

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 18-Dec-2003	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable) 1 4
6. ISSUED BY VBURG CONSOL CONTRACTING 0135 CLAY ST VICKSBURG MS 39183-3435	CODE W912EE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W912EE-04-R-0003	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 12-Dec-2003	
			10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE	FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended.				
Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.				
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)				
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.				
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).				
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.				
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) REFERENCE SOLICITATION NUMBER W912EE-04-R-0003 ,SUBJECT SOLICITATION IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:				
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.				
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		
		TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED	
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS TO PROVIDE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND INCORPORATE CHANGES TO THE SOLICITATION.

IN SECTION C:

Question: Paragraph C.6.2. Beginning after sub-paragraph C.6.2.9, the subparagraphs appear to be mis-numbered. Please clarify.

Response: Make the following pen and ink correction: Remove the numbering on subparagraphs C.6.2.1. "All equipment preventative maintenance...(etc.)" thru C.6.1.15 "Landside and riverside lift gate operation", making this a list of services to be provided without subparagraph numbering.

Question: Paragraph C.6.2 (and its sub-paragraphs) indicate that supplemental staffing will be required under some hydrologic conditions. Section J., Attachment I provides historical pumping data averaging 730 hours per year. This number appears to be potentially skewed since no pumping has been required during particularly dry years. Additionally, there is no indication of how many of those pumping hours relate specifically to the Tensas-Cocodrie Pumping Station where 24/7 staffing for pumping operations may be required. For the purposes of proposal preparation and cost estimating, please establish common bidding parameters (just as was done in paragraphs C.8.1 and C.8.2) to include identification of the typical pumping season (i.e. time frame) and number of days where 24/7 operations may be expected.

Response: All the pumping hours are related to Tensas-Cocodrie Pumping Plant. Due to the many changes in field conditions that are unpredictable the Government has not established a typical pumping season.

Question: Paragraph C.8.2: Please provide the desired specifications for the Contractor Furnished "Crane Truck".

Response: In the list of Contractor Furnished Equipment: Make the following pen and ink correction: After "Crane Truck" add "(Equal to or better than Peterson Lighting Loader, Model TL-3, mounted on 2.5 ton flatbed truck.)"

Additional change in Section C, Paragraph C.8.2.:

Make the following pen and ink change: Delete "Tractor-mounted spray rig with pump and minimum 300 gal tank" from list of Contractor Furnished Equipment and add same to list of Government Furnished Equipment.

IN SECTION K:

CLAUSE 52.219-1, PARAGRAPH (a)(2): Make the following pen and ink change:

Delete "\$23 Million" and replace with "\$30 Million"

IN SECTION L

Question: Reference RFP L.1.4.5: "Offerors should note that previous company experience (as an independent contractor) in the performance of this or similar work should be presented in accordance with the paragraph entitled, 'Instructions for Describing Personnel Qualifications Requirements' in section L., below, and not included in the individual resumes." Would the Government please explain what is meant by this sentence?

Response: Make the following pen and ink change in Paragraph L.1.4.5.: Delete the sentence referenced above in its entirety.

Question: Reference RFP L.1.4.6: A detailed training plan is required only “for those positions to be filled at less than the journeyman level.” May we also assume that entry level position descriptions are required only for those positions to be filled at less than the journeyman level.

Response: No, that may not be assumed. The Government is requiring submittal of both entry level and journeyman level position descriptions for ALL positions, regardless of what level the offeror intends to initially fill the position.

For clarification purposes, Make the following pen and ink changes in Paragraph L.1.4.6, subparagraphs a. and b.: Delete the current subparagraphs and replace with the following:

“a. entry level position description; and,

b. the journeyman level position description; and,”

ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN SECTION L:

MAKE THE FOLLOWING PEN AND INK CHANGES IN THE INDICATED PARAGRAPHS:

In Section L, Paragraph L.1.4.2, : In the sentence “Minimum Staffing Requirements for Routine Operation, Maintenance, and Repairs” delete the word “Minimum”.

In Section L, Paragraph L.19 change address from “P.O. Box 910” to “100 Advocate Row”.

In Section L, Paragraph L.20 References: Replace the current paragraph with the following:

O&M manuals are available for review by prospective offerors. Copies may be downloaded from the Vicksburg District FTP site at <ftp://ftp.mvk.usace.army.mil/pub/W912EE-04-R-0003/> and double-clicking on the file named O&M Manual.pdf.

IN SECTION M:

Question: Paragraph M.3 appears to be missing some text or, perhaps, is mis-numbered. Please clarify.

Response: Make the following pen and ink correction: Delete the current Paragraph and replace with the following:

“M.3. Evaluation and Selection Procedures. Selection of a Contractor will be made by an integrated assessment of the proposals submitted and in light of the following criteria. The integrated assessment will involve a determination by the Government of the overall merit of each offeror's proposal, recognizing that subjective judgment on the part of the Government evaluators is implicit in the entire process.”

a. All offeror’s proposals will be evaluated for technical quality and quantity, quality and quantity of Past Performance and will be assigned an adjectival rating based upon the criteria set forth herein; and a cost/price analysis will be performed.

b. If no award on initial offers is made under the authority of the Contract Clause entitled, "Contract Award" in Section L. of this solicitation, then the procedures of FAR Subpart 15.6, Source Selection, will be followed in making a recommendation for award which will be provided to the Contracting Officer as a basis for final determination.

c. Award will be made to the offeror whose proposal offers the best value to the Government, considering all technical and cost factors. The evaluation of technical capabilities will be accomplished without reference to cost. The three main Evaluation Factors for Award are Technical Capability, Past Performance, and Cost. The Technical Capability of the offeror, combined with Past Performance, are considerably more important than Cost.”

Question: Please provide the governments projected timelines for this solicitation to include projected date of award, notice to proceed, phase-in term, contract start date and period of performance.

RESPONSE:

Projected date of Award: During the period 15-20 January 2004

Notice to proceed: Date of award.

Phase-in term: There will be no phase-in period.

Anticipated Contract start date: 26 January 2004.

Period of performance: See Section C, Paragraph C.2.1. “Contract Term”.