

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE J	PAGE OF PAGES 1 8
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 26-Feb-2009	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. W23MVK8322N111		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY USA MED RESEARCH ACQ ACTIVITY 820 CHANDLER ST FORT DETRICK MD 21702-5014	CODE W81XWH	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. W81XWH-09-R-0008	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 05-Feb-2009	
			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input 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 _____ 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.)				
1. The closing date and time of this solicitation is extended until 4:00pm, Eastern Time, Friday, 13 March 2009. No additional questions will be accepted.				
2. Questions received for this requirement and the corresponding answers are provided herein.				
3. Remove FAR Clause 52.219-9 "Small Business Subcontracting Plan" from this solicitation.				
4. Remove FAR Clause 52.222-54 "Employment Eligibility Verification" from this solicitation.				
5. Include DD Form 254 "Department of Defense, Contract Security Classification Specification" as an attachment to the solicitation. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this document is now required to be submitted as part of the proposal submission.				
6. There are no other changes to this solicitation as a result of this amendment. 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)		27-Feb-2009

SECTION SF 30 BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 30 - BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following have been added by full text:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Question: Is the solicitation just for labor or does it also include supplies?

Response: Labor only.

2. Question: Is it possible to “take over” the existing contract with the existing personnel?

Response: No, this will be a new award.

3. Question: Is it possible to examine recent USACEHR/SAIC Task Orders and costs?

Response: No, this is SAIC proprietary information.

4. Question: Is it possible to visit the USACEHR facility for a tour and to discuss the work statement with USACEHR support personnel and scientists before submission?

Response: No.

5. Question: The Performance Work Statement describes certain scientific activities that can be considered high-level, but the cost proposal includes only technician-level entries for direct labor. What is USACEHR’s intention as to the performance of the higher-level work; how is it to be accounted for in the contract?

Response: There are four current full-time position requirements. The two molecular biologist positions require a combination education, skills or experience above entry level for personnel possessing a bachelor’s degree in the specific research areas related to biomarker discovery in proteomics and genomics. Position categorization and titling is a contractor function, but could easily be described as any of “senior technician,” “biologist,” “molecular biologist,” or “scientist.” The additional two positions, requiring considerable and specific skills and experience, clearly fall within a general description of what would be understood as senior-level technicians, based on requirements for independent and self-directed work execution.

6. Question: The Performance Work Statement describes the need for supervision of the direct labor but the cost proposal does not include direct labor entry for supervision. Again, what is USACEHR’s intention as to the performance of this work; how is it to be accounted for in the contract?

Response: It is not the Government’s intention to have an on-site supervisor of contractor personnel.

7. Question: When ongoing contracts are terminated for one contracted, with the intention of continuing that contract with another contractor, is there any general preference for a contractor that has existing operations, including personnel, at the facility in question?

Response: No.

8. Question: The cover page indicates the proposal due date is 6 March 2009; while page 82 states that 3 March 2009 is the proposal due date. Which is the correct due date and time?

Response: The correct date is 06 March 2009. However, the RFP will be extended until 13 March to allow sufficient time for potential offers to prepare proposals.

9. Question: Will there be any travel requirements for this effort? If so, are these expected to be priced in the proposal?

Response: No. Travel, on an occasional basis, may be necessary during the term of this contract. If the Government determines that travel is necessary, the Government will reimburse the contractor only for those costs directly related to the travel event.

10. Question: Attachment #3. Can the methodology for computing the Cost Estimate be revised to conform to our DCAA approved indirect cost allocation methodology? For example, our base for OH is NOT only direct labor, but rather, direct labor plus labor burden. In addition, we have and IR&D rate approved by the DCAA.

Response: No, amending Attachment # 3 is not allowable. The submission of the Worksheet is mandatory to be considered responsive to this solicitation. However, the Government will accept an attachment, in addition to the completed Worksheet. This supplementary document shall be a maximum of two pages.

11. Question: Will the Government accept a cost estimate worksheet in a format different than the format shown in attachment #3 as long as the revised format includes all items shown in attachment #3? The purpose of this would be to ensure that all bidders are able to propose costs in accordance with their respective disclosure statement as submitted to DCAA?

Response: No, amending Attachment # 3 is not allowable. The submission of the Worksheet is mandatory to be considered responsive to this solicitation. However, the Government will accept an attachment, in addition to the completed Worksheet. This supplementary document shall be a maximum of two pages.

12. Question: Does the government anticipate any additional personnel for the out years of this contract besides the 5 FTEs listed for the initial period of this contract? If so, what types of positions will be required?

Response: At this time the Government does not anticipate the need for more than 5 FTEs/positions. However, the needs of the Government can change at any time.

13. Question: The contractor shall designate a primary supervisor for day-to-day communications and responsibility for Contractor personnel. Does the government expect the supervisor to be one of the 5 FTEs?

Response: No. It is not the Government's intention to have an on-site supervisor of contractor personnel.

