

Question Number 2nd draft posting	Question/Comments	Answer/Response
10	Para C.3.2 Level II Drawing Sets: MIL STD 31000, 5 Nov 2009 has been superseded by MIL STD 31000A, 26 Feb 2013	Revision Noted. The PWS will be updated to reflect the current MIL-STD-31000A.
11	A completed TDP Option Selection Worksheet, called for by the MIL STD, is applicable and should be included in the solicitation as well as the awarded contract as part of the CDRL.	Noted, the final solicitation will include the applicable TDP Option Selection Worksheet.
12	Note MIL STD 31000A reference, DoD 5010.12-M Procedures for the Acquisition of Technical Data, May 1993, para C6.5. PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING AND ACCEPTING TDPs.	Noted.
13	Recommend incorporating elements of the specified procedures in Section C.  - See also MIL HDBK 288B, Review and Acceptance of Engineering Data Packages, 14 Jan 1991, referenced in DoD 5010.12-M. - Need to address Intellectual Property Data Rights, if not already addressed elsewhere in the basic solicitation documents.	Data rights clauses are included in the RFP, and will be detailed at the task order level when necessary.
14	Recommend reviewing TDP SOW elements and associated CDRL per the following guides: - Army Guide for the Preparation of a Program Product Data Management Strategy (DMS), 31 Aug 2010 - Addendum: Army Guide for the Preparation of a Program Product Data Management Strategy (DMS), Transition to Technical Data Rights Strategy (formerly Data Management Strategy), Jun 2012 - Better Buying Power initiative guide, DOD Open Systems Architecture, Contract Guidebook for Program Managers, Version 1.1, May 2013.	The Government will take your suggestion into consideration as we finalize the solicitation, and as necessary in developing future task order requests.
18	Discussion: On page 10, Section C.1 Scope provides the following: "This R&D SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that will be for creating new processes or products. TOs that do not call for the Contractor to directly perform work that is an integral part of R&D or to create new processes or products will not be solicited under this scope."  Issue: The use of the double negative in the above sentences creates a degree of ambiguity regarding the true scope of this contract.  Recommendation: Revise Section C.1 Scope to read as follows: "This R&D SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that will create new processes or products. Only TOs that call for the Contractor to directly perform work that is an integral part of creating new R&D processes or products will be solicited under this scope."	The language in R&D RFP Section C.1 is accurate. If a Task Order is not for creating new processes or products, then the Task Order will not be solicited under the R&D scope.
19	Discussion: Section C.4 Specific Requirements covers, in varying degrees of detail, the end to end DoD 5000 Instruction Acquisition Cycle tasks and related processes and products, and indicates that these are all potential work scope for this contract.  Issue: Because of the broadness of Section C.4 it is in conflict with guidance in Section C.1.  Recommendation: Revise Section C.4 to read as follows: "C.4 Specific Requirements: The Contractor shall perform work that may involve the following, whether singly or in combination as specified in individual TOs as long as such performance does not result in an Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI). This R&D SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that will create new processes or products. Only TOs that call for the Contractor to directly perform work that is an integral part of creating new R&D processes or products will be solicited under this scope. Any work scope that is not directly related to creating new R&D processes or products may be solicited under solicitation W56HZV-14-R-0030 (Knowledge Based Services) or solicitation W56HZV-14-R-0031 (Equipment Related Services)."	The suggested language would be partially redundant to Section C.1; the suggested language will not be incorporated.
20	#1: Para L.4.1.2.1 Service contracts performed as the prime contractor which included contractor team arrangement(s) (as defined by FAR 9.601) in excess of three organizations, not including the prime offeror. Include detail discussing what type and portion of work was done by each firm.  Concern: This is too high of a high bar for a small business to meet and will make most legitimate small businesses unable to compete. Recommend that the government's needs can be met with alternative language such as "Prime contractor must have experience managing subcontractors and explain their system for managing task orders and subcontractor teammates."	L.4.1.2.1 has been revised to reflect teaming arrangements of three (3) or more sub-contractors. The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs.

21	<p>#2: Para L.4.1.2.2 Contracts performed either as the prime contractor or subcontractor which required deployment and management of at least six deployed individuals simultaneously to more than two OCONUS locations. For this solicitation, management of deployed individuals' includes the pre-deployment recruitment, training, and processing in and out of the National Deployment Center (or equivalent), as well as ensuring the deployed personnel accomplish the mission once deployed).</p> <p>Concern: This is too high of a bar for a small business to meet (8 people at 3 locations) and will make most legitimate small businesses unable to compete. In practice, the processing for deployment is accomplished at IRDO and the process for the company is no different if they are deploying one employee or fifty employees. By deploying one employee a company will have verified that it can prepare a person for deployment, accomplish the IRDO processes, manage the employee while deployed and manage the return. The company has also put in place the DBA and foreign liability insurance. Recommend that the government's needs can be met with alternative language such as "Prime contractor must have recent experience deploying employees and providing all necessary DBA/Foreign Liability Insurances"</p>	The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs. No change will be made to the number of individuals that must be deployed, at least 6, and the number of locations, at least 3.
40	<p>Section L, Paragraph L.4.1: 2. Please consider changing the requirement of not considering the experience of teammates. This requirement in its present form will hurt small business participation, especially since the current set of task orders may not be centered in the core competency of many small businesses.</p>	The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs. The Experience factor is not an evaluation factor at the representative task order level (but may be for future task order competitions).
41	<p>Section L, Paragraph L.4.1.2.1: 3. Are you requiring the prime to provide contracts where they have managed in "excess of three" subcontractor organizations? If the answer is yes, then this will adversely affect small business participation and we asking that this requirement be removed from the solicitation or make this requirement at the IDIQ level. (In the recent IDIQ history of government procurements (like TS3), the prime offeror may have managed well over 4 subcontractors at the IDIQ level. However, subsequent task order work may not have required 4 or more subcontractors. We can only provide experience that has been dictated by the work itself.)</p>	L.4.1.2.1 has been revised to reflect teaming arrangements of three (3) or more sub-contractors. The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs.
