume in Attachment 0012?	No, the Government does not require the entirety of Volume IV to be embedded within Attachment 0012.	8/29/2014
164	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.	The RFP closing date and time will remain unchanged.	8/29/2014
165	I would like to request an extension for TS-3 KBS, ERS, and R&D. Due to the flooding in Michigan, we have experienced some technical difficulties with our servers, and would like to have additional time to finish our responses. Please let me know if this is possible.	The RFP closing date and time will remain unchanged.	8/29/2014
166	Amendment 0006 incorporates Labor Category 53-1021 (First-Line Supervisor of Helpers, Laborers, Material Movers, Hand) and the Government revised Attachment 0012 to include hours for this position. In each period, other than Option Period 1, the hours provided support 2 FTEs. In Option Period 0001, the hours for the Supervisor total only 2280 (fewer than 2 FTEs). Will the Government revise Attachment 12 to correct the hours to 2880 to cover 2 FTEs consistent with the other periods?	Amendment 0007 makes this change.	8/29/2014