

Questions and Answers for RFP DE-SOL-0006320 for ORISE (*updated August 7, 2015*)

1. We wanted to bring to your attention that the NAICS code may be in error. We believe the NAICS 621511 would be more appropriate. 621511 encompasses blood analysis laboratories, cytology health laboratories, and other medical laboratories engaging in analytic and diagnostic services. (July 27, 2015)

Answer: The Contracting Officer has selected the NAICS code whose definition best describes the principal nature of the requirement as laid out in the Performance Work Statement. While certain parts of the requirement could, by themselves, be classified differently, the preponderance of the requirement will be specialized scientific and technical services. The most appropriate NAICS code, therefore, is 541990, which addresses all other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services that are not described under another Subsector 541 code.

2. Section J, Attachment C refers to the "ORISE South Campus." Is there also a "North Campus?" (July 27, 2015)

*Answer (Updated August 7, 2015): Other than the facilities listed in Attachment C, there are no other facilities or real property furnished by the Government. **As noted in Question 5 below, there are other facilities furnished by the incumbent contractor that are used for work under the current contract. These are not government-furnished facilities.***

3. I am unable to access the zip files (Sections J, L, and attachments). What software is required? (July 29, 2015)

Answer: Most operating systems have built-in unzip tools or utilities. Some organizations' IT protocols block the unzipping or extracting of archived files. Without knowing the specific situation, it is difficult to diagnose the problem you may be having. Therefore, we have included all of the Section J Attachments and Section L Appendices and Exhibits in Amendment 000001 as individual files. No changes have been made to the content.

4. In accordance with L.11 52.237-1 of the subject solicitation, a Site Visit is requested. (August 5, 2015, note this is not the exact wording of the question)

Answer: In response to your request, the Department will schedule a Site Tour for all interested prospective offerors on August 20, 2015. More information on scheduling and details will be made available as soon as possible.

5. Will facility space currently being used by incumbent ORISE personnel (other than that identified in Section J, Attachment L) be available for use under the new contract? (August 6, 2015)

Answer: Section J, Attachment C lists the facilities the Government will furnish for this effort. Interested prospective offerors should also reference Question 2 above, and RFP provisions L.30 (c)(3)b.iv and M.3.C.3.

6. Since the majority of existing ORISE staff is expected to be transitioned to any new ORISE contract, will you provide the current level of staffing by labor category to facilitate development of Volume III cost estimate? (August 6, 2015)

Answer: The information that the Department is able to make publicly available was released as part of the RFP. The information requested is considered a contractor record under the terms of the current and predecessor contracts, and is not within the discretion or authority of the Government to release.

7. Pages 37 and 38 of Section L are confusing. Are Program Implementation criteria requirements (staffing plan, R2A2, etc.) supposed to be addressed in the Oral Presentation? (August 7, 2015)

Answer: Subparagraphs (c)(2)(e) and (f) of provision L.30 should have been indented farther to the right to make it clear that Subparagraph (c)(3) contains instructions for the written proposal Volume II, and not the oral presentation.

8. When completing Section J, Attachment L, for the separate percentage small business goals, where can we find the FY 2016 information to complete this? (August 7, 2015)

Answer: Interested prospective offerors may utilize the FY 2015 DOE goals, which can be found at the following link: <http://energy.gov/management/downloads/policy-flash-2015-26>. When the 2016 Goals are published, DOE will make those available also.