14. Question: Will travel be covered when contractor personnel have to work off site? If so, what is the government's anticipated travel?

Response: Yes. Travel, on an occasional basis, may be necessary during the term of this contract. If the Government determines that travel is necessary, the Government will reimburse the contractor only for those costs directly related to the travel event.

15. Question: What type of data entry and analysis tools are being used?

Response: Current examples of data entry and analysis tools being used include Excel™, Partek Pro™ for data exploration and statistical analysis (e.g., principal component analysis, ANOVA for high dimension data), Ingenuity Pathway Analysis™ for gene ontology and pathway analysis, Protein Lynx™ Global Server mass spectrometry processing and identification software (Waters™, for protein identification, automated BLAST searches, automated de novo sequencing analysis and quantitative proteomics), command line BLAST, the R statistical package, the Golden Path, ENSEMBL and AceView genome browsers.

16. Question: Is the incumbent contractor allowed to bid on this contract?

Response: No. The incumbent is not a small business and cannot submit an offer as the prime contractor.

17. Question: Is the Section G clause regarding Vouchers included by error? Does USAMRAA not use the Wide Are Workflow (WAWF) system?

Response: No, this is not an error. WAWF will not be used for this contract.

18. Question: In Section F under Key Personnel, one sentence reads, "Any employee promotion or individual rate increase that will involve the increase in cost to this contract or result in a reduction of available effort must be approved by the Contracting Officer." Does this mean the Contracting Officer must pre-approve every deviation from a proposal (even minor ones) or are you saying pre-approval is necessary if the rate increase would require a given task order's awarded value to increase?

Response: Yes. Only the Contracting Officer possesses the authority, on behalf of the Government, to alter the contract in any fashion.

19. Question: What does the Government mean when it states on Page 84 that the "list of labor categories and hourly rates will be used as the base line for future task orders"? Does this mean the hourly rates proposed are locked in for future use on the task order proposals?

Response: Yes, and the Cost Estimation Worksheet allows for an annual escalation.

20. Question: Are offerors allowed to amend the Attachment 3 Cost Estimate Worksheet to reflect their own indirect rate structure? For example, not all offerors will specifically have an indirect rate for labor burden, overhead and G&A.

Response: No, amending Attachment # 3 is not allowable. The submission of the Worksheet is mandatory to be considered responsive to this solicitation. However, the Government will accept an attachment, in addition to the completed Worksheet. This supplementary document shall be a maximum of two pages.

21. Question: Section C mentions Travel several times but gives no specifics. Should offerors propose any travel dollars or any other direct costs and if so, what guidelines (e.g. destinations) can you give in this regard?

Response: No. Travel, on an occasional basis, may be necessary during the term of this contract. If the Government determines that travel is necessary, the Government will reimburse the contractor only for those costs directly related to the travel event.

22. Question: Is FAR 219-9, the requirement for a Small Business Subcontracting Plan, included in error? This clause is prescribed by FAR 19.708(b)(1) which states it should not be included in set-asides which this RFP is.

Response: This Clause will be removed as this RFP is a 100% Small-Business Set-Aside.

23. Question: Section I includes the clause 52.222-54 Employment Eligibility Verification (Jan 2009). However, the president has delayed implementation of this clause and, to that effect, a notice has appeared in the federal register instructing Contracting Officers not to include this requirement in solicitations and contracts before 21 May 2009. Please see the Federal Register citation at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2060.htm>. Therefore, can this requirement be removed?

Response: Yes. The Government has verified that this Clause shall not be included in any Solicitation or contract until 21 May 2009.

24. Question: The RFP alludes to classified information throughout but there was no DD254 among the attachments. Should there have been one?

Response: Yes. A DD254 is included in amendment 0001.

25. Question: Is there a suggested annual plug value offerors should include for Travel/ODCs?

Response: No. Travel, on an occasional basis, may be necessary during the term of this contract. If the Government determines that travel is necessary, the Government will reimburse the contractor only for those costs directly related to the travel event.

SECTION A - SOLICITATION/CONTRACT FORM

The required response date/time has changed from 06-Mar-2009 04:00 PM to 13-Mar-2009 04:00 PM.

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following have been deleted:

52.219-9	Small Business Subcontracting Plan	APR 2008
52.222-46	Evaluation Of Compensation For Professional Employees	FEB 1993

SECTION J - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

The Table of Contents has changed from:

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Attachment 4	DD Form 254	4	25-FEB-2009

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

The following have been added by full text:

