

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES	
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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0002	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 20-Oct-2009	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. W74MYF9218N492		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) USA MED RESEARCH ACQ ACTIVITY ATTN: DANA HERNDON 301-619-7140 DANA.HERNDON@US.ARMY.MIL FORT DETRICK MD 21702		CODE	W81XWH	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W81XWH-09-R-0041	
				X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 22-Sep-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 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.)						
This amendment provides responses to questions received on the solicitation. See next page for a list of questions and answers.						
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)		20-Oct-2009		

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 30 - BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following have been added by full text:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Reference page 28 – Performance Work Statement:
 - a. Question: Is the intended contract anticipated to be a service contract or a research and development contract?
 - a. Answer: The resultant contract will be a service contract with a research and development component.
2. Reference page 38, C.4 – Cameroon GEIS Activity; page 43, C.5 – GVFI Cameroon GEIS Activity:
 - a. Question: Considering the services to be provided, would it be advantageous to combine CLIN 0002 and CLIN 0003?
 - a. Answer: No.
3. Reference page 35, C.3.4.1; page 40, C.4.4.1; page 46, C.5.4.1.; and page 50, C.6.4.1 – Purchasing Support:
 - a. Question: Could the support services be subcontracted to the GEIS partner cited in the respective section?
 - a. Answer: Yes. The contractor can subcontract purchasing support to partners.
4. Reference page 37, C.3.4.6.b; page 42, C.4.4.6.b; page 47, C.5.4.6.b; and page 52, C.6.4.6.b – Project Oversight and In-Country Coordination:
 - a. Question: Where will this individual be located? Is there available office space?
 - a. Answer: The individual will be located in the country of activities. Office space shall be provided by the contractor as necessary.
 - b. Question: Will a vehicle and driver be available to provide transportation for site visits? If so, who will provide the vehicle and driver?
 - b. Answer: Transportation shall be provided by the contractor as necessary.
 - c. Question: Reference is made to Paragraph C.3.4.8. Paragraph is missing.
 - c. Answer: We acknowledge that there is no paragraph C.3.4.8. The paragraph should state, “The contractor has the authority and the duty to ensure that all in-country GEIS partner duties—as they will be subcontractor duties—are satisfactorily completed or accomplished.”
5. Reference page 37, C.3.4.5.c – Training Support:
 - a. Question: Please clarify requirement.

- a. Answer: The contractor will provide support to GEIS partner staff when attending training /seminars by visiting each other's labs or by facilitating attendance of training given by others. The contractor's role is not to identify the training and select the personnel but to simply facilitate participants' attendance.
6. Reference page 54, C.7.2.0 – Position: GEIS Kenya Program Manager:
 - a. Question: Are position descriptions available for other positions identified throughout the RFP?
 - a. Answer: No detailed position descriptions are available at this time.
 7. Reference page 55, C.7.4.2 – Infrastructure Support:
 - a. Question: Is it the Government's intent to have the GEIS Kenya Program Manager be personal services contract personnel?
 - a. Answer: No part of the resultant contract will be for personal services.
 8. Reference page 59-60, C.9.0 – General:
 - a. Question: While the RFP stresses the importance of the GEIS partners, could the Government describe the relationship between the prime contractor and the GEIS partners?
 - a. Answer: The GEIS partners will perform as subcontractors to the prime contractor (the resultant contract awardee). The prime contractor shall enter into a sole source contract relationship with the GEIS partners. The contractor is expected to support the GEIS partners in their activities as stated in C.9.0.
 - b. Question: How will the GEIS partners be selected?
 - b. Answer: The GEIS partners are already selected and active in Uganda, Tanzania, and Cameroon. The GEIS partner subcontracts may require changes or augmentation based on in-country events. Required changes would be made in collaboration with the Contracting Officer's Representative and/or USAMRU-K personnel.
 - c. Question: How will the GEIS partners be managed throughout the period of performance?
 - c. Answer: The prime contractor will be responsible for management and oversight of the subcontracts with their subcontractors. Reference C.2.4.6, C.3.4.6, C.4.4.6, and C.5.6.6 - Project Oversight and In-Country Coordination.
 9. Reference page 61- 62, C.13 – Period of Performance:
 - a. Question: This paragraph indicates a start date of February 8, 2010. This is inconsistent with page 2 of the RFP which indicates that the current contract expires in December 2009. Please verify.
 - a. Answer: The intent is to extend the current contract through the start date of the new contract, which is anticipated to be February 8, 2010.
 10. Reference page 64, Prohibition of Human Research (Jan 2007) (USAMRAA); Prohibition of Use of Laboratory Animals (Jan 2007) (USAMRAA):

