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120.	Section C	What engineering modifications have been made to each conversion line during the last contract period and what was the purpose of the modification? Please identify the results of the modifications.	Multiple modifications, such as material changes, have been made to improve system performance or reliability. A listing of major modifications is being posted to the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
121.	Section C.4	What is the typical operating time or MT of DUF6 processed before shutdown of a conversion reactor is required for distributor plate cleaning?	There is no typical operating time established as of yet. The distributor plates and conversion unit filters have not been changed for the past three years.
122.	Section C.4	What is the typical operating time or MT of DUF6 processed before shutdown of a conversion reactor is required for filter element cleaning?	There is no typical operating time established as of yet. The distributor plates and conversion unit filters have not been changed for the past three years.
123.	Section C.4	How many days is a conversion reactor typically down for cleaning of the filter elements?	The oxide powder handling system is down for two to three days to clean filter elements. The conversion unit filters have not required cleaning, so these data are unavailable.
124.	Section C.4	The reactor sintered metal filters are a very specialized component and no equipment specifications have been provided. What is the typical cost for a complete set of sintered metal filters for a single conversion reactor? What is the typical delivery lead time for this item?	The cost for the sintered metal filters is \$2,500 per element, and there are 76 elements per conversion unit. The typical lead time is six to twelve months.
125.	Section C.4	What is the particle size distribution for the uranium oxide product produced in the fluidized bed, before compaction?	Particles are larger than the conversion reactor filter pore size.
126.	Section C.4	What is the typical purity of the UOX powder (e.g., 99%, 99.9%, 99.99%...)?	This has not been established at this point.
127.	Section C.4	What is the general area dose rate around the conversion reactors during an outage?	The rate is less than 0.02 mrem per hour.

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128.	Section C.4	How many recycle cylinders have been processed?	None.
129.	Section C.4	What is the average and maximum contact dose rate on empty cylinders when they are removed from the autoclave following vaporization?	The average contact dose rate for cylinders removed from the autoclave is between 450 and 600 mrem per hour.
130.	Section C.4.11	A list of the baseline as-built drawings is not in Attachment J-8. This list is needed to establish the expected effort required. Also provide a listing of any DCNs against the drawings and open change packages.	DOE does not believe the list of baseline drawings is needed as a deliverable. A listing of major modifications is being posted to the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
131.	Section C.4.12	Please provide the latest approved versions of the Critical Spare Parts List for each plant.	See the list of critical spare parts posted on the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
132.	Section C.6.10	<p>C.6.10: The Contractor <u>shall develop, implement, assess, and continuously improve the Quality Assurance Program (QA)</u> (see Attachment J-8, List of Deliverables) ...</p> <p>C.6.10.1: Quality Assurance Program The Contractor <u>shall review, revise as needed, submit any revisions for CO approval, and (once approved) execute the approved organization-specific Quality Assurance Program (QAP)</u> ...</p> <p>These two sections (underlined) seem to be in conflict. Please clarify</p>	Section C.6.10.1 is correct. Language in C.6.10 will be modified to be consistent with the language in C.6.10.1 in an upcoming amendment.

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133.	Section C.6.14	What business systems and versions are in place at the three locations?	Please see the list of project software on the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
134.	Section C.6.4	<p>C.6.4: “The Contractor shall submit the RPP to the CO for review and approval within 60 days of NTP.”</p> <p>I.123: “The Contractor shall submit a management program and implementation plan to the Contracting Officer for review and approval within 30 days after the effective date of this contract or modification.”</p> <p>The C.6.4 says 60 days, but the I.123 (DEAR) says 30 days from NTP to submit the plan. Please clarify.</p>	Language in I.123 is correct. C.6.4 will be modified for consistency in an upcoming amendment.
135.	Section H.27	<p>DOE-H-2037, National Environmental Policy Act (OCT 2014)</p> <p>The third sentence reads: "Funds obligated under this Contract shall only be expended by the Contractor on the activities set out below...." Please provide the list of authorized activities.</p>	<p>Clause H.27 will be amended to read:</p> <p>The work under this contract requires activities to be subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Contractor shall supply to DOE certain environmental information, as requested, in order for DOE to comply with NEPA and its implementing policies and regulations. Funds obligated under this contract shall only be expended by the Contractor on the activities set out below, unless the Contracting Officer modifies the listed activities or notifies the Contractor that NEPA requirements have been satisfied and the Contractor is authorized to perform the complete work required under the contract.</p> <p>Fill-in 1: [All activities under Section C:</p>

