

Questions and Answers for RFP DE-SOL-0006320 for ORISE (updated August 17, 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.

9. Listed in Section J, Attachment C area the ten (10) buildings designated as Government Furnished Facilities (GFF) that the successful contractor will be responsible for their operations and maintenance. (August 10, 2015)

- A.) Are the GFF by themselves sufficient to house all of the successful offeror's employees under the new contract?

Answer: It is the responsibility of prospective Offerors to answer this question in their proposal. Prospective Offerors are encouraged to consult the requirements of Provision L.30 (c)(3)b.ii. and iv. The number of and assignments of proposed employees, as well as the plan for facility utilization, are all elements that are to be addressed in Volume II of the proposal.

B.) For each GFF please identify the work scope area(s) which they relate to. If a GFF use used for multiple work scope areas, please identify the approximate percentage of use of the GFF by each work scope area.

Answer: DOE Acknowledges receipt of this question and will be able to provide more information in a forthcoming amendment.

C.) Two buildings SC-9 and SC-16 are stasured as "Pending Disposal". What actions, if any will the successful contractor be responsible for regarding these two buildings? What is the expected timeframe for these actions?

Answer: Prospective Offerors should review the Ten-Year Site Plan available on the website <http://orisecompetition.science.energy.gov> . This document addresses both the anticipated actions and estimated timeline by which activities should be completed, provided the necessary funding is made available. Prospective Offerors are also reminded that the Government has made available a planning cost for facility improvements (including demolition) for the purposes of proposal development (see Provision L.5) as discussed in the Site Plan.

10. On page 48 and 49 of the 2014 ORAU Annual Report is a list of twenty one (21) ORAU Management positions and named resources, many of which appear to hold and/or fill executive/director/management positions at ORISE. From this list, please identify those ORAU named resources that DOE wants the successful contractor to retain for work at ORISE, along with the following relevant information (August 10, 2015):

- a. Current Base Annual Salary
- b. Current Base Annual Salary Charged to ORISE
- c. Incentive Pay/Bonuses
- d. Deferred Compensation
- e. Employer Contribution to Deferred Compensation
- f. Any other forms of proposed Compensation paid allowable by the FARs
- g. Total Annual Compensation Including Fringe Benefits Charged to ORISE.

Answer: Clause H.11 enumerates the requirements the successful offeror will need to follow with respect to hiring preferences and rights-of-first-refusal. Regarding the compensation data requested, prospective Offerors should reference Question Number 6, which discusses information related to current staff. Section L, Appendix 5 of the RFP includes the existing job classifications at ORISE, and the corresponding average salary information.

11. List of all incumbent enterprise level systems and/or software tools that will be made available to the successful offeror (August 10, 2015)

Answer: As a Non-Management and Operating contract, enterprise level systems are provided by the contractor performing the work. While DOE approval is required for many of these systems for work under the terms of the contract, enterprise level systems are not furnished by the Government.

12. Will the successful offeror be permitted to adopt for use the incumbent's ORACLE Accounting System coupled with their reporting templates? (August 10, 2015)

Answer: As a Non-Management and Operating contract, the accounting system used by the incumbent contractor is not DOE owned. Prospective offerors should carefully review the Accounting System requirements discussed in Provision L.5.

13. We normally perform most of our supplemental staffing/staff augmentation under NAICS code of 561320, Temporary Help Services. ...is this a small business set aside or unrestricted competitive solicitation? (August 11, 2015)

Answer: Prospective Offerors should refer to Question Number 1 above, and Provision L.23, which states, "[t]his acquisition is unrestricted and contains no set-aside provisions."

14. The overview of this solicitation states for set aside: N/A and NAICS: 541990, 15M. Is this NAICS code pertain to our subcontracting plan? In other words is this an open competitive bid? (August 11, 2015)

Answer: Please refer to the answer to Question Number 13 above. Prospective Offerors are also advised to refer to clauses 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns for the definition of Small Business Concerns and 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan for the requirements pertaining to that plan. Generally, a domestic business is considered to be a Small Business Concern if it does not exceed whatever measure is established by the Small Business Administration for a particular industry. In subcontracting, the Department generally relies on an entity operating under an approved Small Business Subcontracting Plan to select the appropriate industry category and its corresponding NAICS code for each subcontract.

15. [The Solicitation] states that the solicitation is an unrestricted acquisition and that a “Small Business Subcontracting Plan” is required. Usually a “Small Business Subcontracting Plan” is not required if it is a small business set aside since this requirement assures that 100% goes small business anyway and there is no requirement to sub out work to other small businesses when you are already a small business. My question, is this solicitation set aside for small business who fit the small business size standard NAICS code 541990 (15M) only or <500 employees? If no is this an open unrestricted solicitation that references NAICS code 541990 for project description and also guidance with small business subcontract plan? (August 11, 2015)

Answer: Please refer to the answers to the two previous questions (13 & 14). While prospective small business Offerors are not required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Clause 52.219-9 (a)), the requirements of Clause 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns apply regardless of the Offeror’s size status. Therefore, it is incorrect to say “there is no requirement to sub out work to other small businesses.”