SECTION M

EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

M.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

(a) The Department of Energy (DOE) Consolidated Business Center has established a Task Order Evaluation Team to evaluate the proposals submitted for this RTP. The instructions set forth in Section L are designed to provide guidance to the Contractor concerning the documentation that will be evaluated. The Contractor must furnish adequate and specific information in its proposal.

(b) A proposal will be eliminated from further consideration before the initial ratings if the proposal is so grossly and obviously deficient as to be totally unacceptable. In the event a proposal is rejected, a notice will be sent to the Contractor stating the reason(s) that the proposal will not be considered.

(c) Any exceptions, deviations, or conditional assumptions to the terms of this solicitation, unless specifically requested in the RTP, may make the proposal unacceptable.

M.2 BASIS FOR TASK ORDER AWARD

(a) The Government intends to award one task order, based substantially upon technical merit, to the responsible Contractor whose proposal is responsive to the RTP and is determined to represent the best (greatest) value to the Government. Selection of the best value to the Government will be based upon evaluation of the proposal using the selection factors below.

(b) Selection will be based on an evaluation against the evaluation factors/criteria of the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal. Since the award decision will be based substantially upon technical merit, the technical and management evaluation criteria are more important than evaluated probable cost and fee. Although the technical and management criteria are more important than the probable cost and fee, the Government will not make an award at a price premium it considers disproportionate to the benefits associated with the evaluated superiority of one technical and management proposal over another.

M.3 The Evaluation Factors/Criteria are in descending order of importance as follows:

(a) Technical and Management Approach
(b) Key Personnel
(c) Past Performance
(d) Cost and Fee

M 4 TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT EVALUATION FACTORS/CRITERIA

(a) Technical and Management Approach

(1) DOE will evaluate the Contractor's ability to understand and perform the requirements set forth within the statement of work including the approach to performing the SOW elements supporting waste removal priorities within the required or proposed timeframes. The DOE will evaluate the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the proposed approach, including compliance with the funding restrictions and constraints.

(2) The following approaches will be evaluated in more detail:

a. Excavation approach for all of the SOW elements
b. Waste management approach for all of the SOW elements
c. Packaging and transportation/shipping and disposal approach
d. Final Verification Survey approach including approach to successfully negotiate and implement processes with the regulators
e. Approach to providing documentation to support the OU-1 end state
f. Contractor's assumptions including rationale and basis for assumptions

(3) DOE will evaluate the technical and management risks and impacts identified by the contractor for relevancy and appropriateness as well as the approaches proposed for the elimination, avoidance, mitigation and allocation of the risks.

(4) DOE will evaluate the Contractor's project management system and management organization including the proposed method for tracking the costs and activities associated with the different funding sources.

(5) DOE will evaluate the proposed Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), the proposed schedules with logic ties, and the approach to manage the waste type excavation priorities, including the approach to completing all the work identified in this task order.

(6) DOE will evaluate the reasonableness and relevancy of the Contractor's performance milestones.

(7) DOE will evaluate the proposed cost control and tracking methods for effectiveness and efficiency in executing the work in a manner that maximizes performance within project funding.

(8) DOE will evaluate the technical and management risks identified and the approaches for the elimination, avoidance, mitigation and allocation of management risks.

(9) DOE will evaluate the proposed approach for interactions with all on and off-site stakeholders.

(10) DOE will also evaluate the Contractor's approach to developing, implementing and executing documents required by the DOE Orders and regulatory requirements.

(11) DOE will evaluate the Contractor's approach to integrating safety management into its approach to accomplishing the SOW.

(b) Key Personnel

Key Personnel- DOE will evaluate the key personnel proposed by the Contractors to perform the functions of project manager, environmental safety and health manager, and project control manager. The proposed key personnel will be evaluated regarding the degree of relevance and the nature and extent of the following: education, leadership qualifications and experience, experience in similar positions, regulatory experience, suitability for the proposed position, and experience on work similar to that described in the statement of work. DOE will also evaluate how and the degree to which the described experience relates to the Mound OU-1 Project as well as to the technical and management approaches proposed by the Contractor. Failure to submit letters of commitment and resume(s) in accordance with the instructions and format required in Section L will negatively effect the evaluation for this criterion.

(c) Past Performance

Past Performance - DOE will evaluate past performance based on the description of the experience provided in the worksheets, the subject matter areas addressed in the questions and responses in the questionnaires (Section L-3), and other information available to the Contracting Officer. The DOE will evaluate past performance on task orders performed or being performed under the IDIQ contracts in the same areas covered in the questionnaires.

M 5 COST AND FEE EVALUATION CRITERIA

(a) DOE will evaluate each Contractor's cost and fee of the total proposal against the available funding.

(b) DOE will evaluate each Contractor's cost proposal to ensure that the proposed Overhead, G&A and Fixed Fee do not exceed those stated in the basic IDIQ contract.

(c) DOE will evaluate each Contractor's proposed costs for realism, reasonableness, completeness, and will complete a most probable cost assessment.

(d) DOE will evaluate the Contractor's compliance with the restrictions on the use of the funds, i.e. $29 million specifically appropriated for the OU-1 Project. The cost proposal will be reviewed for consistency with the technical and management proposal and for accomplishment of the work proposed in the technical and management proposal within the funding restrictions on the use of the funds.

(d) DOE will evaluate the proposed Fixed Fee for reasonableness and compliance with the maximum fee identified in the contractor's basic IDIQ contract. In the event of a conflict between the RTP and the contractor's basic IDIQ contract, under the terms of the basic IDIQ contract, the maximum fee percentage stated in the Basic IDIQ contract takes precedence.