44	<p>INIE Sample Task Order, page 1: Para 1.4 ends stating that the PWS "provides for 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) worth of support during the base period. Yet paragraph 1.5 states a base period of "6 months/7680 hours." This equates to 8 FTE. Further, the estimated labor per location totals to 8 FTE. Please clarify.</p>	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The base period is 6 months. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made.
70	<p>Section L.7.1.3; Attachments 0005 &amp; 0006</p> <p>Both the Small Business Participation (SBP) Factor (% of Total Contract Amount) and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (SBSP) (% of Total Subcontracting Amount) are currently based on the specific/unique requirements of the Task Order Request (TOR) (Attachment 0012).</p> <p>As these TOR-level requirements may not adequately represent the depth and breadth of our Team's SB resources, request the Government consider establishing a notional Total Contract Amount for all offerors to use in developing a IDIQ Contract-level SBP and/or SBSP. This would be more representative of each team's SB resources/planned participation at the contract level, while precluding teams from shaping/bidding their teams to score unrealistically high during this initial proposal evaluation.</p>	The Government does not plan on changing its approach to the Small Business Participation (SBP) factor and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (SBSP) for TS3. We determined this to be the best approach to use at the IDIQ level since it is unknown at this time what the future requirements will be under TS3.
71	<p>Section L.7.1.3; Attachments 0005 &amp; 0006</p> <p>Both the Small Business Participation (SBP) Factor (% of Total Contract Amount) and the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (SBSP) (% of Total Subcontracting Amount) are currently based on the specific/unique requirements of the Task Order Request (TOR) (Attachment 0012).</p> <p>What are the IDIQ Contract-level Small Business goals, by socio-economic category, for this solicitation?</p>	The IDIQ SBP Evaluation will be based on the goals submitted for the representative task order since future requirements are unknown at this time.
73	<p>Section H.35</p> <p>Section H.35, Incorporation of Rates and Labor Descriptions, states that "For billing purposes under cost-reimbursement TOs, the direct and indirect (including the applicable fixed fee dollar amount in each TO) rates shall be billed using the rates in the contract, the rates proposed/negotiated under the TO, or the actual rates, whichever is lower."</p> <p>Request confirmation that it is the Government's intent to apply these individual direct/indirect/fee ceilings during TO-level bidding/billing.</p>	Section H.35 has been revised for the final RFP. All rates in Attachment 0002 will be incorporated into the contract as ceiling rates that will not be subject to future adjustments.
89	<p>Section L.4.1. and L.4.1.2</p> <p>In light of the small business participation requirement, would the Government allow the use of a small business subcontractor's past experience as a relevant contract?</p>	No. Teammates or subcontractors are not locked in at the IDIQ level, unless they are part of a joint venture legal agreement.
100	<p>Reference Section C.4.1.2.1.4 of the R&amp;D draft RFP (Production and Deployment Phase). This subparagraph requires "BMMP compliance". This acronym is not explained. What does "BMMP" stand for?</p>	BMMP is defined in R&D RFP C.4.1.2.1.2(f). BMMP stands for Business Modernization Management Program.
107	<p>Reference R&amp;D draft RFP Attachment 0010 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS). Section 1.6.1 Quality Control identifies the need to generate and deliver a Quality Control Plan (QCP). This section references CDRL A0013, yet there is no CDRL A0013 included in Attachment 11. Is a QCP required? If so, will an appropriate CDRL be added to Attachment 11?</p>	CDRL A013 will be provided in the final solicitation.
108	<p>Reference R&amp;D draft RFP Attachment 0010 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS). Section 1.6.1 Quality Control identifies the need to generate and deliver a Quality Control Plan (QCP). This section states "The Contractor shall develop and include procedures covering key control that shall be included in the QCP, if applicable, see 1.6.7.2." There is no section 1.6.7.2 included in the PWS. Where do we find the referenced guidance?</p>	CDRL A013 will be provided in the final solicitation.

109	Reference R&D draft RFP Attachment 0010 PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS). Section 5.2.4 Complete Design Review (CDR) (80 percent Concept Design Review) Meeting identifies some deliveries in terms of business days and others in terms of calendar days. This sections states "The contractor shall prepare briefing materials no later than five days prior to the meeting IAW CDRL A002." This statement does not require delivery of the briefing materials nor does it specify convention (business or calendar days) for the preparation of the materials. What are the delivery requirements, if any?	CDRL A002 states under Block 16(b) that delivery is five business days.
110	Reference R&D draft RFP Attachment 0010 PERFORMACE WORK STATEMENT (PWS) Under 5.3.1 Option 1 Additional Concepts. 5.3.1.1.1 States "The Contractor shall develop and provide detailed designs for up to four additional concept drawings (over and above those provided per 5.1.3 above)" yet set 5.3.1.2.1 specifies these as pertaining to "two additional vehicle underbody concepts and two additional flooring concepts IAW para 5.3.1.1.1". Has it already been established that the four additional concepts developed under section 5.3.1.1.1 are to be two vehicle underbody concepts and two additional flooring concepts?	No, the language in section 5.3.1 will be reviewed for consistency and revised.
111	Reference R&D draft RFP Attachment 0010 PERFORMACE WORK STATEMENT (PWS). Section 5.2.2 Weekly Meeting states "The topics of the meetings may include, but are not limited to, discussion of potential design changes, review of the previous weeks F&A results, and discussion to promote design advancement." We are unfamiliar with the meaning of the acronym F&A and what it entails. Could the Government please expand on this?	Error Noted. This acronymyn will be revised to 'FEA' IAW section 5.1.1.2.
