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QUESTION 1. General Question - Is Encryption a requirement? There is mention of the Transcript 460 Chip in the SOW. Should the equipment list include this module & associated installation?

ANSWER: Yes, there is an encryption requirement for every radio. Interoperability is achieved by installing the Transcript 460 chip. The chip shall be installed prior to delivery.

QUESTION 2. General Question - Are Programming Software & Programming Accessories required?

ANSWER: No. Programming Software/Accessories are not required. All programming will be done in country by local service representative.

QUESTION 3. General Question - Are Repeater & Base Station Installation Services Required?

ANSWER: No. Base Station and Repeater installation will be done in country by local service representative.

QUESTION 4. C.4.1 - Is a vehicle adapter kit required? If so, how many?

ANSWER: No. That is not a requirement.

QUESTION 5. C.4.1 – Is Radio Programming Service Required?

ANSWER: No. Radio Programming service is not required. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this clarification.

QUESTION 6. C.4.2 - Under "Support Equipment" - please define the intended use of the "additional rechargeable batteries & battery chargers". These items are typically associated with Portable Radios and not Mobile radios.

ANSWER: The requirement for additional batteries and battery charger will be deleted from the solicitation. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this deletion.

QUESTION 7. C.4.2 - "Transportability" - mobile radios as requested are not man portable. This appears to be an error/duplication of the "transportability" section in C.4.1.

ANSWER: The requirement for transportability will be deleted from the solicitation. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this deletion.

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QUESTION 8. C.4.3 Repeater - How will the mobile repeater be powered? Via vehicle battery, or battery bank. If battery bank, what is the expected operational usage time. Is a UPS required?

ANSWER: *Mobile repeater will be powered by the vehicle; fixed repeater by the generator.*

QUESTION 9. C.4.4 - Please define "Powered by a portable battery pack". Does this refer to a back-up UPS or a battery system capable of running the base station in places there is no AC power. How long does the battery pack or UPS need to provide operational power?

ANSWER: *The requirement "to be powered by a portable battery pack" will be deleted from the solicitation. An Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) is required for each base station. UPS shall supply backup power to operate the ratio for a minimum of 30 minutes. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this deletion.*

QUESTION 10. We would like to know we can submit our quotation to multiple offerors as a subcontractor.

ANSWER: *You may subcontract to multiple prime contractors.*

QUESTION 11. We also ask you to provide us a clear explanation of "Teaming Agreement".

ANSWER: *We do not reference a "Teaming Agreement" in the solicitation. If companies are coming together for this particular procurement with shared responsibility for their proposal, they need to see L.2.3.5 for information on the certificate that is required with their proposal.*

QUESTION 12. Clin item 1002ab, AK - where classical stock folds to back, not to side.

ANSWER: *Any way that the stock folds so that the overall length of the rifle, in the reduced configuration, is from the muzzle to just behind the pistol grip is acceptable. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this change.*

QUESTION 13. Reference C.2.1, subparagraph j. Would a 30% grade be acceptable?

ANSWER: *No, the requirement stated is the minimum requirement of 40%.*

QUESTION 14. Where can we obtain information on contract W914NS-04-D-0100?

ANSWER: *The information is available from the contracting activity at CPA Baghdad.*

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QUESTION 15. Which of the contract clauses do not apply to a coalition partner nation sub-contractor. Do the Buy American Act Balance of Payments, Small Business Plan, and small business participation clauses apply?

ANSWER: The Buy American Act does not apply. The Small Business Plan and the Small Business Participation Clauses apply; see L. 2.4.2 of the solicitation. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to determine the other clauses that apply to them.

QUESTION 16. What are the requirements for a coalition partner nation contractor for sourcing materials or product outside the list of eligible countries?

ANSWER: Eligible country restrictions only apply to prime contractors. Primes are free to source from any country subject to other contract restrictions such as Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 252.209-7004, Subcontracting with Firms that are owned or Controlled by the Government of a Terrorist Country, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.222-3 Convict Labor, FAR 52.225-13 Restriction on Certain Foreign Purchases, De-Baathification, to name a few. Please carefully read the solicitation for all of the clauses.

QUESTION 17. Will TACOM publish a list of potential prime contractors before the pre-proposal conference?

ANSWER: No, TACOM does not have a list of potential prime contractors because of the ability of companies to go directly to the web site to download the solicitation. A list of attendees at the Pre-Proposal Conference will be posted to our web site.

QUESTION 18. Attachment 1 to the solicitation in several places refers to spares for the quantity identified in "ITEM XXXX" highlighted in Red below. We can not find the Item numbers referred to anywhere. Please advise. For example: Page 41-10. List spare parts appropriate for a two year stockade for the quantity identified in **ITEM 2010.** , Page 42 - 10. Provide a list of appropriate two year stockage of spare parts for the quantity identified in **ITEM 2020**, Page 44 - 8. Provide a list of spare parts appropriate for a two year stockage for the quantity identified in **ITEM 2030.**

ANSWER: The references for "Items" will be removed from Attachment 1 in the next solicitation amendment.

QUESTION 19: Could you kindly clarify if the CLIN 1001al should be 2.5 kva or 2.5 kw. on page 11 of 127 there is info about kva, and on page 80 of 127 , item, C.2.11 - there is info about kw. This is the significant difference from the technical point of view. we will appreciate your quick response.

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ANSWER: The correct term should be kw. The solicitation will be amended to reflect this change.

QUESTION 20. Because on page 4 of 127 in final solicitation, item 11. there is info that Past Performance Questionnaire Should be send by 24 April, 2004, and on the Attachment no 2 - there is info that it should be sent by 15.04.04. Also the e-mail address in the Attachment no 2 is different that in the main document.

ANSWER: Sorry for the confusion. The questionnaire may be sent to either e-mail address by the proposal due date of 29 April 2004.

QUESTION 22. Is it prefereable that offerors use the technical information questionnaire document on the web site for supplying answers, as opposed to creating our own?

ANSWER: Reference solicitation paragraph L. 2.1, it is a requirement that the offeror shall fill in the questionnaires found in Attachment 1.