- a. Question: The RFP suggests that the effort will be an R&D contract involving human and animal use. Is this correct?
 - a. Answer: The resultant contract will be a service contract with a research and development component. The current contract includes protocols for human and animal use. The new contract will continue the ongoing approval of those protocols initiated under the current contract and will require the approval of new protocols initiated under the new contract.
 - b. Question: Will all such work be accomplished by the prime and GEIS partners in their own space?
 - b. Answer: Yes.
 - c. Question: Who is responsible for creating and maintaining protocols?
 - c. Answer: The resultant contract awardee will be responsible for creating and maintaining protocols on the contract.
11. Reference page 66 – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Training:
- a. Question: “All supplemental staffing employees.” Do these include the subcontract employees cited in this RFP? If so, they are foreign nationals.
 - a. Answer: Applicable contracts are those service contracts where the employees, by the nature of their duties, are considered “MRMC personnel.” The MEDCOM policy describes these positions as being part of the “total MEDCOM force.” These concepts are usually described in the industry as supplemental staffing contracts. These employees are performing duties that at one time may have been performed by military members or civil service employees. These employees must complete one of four appropriate CBRNE course offerings available on the Army Correspondence Course web site. Based on this, those contract employees that work amongst federal government and/or military personnel would be required to take the CBRNE training. All other contract and subcontract employees would not be required to take the CBRNE training.
 - b. Question: If training is only available on-line (at <http://www.atsc.army.mil/accp/aipdnew.asp>) and through AKO with either a CAC or sponsored registration, will the Government provide AKO access?
 - b. Answer: In general, those contract or subcontract employees that work amongst federal government and/or military personnel have a CAC or sponsored registration in order to perform their duties.
 - c. Question: The above-referenced website is not accessible by foreign nationals. “This is a DoD web site. The security accreditation level of this site is Unclassified FOUO and below...” Please explain how a contractor can meet this requirement.
 - c. Answer: Reference responses to Questions 11.a and 11.b.
12. Reference page 74 – Insurance (Mar 1999) (USAMRAA):
- a. Question: Are there any exceptions noted to the insurance thresholds?
 - a. Answer: No.
13. Reference page 105 – One Proposal:
- a. Question: Are alternative solutions within the one proposal an acceptable approach?
 - a. Answer: No.

14. Reference page 111 – Overall Basis for Award:

- a. Question: Has this program been designated a single Source Selection Authority, other than the Contracting Officer?
- a. Answer: The single Source Selection Authority for this action will be determined by the dollar value of the proposed cost. It may or may not be the Contracting Officer for the current contract.

15. Reference Attachment 4 – CLIN 0004 – Tanzania Activity Support:

- a. Question: All the other areas have GEIS Project Officers required. This CLIN does not cite a requirement. Is this an oversight?
- a. Answer: The GEIS project officers are already hired through a different contract.

16. Reference Attachment 5 – Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP):

- a. Question: Does the Government intend to negotiate the metrics associated with Acceptable Quality levels noted in this attachment?
- a. Answer: It is possible to negotiate the metrics associated with the Acceptable Quality levels noted in this attachment. The Contracting Officer's Representative will need to specify for the Contract Specialist the allowable limits that can be negotiated.

17. Reference page 72 – Travel Clause:

- a. Question: We understand that the place of performance for this solicitation is all OCONUS. Since there are no CONUS to foreign travel involved, the provisions of the foreign travel clause should not apply. Please clarify.
- a. Answer: Travel from one country to another country is considered OCONUS travel. The foreign travel clause will apply for the purposes of this contract.

(End of Summary of Changes)