

described in the solicitation. The Government will consider in its evaluation the degree of relevance, of the Offeror's past performance information. In the case of a newly formed joint venture, limited liability partnership, and/or other LLC's, DOE will evaluate the past performance of each member that comprises the newly formed entity or LLC, including the past performance for the work proposed to be performed by each entity under the solicitation/PWS as well as past performance in managing and performing the overall work under the solicitation/PWS. DOE will evaluate major subcontractor(s) past performance commensurate with the portion of the work being performed under the solicitation/PWS.

The Relevant Experience and Past Performance Information Form (Attachment F, Part 1) identified in Section L, submitted for Relevant Experience by the Offeror will be used to collect the past performance information. During its evaluation, the DOE will review and consider all past performance information submitted by the Offeror or the Offeror's references, may contact some or all of the references provided by the Offeror, and may solicit past performance information from any other available sources including: the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) containing Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting Systems (CPARS); the Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS); and the Computerized Accident and Injury Reporting System (CAIRS). References other than those identified by the Offeror may be contacted and their input may be considered by the Government in the evaluation of the Offeror's past performance. DOE may check readily available Government records including pertinent DOE prime contracts, or commercial references for relevant past performance information. More relevant past performance information as well as more recent past performance information may be given greater consideration.

In the case of an Offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on relevant past performance is not available, the Offeror will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.

(c) Management Approach

DOE will evaluate the Offeror's approach to managing and operating activities at WIPP. DOE will evaluate the depth, quality, effectiveness, and completeness of the Offeror's proposed approach to performing the work described in the PWS including the Offeror's proposed approach to planning and implementing the WIPP operations, including waste characterization, in the short term (i.e. 2 years) and long term (i.e. contract period of performance of 5 years with a 5 year option and through the lifecycle of the WIPP operations, currently estimated to be until 2035); and the Offeror's proposed approach to integrating NTP activities with the national laboratories, subcontractors, other DOE Contractors, and the generating sites. The approach to research and development initiatives (Section C.4.3) is of lesser importance than the other areas above.

DOE will evaluate the Offeror's proposed approach to transition activities as part of the Management Approach including; the process and planned activities for conducting a safe, orderly transition; minimizing impacts on continuity of operations; identifying key issues and resolutions; the approach to overcoming barriers; and planned interactions with DOE, the incumbent WIPP Contractor, incumbent employees, and other WIPP Contractors. DOE will also evaluate the proposed implementation schedule, identified milestones and measurable commitments to determine whether the proposed approach is comprehensive, effective, yet cost efficient.