ATTACHMENT #4

<p align="center">DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACT SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION</p> <p align="center"><i>(The requirements of the DoD Industrial Security Manual apply to all security aspects of this effort)</i></p>		1. CLEARANCE AND SAFEGUARDING	
		a. FACILITY CLEARANCE REQUIRED:	
		b. LEVEL OF SAFEGUARDING REQUIRED:	
2. THIS SPECIFICATION IS FOR: <i>(X and complete as applicable)</i>		3. THIS SPECIFICATION IS: <i>(X and complete as applicable)</i>	
a. PRIME CONTRACT NUMBER		a. ORIGINAL <i>(Complete date in all cases)</i>	Date (YYMMDD)
b. SUBCONTRACT NUMBER		b. REVISED <i>(Supersedes all previous specs)</i>	Revision No. Date (YYMMDD)
c. SOLICITATION OR OTHER NUMBER	DUE DATE (YYMMDD)	c. FINAL <i>(Complete item 5 in all cases)</i>	Date (YYMMDD)
4. IS THIS A FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO, If Yes, complete the following Classified material received or generated under _____ <i>(Preceding Contract Number)</i> is transferred to this follow-on contract			
5. IS THIS A FINAL DD FORM 254? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO, If Yes, complete the following: In response to the contractors request dated _____, retention of the identified classified material is authorized for a period of: _____			
6. CONTRACTOR <i>(Include Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code)</i>			
a. NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP	b. CAGE CODE	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE <i>(Name, Address, and Zip Code)</i>	
7. SUBCONTRACTOR			
a. NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP	b. CAGE CODE	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE <i>(Name, Address, and Zip Code)</i>	
8. ACTUAL PERFORMANCE			
a. LOCATION	b. CAGE CODE	c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE <i>(Name, Address, and Zip Code)</i>	
9. GENERAL IDENTIFICATION OF THIS PROCUREMENT			
10. THIS CONTRACT WILL REQUIRE ACCESS TO:	YES	NO	11. IN PERFORMING THIS CONTRACT, THE CONTRACTOR WILL:
a. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) INFORMATION			a. HAVE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ONLY AT ANOTHER CONTRACTORS FACILITY OR GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY
			YES
			NO

b. RESTRICTED DATA			b. RECEIVE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ONLY		
c. CRITICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGN INFORMATION			c. RECEIVE AND GENERATE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL		
d. FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA			d. FABRICATE, MODIFY, OR STORE CLASSIFIED HARDWARE		
e. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION			e. PERFORM SERVICES ONLY		
(1) Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)			f. HAVE ACCESS TO US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE U.S., PUERTO RICO, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND TRUST TERRITORIES		
(2) Non-SCI			g. BE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) OR OTHER SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION CENTER		
f. SPECIAL ACCESS INFORMATION			h. REQUIRE A COMSEC ACCOUNT		
g. NATO INFORMATION			i. HAVE TEMPEST REQUIREMENTS		
h. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION			j. HAVE OPERATIONS SECURITY (OPSEC) REQUIREMENTS		
i. LIMITED DISSEMINATION INFORMATION			k. BE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE DEFENSE COURIER SERVICE		
j. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY INFORMATION			l. OTHER (Specify)		
k. OTHER (Specify)					

DD Form 254, DEC 1999 (EF)

PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE.

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12. **PUBLIC RELEASE.** Any information (*classified or unclassified*) pertaining to this contract shall not be released for public dissemination except as provided by the Industrial Security Manual or unless it has been approved for public release by appropriate U.S. Government authority. Proposed public releases shall be submitted for approval prior to release

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to the Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)* for review.
 *In the case of non-DoD User Agencies, requests for disclosure shall be submitted to that agency.

13. **SECURITY GUIDANCE.** The security classification guidance needed for this classified effort is identified below. If any difficulty is encountered in applying this guidance or if any other contributing factor indicates a need for changes in this guidance, the contractor is authorized and encouraged to provide recommended changes; to challenge the guidance or the classification assigned to any information or material furnished or generated under this contract; and to submit any questions for interpretation of this guidance to the official identified below. Pending final decision, the information involved shall be handled and protected at the highest level of classification assigned or recommended. (*Fill in as appropriate for the classified effort. Attach, or forward under separate correspondence, any documents/guides/extracts referenced herein. Add additional pages as needed to provide complete guidance.*)

<p>14. ADDITIONAL SECURITY. Requirements, in addition to NISPOM requirements, are established for this contract. <i>(If Yes, identify the pertinent contractual clauses in</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>15. INSPECTIONS. Elements of this contract are outside the inspection responsibility of the cognizant security office. <i>(If yes, explain and identify specific areas or</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>16. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE. Security requirements stated herein are complete and adequate for safeguarding the classified information to be released or generated under this classified effort. All questions shall be referred to the official named below.</p>		
<p>a. TYPED NAME OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p>	<p>b. TITLE</p>	<p>c. TELEPHONE <i>(Include Area Code)</i></p>
<p>d. ADDRESS <i>(Include Zip Code)</i></p>	<p>17. REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. CONTRACTOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. SUBCONTRACTOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. COGNIZANT SECURITY OFFICE FOR PRIME AND SUBCONTRACTOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> d. U.S. ACTIVITY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEAS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> e. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> f. OTHERS AS NECESSARY</p>	
<p>e. SIGNATURE</p>		

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(End of Summary of Changes)