

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE S	PAGE OF PAGES 1 6
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 19-Jun-2009	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. W45MW391264203		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-0019	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 04-Jun-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.				
<p>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:</p> <p>(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.</p>				
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.)				
<p>The purpose of this amendment is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Provide responses to questions; 2.) Extend due date for proposals to July 13, 12 PM Local Frederick, MD Time by correcting SF 33 and Section L; 3.) Change Section B description for CLINs 0003 and 1003 to reflect that only Travel is anticipated; 4.) Change page 16 of Section C to delete Section 4.2 ODCs and renumber Section 4.3; 5.) Remove draft Project Management Plan and draft Quality Control Plan from the Technical Approach page limit; and 6.) Correct typo in Section M Cost and Price evaluation factor from "fourth" to "fifth". <p>All else remains unchanged.</p>				
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)		19-Jun-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:

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Reference Section L – Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Bidders Content for Evaluation Factors states the offerer must submit a written draft Project Management Plan and a written draft Quality Control Plan. The plans must be integrated into the offerer’s total Technical Approach, Volume II; they will not be evaluated as separate subfactors. The page limit for Volume II, Technical Approach is 60 pages.

Will USAMRMC consider removing the draft Project Management Plan and draft Quality Control plan from the page count for Volume II and allow contractors to provide the documents as appendices to Volume II? **Yes. See Amendment 0001.**

2. Reference PWS paragraph 2.3 the contractor will coordinate equipment training for laboratory staff and equipment maintenance personnel as required. During the pre-award conference on 15 Jun 09, it was stated equipment items purchased that are new to the facility will require training for equipment maintenance personnel. The level of equipment maintenance training was not specified.

Is USAMRMC anticipating the level of equipment maintenance training provided will be at the “first responder level” for equipment maintenance personnel? **Yes** If not, please provide the level of training that will be required on new equipment not currently in use at the facility.

3. Reference PWS Paragraph 2.2, third paragraph, states “...there will be a Project Management Office (PMO) as the place of performance for the contractor to establish and maintain within a 50 mile radius of the BHT.”

In addition to the PMO, will USAMRMC anticipate contractor staff to be collocated with government personnel to serve as an on-site liaison at BHT? **The Contractor staff will not have to be collocated with Government personnel.**

If yes, will the government provide office space with access to telephones, fax machines or computer connections for on-site contractor personnel directly involved with the initial outfitting project? **The Government will not provide space.**

4. Currently, the PMP is to be integrated into the overall Technical Approach proposal volume which has a page limit of 60 pages. Based on the other required sections of the Technical Approach, this gives a page budget of 10-15 pages for the PMP. Typical PMP's range from 50-75 pages. Would the government please increase the Technical Approach page budget to 100 pages given the significance of the PMP? Or would the Government consider not including the PMP into the page count at all for the Technical Proposal? ***See Amendment 0001.***
5. Considering the complexity of this effort would the Government please consider a one week extension? ***See Amendment 0001.***
6. Would the Government please confirm that CLINs 0003 and 1003 are for Travel only and any other ODC's plus the equipment will come out of CLINs 0004 and 1004? ***It is anticipated that CLINs 0003 and 1003 are for Travel only.***
7. What is the estimated timeline for the occupancy elements in to the BHT? Specifically, please provide the following: estimated building completion date (earliest date that equipment can be installed) ***2/1/10***, existing equipment move dates for the following: WRAIR ***2/15/10 – 2/26/10***, NMRC ***2/15/10 – 2/26/10***, DECS ***4/13/10 – 4/27/10***, NIDBR ***4/13/10 – 4/27/10***, USADTRD ***4/13/10 – 4/27/10***, USAMRD ***3/16/10 – 3/30/10***, and USAISR ***N/A***, and personnel move/occupancy dates for the following: WRAIR, NMRC, DECS, NIDBR, USADTRD, USAMRD, and USAISR ***same as above***. This information is required for the development of an initial PMP work breakdown schedule.
8. In instances where existing equipment and new equipment are collocated in laboratories or rooms who will be responsible for ensuring cooling requirements are met? ***The Government will be responsible for this.***
9. Page 15, 4.2 Other Direct Costs (ODC) states, "Other Direct Costs, other than travel, may include General and Administrative charges (G&A) or Material and Handling charges (M&H)."
- Is the Government saying that G&A is not allowed on Travel?
If the Contractor's DCAA approved accounting system and disclosure statement consistently includes G&A on travel would the Government please reconsider?
G&A is a valid cost associated with travel. ***Travel will be paid on a cost basis to include G&A. For evaluation purposes of unknown travel, G&A should not be added to the plug in figure of \$25K.***
10. Page 16, second sentence states, "All subcontractor costs shall be billed as ODC under a separate CLIN."