112	Reference R&D draft RFP Attachment 0011 Contract Data Requirements Listing. CDRL A012 Scientific and Technical Reports states "The Contractor shall deliver the draft Scientific and Technical Report no later than six (6) months after the contract award date. The COR will review and provide comments within fifteen (15) calendar days of draft submittal. The Contractor shall deliver the final Scientific and Technical Report no later than thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of draft report with comments." Section 1.5 (Period of Performance) states the "period of performance for the base period of this task order shall be nine months from the data of task order award." If the Government intends on receiving the final report within 7.5 months of contract award what is the intention of the Government for the remaining period of performance to entail? Should the due dates provided in CDRL A012 be extended to represent the period of performance specified in section 1.5?	Error Noted. CDRL A012 will be revised to reflect the period of performance.
120	RFP Reference: L.4.1 Topic: Experience Factor Question: Will the Government change the past experience requirement from 2 to 4 contract citations? If agreed to increase from 2 to 4 citations, will the Government allow up to 2 of the 4 past experience contract citations to be by subcontractor teammates? Recommendation: Allowing past experience beyond the prime will allow the Government a more complete view of contractor team support capabilities.	No, teammates or subcontractors are not locked in at the IDIQ level, unless they are part of a joint venture legal agreement.
127	RFP Reference: Attachment 0009 KBS TOR, Section 8 Additional Terms and Conditions and Task Order Clauses, item 32, p. 7 Topic: 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 1989) Question: Given that there is currently an incumbent contractor on the task, what is the relevance of TOR Section 8, Item 32, statement of equivalent rates for federal hires to include the references concerning fringe vacation and sick hours? Recommendation: Recommend that USG provides clarification on the inclusion of this clause and, if it is not directly applicable but required, then provide a statement that the clause does not apply given current circumstances.	Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 22.1006(b) requires the clause 52.222-42 to be completed for this acquisition. Pursuant to clause 52.222-42, the information provided is for informational purposes only.
128	RFP Reference: Attachment 0009 TORs, Section 3, Guidelines for Responding to this TOR, paragraph 4, p.2-3 Topic: Workforce seniority data Question: Will the USG provide seniority data on the current incumbent workforce for these TORs and for subsequent Task Orders issued under each respective MA ID/IQ? Recommendation: Recommend that the USG provide incumbent seniority data for Task Orders with an incumbent workforce as the data is essential for the proper costing of benefits	No seniority data will be provided on the incumbents for the representative task orders. Seniority data on future task orders will be addressed at the time of the requirement, if necessary.

129	<p>RFP Reference: Attachment 0009 TORs, Section 3, Guidelines for Responding to this TOR, paragraph 4, p.2-3</p> <p>Topic: Wage Determination for SCA Positions</p> <p>Question: Will the USG clarify which WD(s) will be incorporated into each respective TOR, the national wage determination or local wage determination (revision and issuance dates)?</p> <p>Recommendation: Recommend that the USG use the national wage determination.</p>	<p>The wage determinations have been incorporated into the TORs as appropriate. Only the ERS TOR for Robotics has known locations for non-exempt SCA positions.</p>
130	<p>RFP Reference: Attachment 0009 TORs, Section 3, Guidelines for Responding to this TOR and Section 8 Additional Terms and Conditions and Task Order Clauses</p> <p>Topic: Collective Bargaining Units</p> <p>Question: In the KBS TOR, Section 8, Item 32, p.7, a mention is made of Collective Bargaining Units. Will the USG clarify whether any of the incumbent workforces under the TORs is a union workforce working under a Collective Bargaining Agreement?</p> <p>Recommendation: Recommend that the USG clarify whether any incumbent workforce under all three TORs is unionized and, if so, to provide a copy of the CBA for review as this data is essential for understanding the requirements of the workforce and for proper costing.</p>	<p>The workforces under the NIE, Robotics, and Blast Mitigation task orders are not under a Collective Bargaining Agreement.</p>
138	<p>RFP Section L Paragraph(s) L.6.1.1 Page(s) 214</p> <p>RFP Wording Copied: L.6.1 General Information. Cost/price factor volume proposals shall be submitted as follows:  L.6.1.1 Proposal Structure. The instructions that follow are not intended to be all-inclusive. The cost/price factor volume shall include data to support the reasonableness of the proposed amounts. Sufficient detail shall be included to allow the Government to evaluate the offeror's price/cost proposal for Cost Realism. The offeror shall show complete development of the elements of the price/cost proposal. The Government may consult with DCAA or DCMA for cost verification. Offerors may submit any other additional price and financial information it considers to be helpful in the Government's evaluation of its price/cost proposal.</p> <p>Question: Does the Government desire that prime contractor's teammates or subcontractors to provide pricing and cost/price data similar to the primes requirement in section L.6.1? If so, how should the teammates or subcontractors submit this proprietary cost/price data?</p>	<p>Detailed cost build-up, to include direct and indirect rates, is not required to be provided by the subcontractors.</p>

139	<p>RFP Section: Attachment 0010; Paragraph(s) 1.4, 1.5, 2.13; Page(s) 240-241, 244</p> <p>RFP Wording Copied:</p> <p>TOR PWS 1.4 Scope: Services covered by this PWS include Public Affairs Officer (PAO)/Protocol/Administrative Services; Schedule/Risk/Data Management Services; Operations Management Services; Doctrine, Organization, Training, Leadership, Material, Education, Personnel, and Facilities (DOTLM-PF) /Operations Management Services; and Logistics Support Services. The Contractor shall provide these services to support Government managers, engineers, and technicians responsible for short- and long-range planning staffing, and coordination of NIE activities; coordinating site visits by senior Army and Department of Defense (DoD) leaders; developing and coordinating NIE reports and assessments; training soldiers and Government employees; and managing logistics and support activities that enable system engineering and integration of networked and non-networked systems onto multiple platforms. In performing these services The Contractor shall be a member of an integrated team that is comprised of Government civilian employees, uniformed military personnel and other Government contractors. Detailed requirements are set forth under Paragraph 5 Requirements of this PWS. This PWS provides for 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) worth of support during the base period.</p> <p>TOR PWS 1.5 Period of Performance:</p> <p>Phase-In Period (30 days)</p> <p>Base Period (6 months / 7,680 hours):</p> <p>Estimated labor per location:</p> <p>1 FTE PAO/Protocol/Admin Officers Services 6 months Ft. Bliss, TX</p> <p>TOR PWS 2.13 Full Time Equivalent (FTE): A FTE equals 1,920 hours per year.</p> <p>Question: Please clarify whether the PWS provides for 15 FTEs worth of support during the base period (1.4) or 7,680 hours during the Base Period (1.5). According to 2.13, a FTE equals 1,920 meaning 15 FTEs for 6 months would provide for 14,400 hours.</p>	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The base period is 6 months. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs.
