

1. Do you require two separate schedules, one for FA production and one for LRIP Articles, or one combined schedule?

***One combined schedule for production of FAT items and LRIP items in accordance with the required delivery schedule (270 days after award for FAT items) and in accordance with the schedule at L.4.1 (b) for the LRIP items.***

2. Is the intent to supply separate letters of commitment from each subcontractor for each sub factor in L.4.1. (a-c) or one letter that covers delivery schedule in each situation?

***The commitment letters from the major subcontractors identified in L.4.2 (e) should address the required delivery schedules for the FAT items (270 days), the LRIP items (see L.4.1 (b) and the maximum required production rate of 35 units every thirty days required for the production quantities in subparagraph (c) (1) (iii) of TACOM clause 52.242-2257, Delivery Schedule for Delivery Orders, in Section F of the solicitation.***

3. Question: Is the limit 5 past-performance citations from Prime and 5 past-performance citations from each subcontractor or is the total number of citations 5 for prime and all subs?

***The offeror shall include no more than five (5) recent and relevant contract references with prime contractors IAW L.5.1 .***

4. The solicitation is asking for a lot of detailed cost information on the operational and maintenance items for the 3 year period of the contract for things that are not establish until a full maintenance analysis is conducted. Is it reasonable to ask for pricing on the referenced lists in the base proposal for things that are a function of the design requirements and the government's maintenance requirements?

Rational: The BLL, PLL and ASL are developed from the maintenance analysis developed under the SOW for the equipment defined by the purchase description. Only after the analysis is completed and the Lists are established can costs be developed for the equipment required.

***The Government requires this information to support awarding a firm fixed price contract. Contractors may factor risk into their prices, with due regard for how that will impact their chances for contract award.***

5. There are no requirements defined for a design review, critical design review or production readiness review. Is this the government's intent, and if so, can you explain the basis for this?

***The technologies required for this system are mature, and the Government does not intend to manage this as a developmental program. Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their products meet the Government's requirements.***

6. We are a small business that specializes in ISO containers along with many other things. We do a lot of business for CAT. We are trying to bid on this job but we cannot get our invite from CCR to renew our cage code membership. We are very interested in this job and would like for you to overnight us a package of information if possible. Please let me know any information you may need.

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7. Our company (Small Business) is in the process of putting a proposal together for the HIPPO. Is it permitted to list a Large Business as a Prime Subcontractor or must it be a Small Business? This particular Contractor would be supplying the tank, engine and pumping station. We would also list their past performance/experience in the proposal.

The following was extracted from the Solicitation.

Subcontractor Experience found on page 208 of the Solicitation.

M.6.2 Even if the Offeror's proposal identifies experience for either itself or any subcontractor, the Government will consider whether the benefits of this experience will ever be employed/realized should the Offeror subsequently be awarded a contract. Accordingly, any prime or subcontractor experience which is identified in the Offeror's experience factor proposal may be discounted in whole or in part, if the price proposal does not reflect the utilization of that sub-contractor or that capability.

***An offeror may use a large business subcontractor in performing the contract contemplated by this solicitation; provided that the offeror must comply with the requirements in FAR 52.219-8, "Utilization of Small Business Concerns", and if the offeror is the manufacturer of the offered end items, FAR 52.219-14, "Limitations on Subcontracting". If the offeror is a dealer offering the product of another business concern, paragraph (d) of FAR 52.219-6, "Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside", requires that the end item offered by the dealer-offeror be manufactured in the United States or its outlying areas by a small business concern. These clauses are included in the solicitation by reference as clauses I-23, I-24 and I-25.***

8. Does the Government anticipate the potential for Low Rate Initial Production of the Hippo, prior to full First Article Approval and if so is there a planned rate?

***The Government anticipated LRIP schedule is set forth in section L.4.1 (b). The Government cannot guarantee that it will approve LRIP or otherwise permit production of end items prior to completion of First Article Testing.***

9. Line item no. 1300 Prescribed Load List. (Page 15 of 211) Calls out for it to be I.A.W. C.3.1.3 & CDRL 031. Please clarify if this is the correct CDRL.

***The correct CDRL reference for Prescribed Load List (PLL) appears to be CDRL A014 as stated at C.3.1.3. The Section B (Schedule of Supplies/Services) of the solicitation will be amended.***

10. Line item no. 1400 Authorized Stock List. (Page 16 of 211) Calls out for it to be I.A.W. C.3.1.4 & CDRL 031. Please clarify if this is the correct CDRL.

***The correct CDRL reference for Authorized Stock List (ASL) is CDRL A014 as stated at C.3.1.4. The Section B (Schedule of Supplies/Services) of the solicitation will be amended.***

11. Line item no. 1500 Special Tools (Page 16 of 211) Calls out for it to be I.A.W. C.3.1.5 & CDRL 031. Please clarify if this is the correct CDRL.

***The correct CDRL reference for Special Tools is CDRL A052 as stated at C.3.1.5. The Section B (Schedule of Supplies/Services) of the solicitation will be amended.***

12. Line item no. 2300, 2400 & 2500 (second year) and Line item no. 3300, 3400, & 3500 (third year) are called out the same way. Please clarify if these are correct.

***Yes,***

***2300 – A014***

***2400 – A014***

***2500 – A052***

***3300 – A014***

***3400 – A014***

***3500 – A052***

13. Line item no. A036 Calls out for it to be I.A.W. C.7.10.5 & CDRL A036. There does not appear to be a C.7.10.5 in section C of the solicitation. (Page 61 of 211) The actual CDRL states the same. (Page 157 of 211) Please clarify.

***There is indeed no C.7.10.5 this should reference the provisioning screening section in C.7.12.4. This will be corrected in an amendment.***

14. Line item no. A037 Calls out for it to be I.A.W. C.7.11.1 & CDRL A037. There does not appear to be a C.7.11.1 in section C of the solicitation. (Page 61 of 211) The actual CDRL states C.7.15. (Page 157 of 211) Please clarify.

***This should reference C.7.15 instead of C.7.11.1. This will be corrected in an amendment.***

15. Section C.5.1 (Page 56) of the Solicitation-Pre-FAT Confidence testing. Please clarify when this test is due, if this test unit(s) is a priced item or a government expense and can this unit be used as one of the first article units when the test is completed.

***The limited low temperature test described in C.5.1.1 is to be performed before delivery of the FAT items required at 270 days after contract award, with the item used for that testing being included in the six (6) FAT items.***