

**INTEROPERABLE SOFTWARE VOICE CLIENT**  
**W56HZV-13-R-0179**  
**Questions and Answers Summary as of 19 June 2013**

37. In studying the quantity breakdown on page 2 of attachment 9, please explain how the Talk groups relate to each other between the various command levels shown. That is, are the 3 talk groups shown for LBRR for BCT TAC and MNVR BN1 TOC both the same three that flow upwards to BCT TOC? Or are each of these 3 separate individual links to BCT TOC, using 6 of the 7 at that level with one left over for other connections only at the BCT TOC level? These same questions apply to the other two breakdown tables [NIE and Production] as well.

**Answer:** Quantities listed for LBRR, NIE, and Production on Slide 2 enumerate the individual capability for each command level shown. It is possible that a Talk Group at any level might have participants from any other command level in the formation. For example, the BCT TOC may have a Commander's Update Talk Group defined wherein participants from all across the formation would participate. However, the Talk Groups are not necessarily interdependent up and down the echelons. Vendors should price Talk Groups as if they were separate entities as listed.

38. Do the Dial-In Talk Group Access quantities follow same pattern relative to inter-group connectivity?

**Answer:** Dial-In Talk Group Access is enumerated to illustrate the likely number of dial-in participants at each echelon that may dial into any given Talk Group across the formation. However, this capability is not intended to be dedicated for specific Talk Groups or at specific echelons; it is a dynamic capability that extends dial-in access to any participant for any Talk Group, up to the total quantity of Dial-in Talk Group Access licenses provided. Furthermore, dial-in participants can reside anywhere in the formation (or anywhere in the world as long as they have secure VoIP capability on the SIPRNet enclave).

39. Is it correct that the Talk Group Recording quantities apply only to the local server, that is for the NIE Breakdown, all groups except BCT TOC will have one recording channel available to somehow cover the 5 and 7 available talk groups (is this 1 of 5/7 or is 1 supposed to record all traffic on 5/7)?

**Answer:** Regarding Recording quantities for LBRR and Production, there will be local storage resources to record each of the Talk Groups defined. For NIE quantities, only two of the 10 Talk Groups at the BCT TOC will require local recording capability, and only one of the Talk Groups elsewhere will require local recording capability. In other words, it is not intended that one recording channel would be required to record all Talk Groups for NIE quantities - there is a 1:1 relationship between Recordings and associated Talk Groups.

40. For ISVC60, 3.3.5, Server Minimum Hardware Specification, in Exhibit A – Interoperable Software Voice Client Product Specification v29, can the minimum server specification be improved to two dual-core or one quad-core CPU of 2+GHz speed with at least 2GB RAM?

**Answer:** No, ISVC60, 3.3.5, Server Minimum Hardware Specification cannot be amended in Exhibit A – Interoperable Software Voice Client Product Specification v29 to improve the server specification requested. The server resource specification is modest by design to reflect the finite resources available across the Brigade.

41. Attachment 006 (S&TCD Unclassified Facility Visit Request Worksheet) - I believe that I do not have to complete and upload these at this time, rather this would be required for each staff person before they go onsite. Is this correct, or do I need to submit multiple worksheets now for all of the people I believe might be on-site?

**Answer:** In accordance with Section L.3.2.5(e) of the solicitation, “the offerors technical representatives shall submit visit requests using Attachment 006, Space & Terrestrial Communications Directorate (S&TCD) Unclassified Facility Visit Request Worksheet via email to Mr. Scott Newman (see Destination Organization Point of Contact in Attachment 006) no later than 96 hours prior to being admitted to the testing facility.” This attachment will only be submitted for those individuals (technical representatives) that will need access to the Government facility during the laboratory assessment.

42. Attachment 007 - DD254 (Contract Security Classification Specification) - I believe this is a guideline and no action is required for me to submit anything at this time. Is this correct?

**Answer:** The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requires that a DD Form 254 be incorporated into each classified contract. The DD Form 254 provides to the contractor (and subcontractor(s)) the security requirements and the classification guidance that would be necessary to perform on the resultant classified contract. In accordance with (IAW) Section L.3.2.10 of the solicitation (add by Amendment 0002), “the offeror shall provide a statement confirming the status of its SECRET facility security clearance through the Defense Security Service (DSS), as required by Attachment 007 – DD 254 (Contract Security Classification Specification). Failure to submit this statement as part of proposal submission may render the offeror ineligible for award IAW M.2. SECRET facility security clearance must be obtained prior to contract award. Failure to obtain an approved SECRET facility security clearance prior to contract award will result in the offeror being ineligible for award IAW M.2.”

43. Attachment 008 Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) - this looks to be for information only and there is nothing for me to submit at this time. Is this correct?

**Answer:** Attachment 008 is provided for informational purposes only, and does not require offerors to submit anything with its proposal. The Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) is a Government developed and applied document used to make sure the systematic quality assurance methods are used in the administration of the standards included in the resultant contract. The intent is to ensure that the contractor performs in accordance with the performance metrics and the Government receives the quality of services called for in the resultant contract.

44. Section B – Item No. 0011-0013 - is there anything that I need to submit at this time?

**Answer:** No, there is nothing that needs to be submitted with the offeror's proposal in relation to Item No. 0011-0013, Contractor Manpower Reporting – Base, Option Year 1, and Option Year 2. If selected for award, the contractor would be required to provide the information required per contract clause 52.237-4000, entitled "Contractor Manpower Reporting" and Section C.12 of the Statement of Work.

45. Section B - 0014-0016 - "The contractor shall furnish Technical Data as set forth in the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL) DD Form 1423, hereinafter referred to as Exhibit B." When I go to Exhibit B, I am not sure what I am meant to do with that document.

**Answer:** In accordance with FAR 27.406, Acquisition of Data, "it is the Government's practice to determine, to the extent feasible, its data requirements in time for inclusion in solicitations." As such, Exhibit B, Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL), identifies all Government data requirements that will be required for submission under the resultant contract, with the only exception being, CDRL 0001, Training Support Package (TSP), which requires submission of a draft with proposal per Section L.3.2.4 of the RFP. Also see Attachment 004, Training Plan and Draft Training Support Package, of the RFP.

46. For the Training Support Package [Exhibit B, CDRL 0001], here are my questions:

- a) Section 5 [Contract Reference] of the document references C.3.3 and L.2.3.4. I do not see a L.2.3.4 in the solicitation.

**Answer:** Section 5 should reference L.3.2.4, not L.2.3.4. CDRL 0001 is updated and incorporated into the solicitation by Amendment 0003.

- b) Item 17 is for the contractor to specify the price group, which the solicitation indicates is not separately priced.

**Answer:** As the CDRLs are Not Separately Priced, there is no need for the contractor to complete Items 17 & 18.

- c) Am I meant to put our company name under Contractor and send it in, or do I not need to submit it at this time? It reads as if a government representative would sign at the bottom.

**Answer:** No, Block F of the CDRL would be filled in by the Government at the time of award with the selected contractor's name. Offerors are not required to submit CDRLs with proposal submission.

47. For the COTS Manual and Associated Supplemental Data [Exhibit B, CDRL 0002], here are my questions:

- a) Section 10-13 references block 16 - which is blank

**Answer:** Block 16, Remarks, located just below Blocks 10-13, contains details related to submission of this data item. The continuation page for Block 16 is blank because all information fit on the first page of the CDRL.

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48. For the New Equipment Training [Exhibit B, CDRL 0003], given that we are only providing software, I am not sure that this applies to us anyway but here are my questions:

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