147	<p>Attachment 10, page 1</p> <p>1.4 Scope states “ This PWS provides for 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) worth of support during the base period.”</p> <p>1.5 Period of Performance. The Base period hours shown 7,680 for 6 months at Ft Bliss would convert to ~ 7.5 FTE. Should we assume the same labor levels for FSMR, which would then yield ~ 15FTE?</p>	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The base period is 6 months. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs.
155	<p>Paragraph 1.4 states that the PWS provides for 15 FTEs during the base period of performance; however the FTE estimates provided in paragraph 1.5 amounts to 8 FTEs. Please clarify the estimated FTEs for the base period of performance. Further, please verify that the level of effort for each period (base and all options) is consistent.</p>	Error Noted. The base period is 6 months. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs.
156	<p>The CDRL requirement for the Phase Out plan states that the plan is due to the PCO 75 days before the beginning of the first option year. Given that the period of performance for the base and all subsequent options is only 6 months (and not a full year), what is the intended due date for the Phase Out Plan?</p>	The Phase Out language will be updated in the final release to clarify the timing requirements in the TOR.
157	<p>Will the Government please clarify the correct PWS numbers listed under Labor Overhead in Attachment 0012 KBS for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5.1.4 Program Management, Business Operations Specialists, All Other, Level III;</li> <li>•5.1.5.1.1 Logistician, Level II</li> <li>•5.1.5.1.2 Logistician, Level II</li> </ul> <p>The corresponding numbers in the Section L, PWS, part 2 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5.1.4.1.1 Program Management Business Operations Specialists, All Other, Level III (Section L, PWS, Part 5, page 9, Number 5.1.4.1.1)</li> <li>•5.1.4.1.2 Logistician, Level III (Section L, PWS, Part 5, page 10, Number 5.1.4.1.2)</li> <li>•5.1.4.1.3 Logistician, Level III (Section L, PWS, Part 5, page 10, Number 5.1.4.1.3)</li> </ul>	Error Noted. The attachment will be reviewed for consistency.
158	<p>The SOW states that the contractor shall employ its certified quality management system to the extent the system applies and is specified in the TO. Is a certified quality system a requirement at the TO level? Is a compliant quality system (as opposed to certified) acceptable?</p>	This language has been revised. Individual TOs will address the extent that the quality system applies.
170	<p>In Task Area 1 of Attachment 0012 the SOC 13-1081 Logistician III does not match the job duties described in the PWS for 5.1.1, (Section M, Part 5, Page 12, 5.1.1.1).</p> <p>Consider instead the following SOC for this job functions: 17-2051 Electrical Engineer or 17-2112 Industrial Engineer or 17-2199 Engineer, All Others.</p>	Attachment 0012 will be updated to remove SOC 13-1081 Logistician III and replace with SOC 17-2071 Electrical Engineer III.
171	<p>In Task Area 1 of Attachment 0012 the SOC 17-2199 Engineers, All others III, does not match the job duties described in the PWS for 5.1.3, (Section M, Part 5, Page 13, 5.1.3.1). Consider instead the following SOC's for this job functions: 17-2111 Health and Safety Engineer.</p>	Attachment 0012 will be updated to remove SOC 17-2199 Engineer and replace with SOC 17-2111 Health and Safety Engineer III.
172	<p>The SOW states that the contractor shall employ its certified quality management system to the extent the system applies and is specified in the TO. Is a certified quality system a requirement at the TO level? Is a compliant quality system (as opposed to certified) acceptable?</p>	This language has been revised. Individual TOs will address the extent that the quality system applies.

183	<p>The instructions for completing the Small Business Prime List tab of Attachment 0005 are unclear in the event that a prime offeror is a Joint Venture that is considered to be a Small Business. Please provide clarification regarding the instructions for SB JV prime offerors. As written, we believe that this tab would be completed as follows for an unpopulated SB JV that involves companies A, B, and C where company A is the JV managing partner:</p> <p>Line 1: JV "ABC" and corresponding information (city, state, cage, and JV stated as commitment)  Line 2: Company A and corresponding information. For the commitment, the statement JV Managing Partner  Line 3: Company B and corresponding information. For the commitment, the statement JV non-managing partner  Line 4: Company C and corresponding information. For the commitment, the statement JV non-managing partner.</p>	The example is an accurate use of Attachment 0005.
189	<p>L.4.1 The Government will not consider the past experience of any proposed subcontractors or teammates in its evaluation under the Experience Factor. Only the experience of the prime offeror will be considered.</p> <p>Teaming and subcontracting will be needed in order to meet the full scope of requirements per Section C and the Government's subcontracting goals. It will be difficult for offerors to show experience covering the full scope of the KBS SOW if teammate and subcontractor experience is not considered by the Government and may limit competition. Recommend adding a section for teammate/first tier subcontractor experience and increasing the page limit to 30 pages.</p>	No. The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs. Experience will be evaluated based on the factors set forth in L.4.1.
194	<p>Attachment 0010, Section 1.4: This PWS provides for 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) worth of support during the base period.</p> <p>Section 1.4 refers to 15 FTEs, but the breakout in Section 1.5 lists 8 FTEs. Which is correct?</p>	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made.
195	<p>Attachment 0010, Section 1.5</p> <p>There is no specific labor category mentioned for a contract/program manager. Is this position included in the labor categories listed in Section 1.5?</p>	No, this position is the contractor's designated point-of-contact as described in Attachment 0010, Section 1.6.10.
