INDUSTRY QUESTIONS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON THE FINAL RFP FOR THE PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT
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1	Section L.3.C.I(1)	Section L.3.C.I(1) states that "References should be provided solely for the work performed by the proposing division of the Offeror's company." However, Section L.3.C.I(2) emphasizes the use of "traditional non-M&O cost reimbursement and fixed price contracts," which are often performed under separate or multiple legal entities belonging to the parent company. We assume that DOE's intention is that any project, whether conducted by the parent corporation or as a project-specific LLC, would be appropriate for inclusion is this proposal, as long as the project is relevant to the scope of the Portsmouth ETS contract. Is this a correct interpretation of DOE's intention.	It is the offerors responsibility to ensure that any submitted contracts/projects comply with the RFP requirements and to provide sufficient information to demonstrate the relevancy and similarity to the PWS for DOE's evaluation of each Offeror's Relevant Past Performance and Relevant Company Experience. Any contracts/projects (M&O or otherwise) submitted shall be performed by the proposing division of the Offeror's company. It is the intent of the Government to ensure that the proposing entity is the same entity for which Relevant Past Performance and Relevant Company Experience is being provided.
2	L.3	Technical Evaluation Criterion 1 (*Relevant Past Performance*) requests three relevant contracts from the offeror and each major team member using the format provided in Attachment L-3, which is called the Relevant Experience and Past Performance Information Form. Technical Evaluation Criterion 4 (*Relevant Company Experience*) also requests the same relevant	Attachment L-3, Relevant Experience and Past Performance Information Form, shall be submitted once. DOE will evaluate each contract/project submitted under the Relevant Past Performance and Relevant Company Experience evaluation criteria, as applicable and appropriate.

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		contracts from the offeror and each major team member, also using the Attachment L-3 format. Evaluation Criterion 4 further states that the DOE does not want and will not evaluate a summary section highlighting relevant experience that is submitted in addition to Attachment L-3. In light of the above, are we correct in assuming that all Relevant Past Performance and all Relevant Company Experience shall be submitted one time (i.e., all of the information goes in the Relevant Past Performance section, and then the reader is referenced to that section in Evaluation Criterion 4, OR is it the DOE's intent that the Attachment L-3 form must be provided twice, once in Evaluation Criterion 1 and then again in Evaluation Criterion 4? Please clarify.	
3	L.4	Will DOE allow the cost proposals to be submitted at the highest WBS/PWS level (e.g. C.3.1, C.3.2….C.3.11) and not at the lower 2nd and 3rd levels (e.g., C.3.2.1 – Key Staff responsibilities, and C.3.11.2.1 – Daily Operations). By costing to the sub-element level there are no costs to provide at the rollup level (aka, Program Management C.3.2 is the	Cost proposals may be submitted at the highest WBS/PWS level (e.g. C.3.1, C.3.2…..C.3.11).

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		sum of 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 and not a unique line to cost). In addition, allowing firms to provide costs at the highest PWS level will reduce the PWS elements to individually cost from 22 to 11. This translates to a decrease from 110 pricing sheets (22 elements times 5 years) to 55 (11 elements times 5 years), simplifying DOE's review, as well as minimizing the number of fractional FTEs that would be required at the lower levels.	
4	Attachment L-6	In Section L, Attachment L-6: Cost Templates and Instructions, Exhibit F-Detailed Cost by WBs, the instructions state: "The Offeror may provide the detailed cost element information requested for major or critical subcontractors or, if a joint venture or newly formed entity, all members, or any other subcontractor with proposed work equal to or greater than $3 million over the period of performance, on its Exhibit F cost worksheets using fully burdened direct labor rates and fully burdened non-labor unit rates that were used to develop the proposed costs for the respective entities."	The Offeror may appropriately modify the Column A information in Section L, Attachment L-6: Cost Templates and Instructions, Exhibit F-Detailed Cost by WBS, to indicate use of fully burdened direct labor rates and fully burdened non-labor unit rates if fully burdened rates are used to provide the detailed cost element information requested for major or critical subcontractors or, if a joint venture or newly formed entity, all members, or any other subcontractor with proposed work equal to or greater than $3 million over the period of performance.

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		Q. The Exhibit F guidance allows for fully burdened rates to be used for each major subcontractor. Would you please confirm that the Column A header for each major subcontractor can be manipulated to represent the use of fully burdened rates?	
5	L.4	In Section L.4, Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume III, Cost and Fee Proposal, paragraph (c) states that the Offerors should assume an anticipated award date of June 1, 2013. Q. *For proposal purposes, would you please clarify the assumed start dates for each CLIN?*	For proposal purposes, please assume start dates for each CLIN as follows: CLIN 001: June 1, 2013 CLIN 002: July 1, 2013 CLIN 003: July 1, 2016
6	Attachment L-6	In Section L, Attachment L-6: Cost Templates and Instructions, Exhibit A-Total Proposal, the instructions state: "A separate sheet shall be provided for each major or critical subcontractor or if a joint venture or newly formed entity, each member, or any other subcontractor with proposed work equal to or greater than $3 million over the period of performance."	Section L, Attachment L-6 Cost Templates and Instructions, Exhibit A – Total Proposal states "This Summary of Total Proposal by Contract Line Item (CLIN) worksheet shall be completed for the offeror to indicate the total proposed cost and award fee for each CLIN. Totals should agree with the respective Exhibit B worksheet for each individual CLIN. No award fee is payable during the contract transition

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		Q. In order to provide a single comprehensive sheet for DOE review, can Exhibit A be limited to the Offeror only (Prime only) and rows be added to display the breakdown of total costs by teaming partner? This would eliminate the requirement for each major subcontractor to have to complete an Exhibit A and allow DOE a single sheet providing the total proposed contract costs.	period." These instructions provide a single comprehensive summary of the Offeror's proposal for DOE review. Such summary includes costs for each major or critical subcontractor or if a joint venture or newly formed entity, each member, or any other subcontractor with proposed work equal to or greater than $3 million over the period of performance." A separate Exhibit A – Total Proposal worksheet shall be provided for each major or critical subcontractor or if a joint venture or newly formed entity, each member, or any other subcontractor with proposed work equal to or greater than $3 million over the period of performance consistent with the instructions in the solicitation.
7	Attachment L-9	Attachment L-9: Cost Questions for the Offeror; question #10 states the following: "Provide the detailed data identifying the cost elements, base, and pool for each indirect rate calculation for the five year period. The Offeror should clearly explain the basis of the estimate. Additionally, the Offeror should provide any	If a Forward Pricing Rate Agreement is in place and the agreed-upon rates are being used in the Offeror's Proposal, the Offeror shall provide a copy of its Forward Pricing Rate Agreement. In such cases, summary pool and base information supporting the proposed rates may be provided in lieu of the detailed

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		applicable Forward Pricing Rate Agreement". Q. For those Offerors not forming a new cost center or joint venture entity, is official correspondence with our Administrative Contracting Officer at DCMA that states the Forward Pricing Rates being used for indirect costs sufficient to satisfy this requirement? The supporting detailed data by cost element, base and pool for each indirect rate calculation and the associated basis of estimate will be in the hundreds of pages.	data identifying the cost elements comprising the pool and base costs for each indirect rate for the five year period.