Is the Government going to include that separate CLIN in the award since it is not currently in Schedule B? ***See Amendment 0001.***

It is assumed that the Contractor will propose subcontractors as labor and not ODC's since the plug number for ODC's is \$25K. Is that correct? ***Yes.***

11. Page 33, 52.222.42, last bolded statement, "To be determined at contract award based on the contractor's proposal" Could the Government please explain what this statement means and how it relates to the contractor's proposal? ***Since the requirement is performance based and the labor categories to be proposed will not be known until contract award, the classes of employees will be based on the successful proposal and identified in the contract.***

12. At the Pre-Award conference, it was stated that reimbursement for equipment purchased cannot be requested until after training is completed. This puts considerable risk on the contractor in the event that training is delayed due to potential unavailability of operator and maintainer personnel during the training timeframes scheduled. Will the Government consider modifying this requirement to ensure that the contractor can seek payment for equipment when delays in training occur that are not within the control of the contractor (i.e., slippage of occupancy dates, slippage of personnel relocation dates, delays in hiring of personnel to staff building, changes in scheduled training dates directed by Government, etc.)? Would the Government perhaps consider allowing the Contractor to invoice following acceptance by the Government? ***It is anticipated that some of the equipment will not require training so in those cases payment would be made right after delivery and certification. In those cases where training is required, but delayed, payment for that specific piece of equipment could be made based on acceptance/certification.***

SECTION A - SOLICITATION/CONTRACT FORM

The required response date/time has changed from 07-Jul-2009 12:00 PM to 13-Jul-2009 12:00 PM.

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES

CLIN 0003

The CLIN extended description has changed to: The plug in figure to be used for this CLIN is \$25,000. Other Direct Costs other than equipment. ODCs are materials or services in direct support within the scope of a service and are not the primary purpose of the contract. ***It is anticipated that only travel will be required under this CLIN.*** All ODCs shall be fully supported and in compliance with all competition requirements of the FAR, specifically Part 31, "Contract Cost Principles and Procedures." All travel and training must be approved by the Contracting Officer and the Contracting Officer Representative (COR). All travel will be compared with the Joint Travel Regulations. All invoices for travel and training must be submitted with receipts to the COR, before payment can be made..

CLIN 1003

The CLIN extended description has changed to: The plug in figure to be used for this CLIN is \$25,000. Other Direct Costs other than equipment. ODCs are materials or services in direct support within the scope of a service and are not the primary purpose of the contract. **It is anticipated that only travel will be required under this CLIN.** All ODCs shall be fully supported and in compliance with all competition requirements of the FAR, specifically Part 31, "Contract Cost Principles and Procedures." All travel and training must be approved by the Contracting Officer and the Contracting Officer Representative (COR). All travel will be compared with the Joint Travel Regulations. All invoices for travel and training must be submitted with receipts to the COR, before payment can be made..

SECTION C - DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The following have been modified:

PWS

Performance Work Statement
For Non-Personal Services

Initial Outfitting (IO)
Acquisition for Battlefield Health and Trauma Center (BHT)

Renumbered Section 4.2 due to deleting ODC language.

4.2 Contractor Verification System (CVS) for Contractor at Government Facilities

- a. Contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures identified in the contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance M-05-24, and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201.
- b. The Contractor shall comply with agency personal identity verification procedures in all subcontracts when the subcontractor is required to have physical access to a federally-controlled facility or access to a Federal information system.
- c. The Contractor shall ensure compliance with the provisions set forth below. For purposes of FAR Clause 52.204-9, the Government will designate a Trusted Agent (TA), and the Contractor shall designate a Facility Security Officer (FSO), for this contract. The Government reserves the right to amend or supplement these provisions pursuant to the Changes clause in the contract.

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

The following have been modified:

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS**PROPOSAL CONTENT AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS**

2. Proposal submission requirements: Proposals shall be submitted consistent with the instructions below. In order to be considered for possible contract award, the Offeror shall submit one (1) original hard copy and one (1) electronic copy submitted on a CD in accordance with instructions below **NO LATER THAN 13 JULY 2009 BY 12:00 PM LOCAL TIME, FREDERICK, MD.** Proposals shall be submitted to the following address:

Director
U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA)

Attn: MCMR-AAA-G/W81XWH-09-R-0019/(Kelly Sherman)
820 Chandler Street,
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5014

Content for Evaluation Factors

1. Volume II, Technical Approach. The offeror shall submit a written technical proposal which effectively demonstrates the offeror's techniques, methods, and processes are likely to minimize risk and result in successful completion of the tasks in the PWS. The offeror's proposal shall demonstrate the offeror's ability to produce contract deliverables by examining the degree to which the offeror's explanation of the manner and methods to be used are likely to result in the desired outcomes. The offeror's proposal shall demonstrate the offeror's capability to perform all areas of the PWS, particularly the provisioning of medical research equipment, equipment installation, training, and project management. The offeror must submit a written draft Project Management Plan and a written draft Quality Control Plan. The plans must be integrated into the offeror's total Technical Approach, Volume II; they will not be evaluated as separate subfactors. The page limit for Volume II, Technical Approach is 60 pages. **The draft Project Management Plan and draft Quality Control Plan are not included in the 60 page limit.**

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

The following have been modified:

EVALUATION FACTORS

This is a tradeoff procurement. The Government may elect to award to other than the lowest cost, based on the evaluation of the non-cost factors and the best value to the Government.

As individual factors, Technical Approach is the most important of the factors. Past Experience is second in order of importance, followed by Staffing Plan and Key Personnel, Past Performance, and then Small Business Participation Evaluation Plan is **fifth** in order of importance. Cost and Price is the least important of all the factors. When considered together Technical Approach, Past Experience, Staffing Plan and Key Personnel, Past Performance, and Small Business Participation Evaluation Plan are significantly more important than Cost and Price.

(End of Summary of Changes)