196	<p>Attachment 0010, Section 1.5 specified less than one FTE for Scheduling Services.</p> <p>A NIE Event will require scheduling of numerous resources and frequent schedule reporting (Attachment 0010, Sections 5.1.2.2.1 and 5.1.2.2.2), hence substantial schedule development, status collection and input, analysis, and reporting. Is less than one FTE sufficient to perform these tasks?</p>	The base period is 6 months. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs.
197	<p>Attachment 0010, Section 1.5: The period of performance of this Task Order shall be for one Base period (6 months), which may, in the Governments sole discretion, be extended, in whole or in part, for up to an additional 24 months in the form of five-6-month options</p> <p>Five 6-month options is 30 months. Is it 24 months or 30 months?</p>	Error Noted. 30 months is correct.
198	<p>L.4.1 The Government will not consider the past experience of any proposed subcontractors or teammates in its evaluation under the Experience Factor. Only the experience of the prime offeror will be considered.</p> <p>Teaming and subcontracting will be needed in order to meet the full scope of requirements per Section C and the Government's subcontracting goals. It will be difficult for offerors to show experience covering the full scope of the ERS SOW if teammate and subcontractor experience is not considered by the Government and may limit competition. Recommend adding a section for teammate/first tier subcontractor experience and increasing the page limit to 30 pages.</p>	No. The Government considers its evaluation factors to be reasonably related to the agency's actual needs. Experience will be evaluated based on the factors set forth in L.4.1.
210	<p>C.1 Scope: This KBS SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that call for the Contractor to directly perform work that involves program or project management and administration, the furnishing of professional advice or assistance, to include Engineering and Technical Services, Logistics Management Services, Management Support Services and Professional Services.</p> <p>Input: The language "to include" indicates that the requirements for "Engineering and Technical Services, Logistics Management Services, Management Support Services and Professional Services" all will be requirements as subsets of "professional advice or assistance", thus limiting this support to professional advice or assistance.</p> <p>Recommend changing language of C.1 to delete the words "to include" so to read as "...perform work that involves program or project management and administration, the furnishing of professional advice or assistance, Engineering and Technical Services, Logistics Management Services, Management Support Services and Professional Services.</p>	Paragraph C.1 will be revised. The revised language will be reflected in the final RFP revision.
214	<p>NIE PWS (1.4, 1.5), Attachment 12; The NIE PWS indicates in section 1.4 that the PWS provides for 15 FTEs of support in the base period, then goes on in section 1.5 to list out 8 FTEs. Furthermore, Attachment 12 for NIE indicates maximum hours which work out to 8 FTEs per period on the hours checkup tab. Please clarify.</p>	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made.
215	<p>L.7.1.6.a; What is meant by 'first-tier SB subcontracts'? Does the Government mean to imply that Large Primes will only get SB credit for certain small business subcontractors and not all of them under the SBP Factor?</p>	A prime contractor will receive small business subcontract credit for subcontracts awarded directly by the prime contractor to small businesses.

216	Attachment 6, page 3-subk participation dollars (g.2); Excerpt from attachment 6: (1) Other (13 CFR 125.3(a)(1)(iii)): Exclude Internally generated costs such as salaries and wages; Employee insurance; Other employee benefits; Payments for petty cash; Depreciation; Interest; Income taxes; Property taxes; Lease payments; Bank fees; Fines, claims, and dues; Original Equipment Manufacturer relationships during warranty periods (negotiated up front with product); Utilities such as electricity, water, sewer, and other services purchased from a municipality or solely authorized by the municipality to provide those services in a particular geographical region; Philanthropic contributions. Please define 'internally generated salaries and wages'. Does this mean offerors are to exclude things like G&A labor from the subk participation calc?	Prime G&A should not be added to the subcontract participation calculation. ACC-WRN does not have a special definition for the phrase "internally generated salaries and wages" beyond its ordinary meaning (the language used is directly from 13 CFR 125.3(a)(1)(iii)).
217	Attachment 6 -SB part. Factor workbook instructions; Should a large prime treat its own burdens and fee on SB labor as Prime or SB dollars?	Prime dollars.
226	L.7.1.6.a; What is meant by 'first-tier SB subcontracts'. Does the Government mean to imply that Large Primes will only get SB credit for certain small business subcontractors and not all of them under the SBP Factor?	A prime contractor will receive small business subcontract credit for subcontracts awarded directly by the prime contractor to small businesses.
227	Attachment 6, page 3-subk participation dollars (g.2); Excerpt from attachment 6: (1) Other (13 CFR 125.3(a)(1)(iii)): Exclude Internally generated costs such as salaries and wages; Employee insurance; Other employee benefits; Payments for petty cash; Depreciation; Interest; Income taxes; Property taxes; Lease payments; Bank fees; Fines, claims, and dues; Original Equipment Manufacturer relationships during warranty periods (negotiated up front with product); Utilities such as electricity, water, sewer, and other services purchased from a municipality or solely authorized by the municipality to provide those services in a particular geographical region; Philanthropic contributions. Please define 'internally generated salaries and wages'. Does this mean offerors are to exclude things like G&A labor from the subk participation calc?	Prime G&A should not be added to the subcontract participation calculation. ACC-WRN does not have a special definition for the phrase "internally generated salaries and wages" beyond its ordinary meaning (the language used is directly from 13 CFR 125.3(a)(1)(iii)).
228	Attachment 6 -SB part. Factor workbook instructions; Should a large prime treat its own burdens and fee on SB labor as Prime or SB dollars?	Prime dollars.
241	Page 213, Section L.4.1.2.1 – Regarding the required subcontractor number, do vendors for a given contract count toward meeting the "in excess of three organizations" requirement? Our definition of a vendor is a company that was only used to purchase materials not any labor. Given this definition, would a business relationship with a material vendor on a task order contract qualify as a "contractor team arrangement" and therefore qualify the vendor to be included as one of the "organizations" to meet the required number in paragraph L.4.1.2.1?	No.
246	Page 229, Section M.8.1 – This section states "The Government will evaluate the offerors proposed extent of SBP in the performance of the contract for the SB categories listed in M.8.2 below.  M.8.2 The evaluation will consist of the following: a. An assessment of the extent to which the proposal identifies participation by U.S. SB concerns to achieve the Governments goals for U.S. SBs in the categories listed below and expressed as percentage of Total Contract Amount. The term Total Contract Amount is defined for evaluation purposes as total proposed amount for all of the Basic CLINs and all of the Option CLINs identified in the KBS Prime Proposal Summary File NIE (Attachment 0012).  15% for SB 2% for Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) 2% for Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB) 1% for Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Business (HUBZone SB) 1% for Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB)1% for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB)  b. An assessment of the probability that the offeror will achieve (i.e., the risk that the offeror will not achieve) the levels of SBP identified in the proposal." The Small Business Participation (SBP) goals are applicable to the NIE Task Order. It appears, however, that it is the Government's intent to evaluate SBP at the contract level. In the KBS Prime Proposal Summary File, however, the only CLIN cited is for the NIE representative task order. Can the government please clarify whether the SBP Goals are required at the NIE Task Order level or at the master contract level or both?	See Question 71.
247	Attachment 0010, Page 1, Section 1.4 – States that "This PWS provides for 15 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) worth of support during the base period. However, the effort during the six-month base period is only 7,680 hours, which does not equate to 15 FTEs. Furthermore, the Estimated labor per location shows only 8 FTEs in the base period. Would the Government clarify this inconsistency?	Error Noted. 8 FTEs is the correct estimated labor. The base period is 6 months. The correction to 8 FTEs will be made. The 7,680 is the estimated labor for 8 FTEs.

263	<p>paragraphs C.1 (page 10) and C.4 (pages 12 - 26)</p> <p>Discussion: On page 10, the solicitation provides the following:          "This R&amp;D SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that will be for creating new processes or products. TOs that do not call for the Contractor to directly perform work that is an integral part of R&amp;D or to create new processes or products will not be solicited under this scope."</p> <p>The use of the double negative in the above sentences creates a degree of ambiguity regarding the true scope of this contract.</p> <p>Paragraph C.4 covers, in varying degrees of detail, the end to end DoD 5000 Instruction Acquisition Cycle tasks and related processes and products, and indicates that these are all potential work scope for this contract.</p> <p>Because of the broadness of items identified in paragraph C.4, it is in conflict with guidance in paragraph C.1.</p> <p>Recommendation: Revise paragraph C.1 and C.4 to read as follows:          "This R&amp;D SOW is intended for Task Order (TO) requirements that will be for creating new processes or products. Any work scope that is not directly related or required to directly support the creation of new processes or products will not be solicited under this scope, and may be solicited under solicitation W56HZV-14-R-0030 (Knowledge based Services) or solicitation W56HZV-14-R-0031 (Equipment Related Services)."</p>	<p>The language in R&amp;D RFP Section C.1 is accurate. If a Task Order is not for creating new processes or products, then the Task Order will not be solicited under the R&amp;D scope.</p>
268	<p>Subj: Award Evaluation criteria for KBS sample task order</p> <p>Discussion: The following award evaluation criteria are furnished with the sample task order for the KBS solicitation:          "Offerors will be evaluated on two factors: (1) Technical and (2) Cost/Price. For the purposes of this task order, the Technical Factor is somewhat more important than the Cost/Price Factor. However, if the Technical evaluations are equal, then cost/price will be the deciding factor."</p> <p>While not explicitly stating it, this could readily be interpreted to be a Lowest Price/Technically Acceptable (LPTA) award evaluation. Others could interpret it to be "Best Value".</p> <p>Recommendation          Use in the clear description of the award evaluation criteria, and revise the award evaluation criteria for the KBS sample task order (Support to the Network Integration Experimentation) with such explicit language.</p>	<p>The KBS TOR specifies that it will be awarded on a best value basis.</p>
275	<p>Is there an incumbent for this sample Task Order?</p>	<p>Yes. The Tolliver Group, Inc.; and Manufacturing Technical Solutions, Inc.</p>
283	<p>Background: Draft RFP Section H.2.1.2 states: "In the event a TO contains a requirement for the contractor to deploy personnel to an overseas location, contractor employees that are required to work in a contingency location are authorized the following costs applied to their wages; however, the rates charged to the Government shall not exceed the allowable rates as determined by the State Department for the area of operation: H.2.1.2.1 Danger Pay; H.2.1.2.2 Hardship Pay."</p> <p>If applicable to a task order, would Danger Pay and Hardship Pay be in addition to the Contract Ceiling Rates, or do the Contract Ceiling Rates have to be proposed high enough to include the possibility of Hardship Pay and Danger Pay?</p>	<p>Section H will be revised to state that OCONUS and Overtime rates are not included in the ceiling rates in Attachment 0002.</p>
287	<p>Draft RFP for KBS – W56HZV-14-R-0030, Section L.6.2.2.1, page 215 and Draft RFP for R&amp;D – W56HZV-14-R-0032, Section L.6.2.2.1, page 215 states that the cost for direct labor shall include a "quarterly time-phased breakout of the direct labor hours, by labor category (cost element) appropriate to the offeror's accounting system." Attachment 0012 of the solicitation (TOR Attachment 3, KBS Prime Proposal Summary File – NIE) is designed for input on 6 month periods.</p> <p>Should Attachment 0012 be modified to require input by quarter?</p>	<p>Existing tabs on the Attachment 0012 spreadsheets shall not be modified. Language in RFP Section L.6.2.2.1 has been revised to read (in part): L.6.2.2.1 Offerors Format Spreadsheets: The offeror shall provide spreadsheets, in accordance with their own accounting practices, as added tabs to the KBS Prime Proposal Summary File NIE (Attachment 0012) or as a separate Excel file...</p>
296	<p>For the KBS sample task order, TOR W56HZV-14-X-KB01 requires contractors to price a 30 day phase-in period. However, the PWS does not detail the Phase-In requirement in order for contractors to ascertain related phase-in cost. Please provide the Phase-In requirements for this specific TOR.</p>	<p>Phase-in is a portion of the evaluation of the technical factor. Phase-in requirements are determined by each offeror's plan to meet the PWS.</p>
300	<p>For the ERS sample task order, how is the Contractor to reflect costs associated with paying hazard and differential pay in accordance with State Department Guidelines for OCONUS positions?</p>	<p>Offerors shall propose in accordance with their standard accounting practices. Attachment 0012 has been revised to allow for OCONUS related ODC input.</p>
301	<p>For the ERS sample task order, how is the Contractor to reflect the costs associated with Defense Base Act Insurance for OCONUS positions?</p>	<p>Offerors shall propose in accordance with their standard accounting practices. Attachment 0012 has been revised to allow for OCONUS related ODC input.</p>
302	<p>For the ERS sample task order, how is the Contractor to reflect the costs associated with paying Tour Completion Bonus for OCONUS positions?</p>	<p>Offerors shall propose in accordance with their standard accounting practices. Attachment 0012 has been revised to allow for OCONUS related ODC input.</p>
303	<p>For the ERS sample task order, the TOR states "for pricing purposes contractors should assume that NO Government Furnished Contractor Support will be available. Since ODC and Travel are plugged figures, how are Contractors to factor these additional costs into their proposal?"</p>	<p>Offerors shall propose in accordance with their standard accounting practices. Attachment 0012 has been revised to allow for OCONUS related ODC and Travel input.</p>

304	<p>For the ERS sample task order, the Draft PWS and Attachment 0012 both indicate that the period of performance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase-In: 60 days</li> <li>Base Period: 3 months</li> <li>Base Sure: 3 months</li> <li>Option Period One: 9 months</li> <li>Option Period Two: 12 months</li> <li>Option Period Three: 12 months</li> </ul>	Error Noted. The PWS and Attachment 12 are correct. The documents will be reviewed and revised for consistency.
305	<p>This is different from the period of performance identified in the TOR. Which is correct?</p> <p>For the ERS sample task order, PWS 1.6.18.4.7 states "The Contractor shall pay for shots, physicals, and any other medical evaluations required in order for its designated employee to be medically cleared for deployment." Are theater-specific immunizations and/or medications not available to the general public reimbursable costs?</p>	The Pre-Deployment Instruction Guide provides a list of vaccines that are required to be provided by the contractor and who will be responsible for those costs: <a href="http://www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary/pdf/Pre-D_guide.pdf">http://www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary/pdf/Pre-D_guide.pdf</a> . The current list of CENTCOM vaccines can be found at this link: <a href="http://www.vaccines.mil/resource/GenerateDiseasePDF.aspx?requesttype=region&amp;regionid=1">http://www.vaccines.mil/resource/GenerateDiseasePDF.aspx?requesttype=region&amp;regionid=1</a> . AR 40-562 Sec 3-4 provides additional information.
307	<p>For the R&amp;D sample task order, Section L.6.2.2.1 states "The offeror shall provide spreadsheets as added tabs to the R&amp;D Prime Proposal Summary File Blast Mitigation (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 (i.e., Direct Labor, Subcontracts, Material, Other Direct Costs, Overhead/Indirect, Fee, etc.) time phased by quarter and sub-totaled by calendar year. Why is there a requirement to time phase by quarter and sub-total by calendar year within each CLIN? Will the Government provide estimated Period of Performance dates to ensure consistency in offers?"</p>	Time phasing by quarter and sub-totaling by calendar year allows the USG visibility into Offeror's rates that bridge accounting periods / fiscal years. The period of performance may be based on the milestones on the TS3 website, plus up to 45 days for task order award as stated in Attachment 0009.
308	<p>For the R&amp;D sample task order, the Period of Performance time frames on the Draft Attachment 0012 (Base - 6 months; Option 1 - 6 months; Option 2 - 2 months; Option 3 - 2 months) do not match what is stated in the draft TOR/PWS (Base - 9 months; Option 1 - 9 months; Option 2 - 6 months; Option 3 - 6 months). Which is correct?</p>	Error Noted. The TOR and PWS will be reviewed for consistency and revised, if appropriate.
313	<p>Request DFAR 252.219-7004 be included for those Contractors that participate in Test Program.</p>	A Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan under the Test Program may be submitted. If award is made, the DFARS 252.219-7004 clause would be added to the contract.
320	<p>ERS Draft RFP H.2.1.5</p> <p>If an unscheduled gate closures impacts schedule or performance on a FFP TO, please confirm that the Government will accept an REA for schedule and/or cost adjustment incurred as a result of these delays.</p>	REAs are addressed on a case-by-case basis. The Government cannot comment on hypothetical scenarios.
339	<p>Robotics Task Order, Place of Performance</p> <p>Afghanistan is identified as a place of performance. Will Contractor employees be performing effort on US military Installations in Afghanistan? Will Contractor be deploying for a US Government run CRC or a commercial CRC? Will Contractor be required to be armed? Will Government be providing housing, transportation and security to Contractor employee while in Afghanistan? Will US military be providing force protection to Contractor employees? If not, who will be providing the force protection of Contractor employees? In the event security conditions deteriorate to a level that threatens the safety of Contractor employees, please confirm that Contractor is permitted to evacuate employees for their safety and Contractor will not be penalized or terminated for removing employees.</p>	<p>Q1: Anticipate performance on a US installation</p> <p>Q2: A US Government CRC is anticipated.</p> <p>Q3: Reference Attachment 0010, paragraph 1.6.18.1.1.</p> <p>Q4: See Attachment 0010, paragraphs 1.6.18.6.1 &amp; 4.</p> <p>Q5: See Attachment 0010, paragraphs 1.6.18.6.1 &amp; 4.</p> <p>Q6: Reference the May 2014 revision to DFARS 252.225-7040(h)(2), which will be included in the final solicitation.</p>
342	<p>Robotics Task Order-Attachment 012, General Question</p> <p>The instructions contained in Attachment 012 indicate "Do not manipulate any of the other cells except for those that are highlighted yellow." If the Offeror has indirect rates that are not included on Attachment 012, how does the Offeror include those costs?</p>	In accordance with RFP Sections L.6.2.2.1 through L.6.2.2.3, Offerors shall submit spreadsheets in their own format (L.6.2.2.1), Input that data into the USG standardized spreadsheets (L.6.2.2.2), and provide a roadmap / reconciliation between the two formats (L.6.2.2.3).
344	<p>PWS, Page 239 Para 1.6.2</p> <p>When will the Government's Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan be available to the successful bidder?</p>	The QASP will not be provided to the Contractor. The QASP is primarily focused on what the Government must do to ensure that the Contractor has performed in accordance with the Performance Standards outlined in Technical Exhibit 1 of the Task Order attachment.
345	<p>PWS, Page 239, Para 1.6.4 and 1.6.4.1</p> <p>These two paragraphs appear to contradict each other. As reads, "Para 1.6.4 :The Contractor is responsible for conducting services beginning as early as 6:00 AM and ending as late as 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday" This equates to 60 hours per week. Whereas in Para 1.6.4.1 the PWS reads, "For Contractors serving in CONUS, a standard workweek will consist of 40 hours, 8 hours per day, 5 days per week." Are prospective bidders to price 40 or 60 hours per week in their estimates?</p>	Paragraph 1.6.4 details the hours when the contractor will provide service between. The contractor is responsible for providing 40 hours of service a week, so long as the services fall between the hours of 0600 and 1800, Monday through Friday.
346	<p>PWS, Page 239/240, Para 1.6.5</p> <p>Is the Place of Performance location list all inclusive?</p>	Yes, the list at 1.6.5 includes all locations where the Government requires service at this time. The inclusion of additional locations may be subject to FAR 52.212-4(c).

347	PWS Section 1.6.15: Security Clearance Is the Secret Clearance requirement only for personnel on the contract that will be accessing the Government Database or does this requirement apply to other employees on the contract?	This requirement applies to all employees performing on the task order.
349	C.4.1.2.1.1 Materiel Solution Analysis Phase It appears the tasks related to the MSA-phase would prohibit any contractor working within this area to be precluded from working on an acquisition program resulting from this development work. If a prime contractor is awarded this task, would any and all sub-contractors on that team be precluded from future acquisitions of a related program?	This question cannot be answered until the actual work performed is known. Section H "Avoidance of Organizational Conflicts of Interest" would apply unless an exception exists.
390	Section 1.2: Background – Does the COR have a list of approved (validated, verified, accredited {VV&A}) software capable of modeling high strain rate blast events in which the contractor must/may utilize one or more, or is the application /selection of software open to contractor choice and if so, is it intended that the contractor is responsible for VV&A?	The contractor shall determine the software it needs to perform the requirements.
391	Section 1.5: POP – is it expected that options 1 and 2 are not to be conducted concurrently, or is it intended that prototyping of the base designs may be conducted concurrently with the development of additional designs	It is possible that options 1 and 2 are performed concurrently, however the Government is unable to provide any further information at this time.
392	Section 5.1.1.1: Concept CAD – what is the expected CAD format?	CDRL A006, Block 16(d) details the requirements for the CAD format
393	Section 5.1.1.1: Concept CAD – are there restrictions on material vendors (i.e. no foreign material acquisition)?	There are no current restrictions on material vendors for this specific requirement.
394	Section 5.1.1.1: Concept CAD – will the COR define/quantify "Economical", e.g. Maximum Dollar value per pound of material?	"Economical" will be revised to "reasonably priced", see FAR 31.201-3.
395	Section 5.1.4: Reports – The BOM IAW CDRL A008 as required in section 5.1.3 was not included within the reports required as specified in section 5.1.4, was this an oversight or intentional?	Pursuant to CDRL A008, Block 16, a BOM is required with each submission of CDRL A007.
396	Section 5.2.3: 20% concept meeting – This section implies 15 day cycle from receipt of sketches at SOWM (held 10 days after start) to presentation of 3D model review (days prior to meeting held 30 days from start), is it the COR intent that the 3D model be 20% complete or that the concept(s) be 20% developed and the 3D model be sufficient enough to reflect concept progress?	That the concepts be 20% developed and the model sufficient to adequately reflect the concept being presented.
401	Attachment 0005 ERS & KBS tab 2 (Prime \$) delineates 7 different business size categories as follows: 1. Other Than Small Business 2. Small Business 3. Small Disadvantaged Business 4. Woman Owned Small Business 5. Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Business 6. Veteran Owned Small Business 7. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business  Tab 3 (Sub \$) lists the above 7 categories but also adds Alaskan Native Corporation or Indian Tribe Subcontracts at Lower than First Tier, and also adds Excluded Subcontracts, for a total of 9 business size categories.  Tab 6 (Con) lists the same 7 categories as tab 2 and tab 7 (Roll-up) provides for a roll-up of nine business size categories.  Should business size categories be the same across all tabs?	No. There is no need for a separate line for ANCs and ITs on the 'Prime \$' tab. The ANCs and IT Primes would be listed in whatever category they would fall under. For example, sometimes ANCs are 8(a) SBs, so the dollars would apply to the SDB category and the SB category. There is no need to have an "Excluded Subcontracts" line on the 'Prime \$' tab. The 'Prime \$' tab is dollars for the work performed by the prime, not the subcontractor(s). There is no need to have either of these lines on the 'CON' tab because goals for these would not be placed in the Subcontracting Plan. All items are included on the Roll-up tab for all the calculations to be correct. See the column labeled "Reference Tab and Line(s) or Calculation" for line 1 especially.