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136.	Section H.32	<p>DOE-H-2047, Federal Holidays and Other Closures</p> <p>The last sentence of paragraph (d) precludes operation of the plant on Federal Holidays and during unscheduled closures, unless directed by the CO. The conversion process is a continuous process. Stopping the operation requires a time-consuming shut-down/cool-down. Restart requires a time-consuming start-up/heat up. We request that prohibiting conversion plant operations on holidays etc. be reconsidered or, alternatively, confirm that it is acceptable for us to assume that the facilities will operate 24/7/365 with the exception of planned outages.</p>	<p>Clause H.32 DOE-H-2047, Federal Holidays and Other Closures will be deleted and replaced with the following clause.</p> <p>H.32 OBSERVANCE OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS</p> <p>(a) The on-site Government personnel observe the following holidays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) New Year’s Day (2) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (3) Washington’s Birthday (4) Memorial Day (5) Independence Day (6) Labor Day (7) Columbus Day (8) Veterans Day (9) Thanksgiving Day (10) Christmas Day <p>(b) Other Federal Holidays. In addition to the holidays specified above in paragraph (a), Federal employees may observe other holidays designated by Federal Statute, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation as a one-time, day-off such as Inauguration Day for the President of the United States.</p>

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			(c) When any holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed. When any holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for an additional period of performance or entitlement of compensation except as set forth within the contract
137.	Section H.34	DOE-H-2049 Insurance Requirements (Oct 2014) Will pollution insurance be required?	Clause H.34 states the types and minimum amounts of insurance that shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with the clause DEAR 952.231-71, Insurance-Litigation and Claims.
138.	Section H.41	DOE-H-2064 USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND THIRD PARTY SERVICES The Government may provide information technology equipment, existing computer software (as described in 48 CFR 27.405), and third party services for the Contractor's use in the performance of the Contract; and the Contracting Officer may provide guidance to the Contractor regarding usage of such equipment, software, and third party services. Please provide a list of software currently in use for this contract that the Government will provide and the associated cost that should be included in our baseline. Examples of software are Primavera P6 Enterprise Project Portfolio Management© software; Documentum; Deltek; and iRenaissance	Nearly all software used by the project is provided by the contractor. A listing of project software is in the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php

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139.	Section H.42	<p>DOE-H-2070 KEY PERSONNEL</p> <p>The liquidated damages for the removal, replacement, or diversion of the Project Manager is a reduction in the fee of \$750,000 for each occurrence. The fee reduction for other key personnel is \$350,000. The similar fee reductions for both the Portsmouth D&D Contract which is valued at more than \$1.0 Billion and the Paducah Deactivation Contract valued at \$417 million is \$250,000 for the Project Manager and \$50,000 for the other key personnel for Portsmouth and \$125,000 for the other Key Personnel for Paducah. Can DOE provide the basis for these liquidated damages and why they are significantly more than the other Paducah and Portsmouth contracts? We suggest that DOE make the liquidated damages for the replacement of key personnel for the DUF6 Contract consistent with the recent Paducah Deactivation Contract.</p>	<p>Contract fee reductions are established to ensure the continuity of key personnel through the life of the contract. The amounts of such reductions are determined considering the specific requirements of each contract so they will usually vary from contract to contract. These are the exact same fee reductions in the current DUF6 contract. DOE will make no change to the amounts established in Clause H.42.</p>
140.	Section H.52	<p>SOFTWARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTOR'S USE</p> <p>The Government, from time to time, may make certain software acquired under license available to the Contractor for its use in the performance of this Contract. Please provide a list of software currently in use for this contract that the Government will provide and the associated cost that should be included in our baseline. Examples of software are Primavera P6 Enterprise Project Portfolio Management© software; Documentum; Deltek; and iRenaissance</p>	<p>Nearly all software used by the project is provided by the contractor.</p> <p>A listing of project software is in the documents library: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php</p>

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141.	Section H.54 (B)	<p>Baseline Development and Performance Reporting/Reviews</p> <p>The third sub-bullet under the bullet titled Reviews states the contractor shall begin earned value measurement during the month following the end of the transition phase. Later in the same paragraph it states contractors shall have in place all documentation to obtain EVMS certification, including 6 months of earned value data, no later than 3 months after transition. We are unsure how contractors can have 6 months of earned value data available following 3 months of contract performance. Please clarify.</p>	DOE expects the contractor to use the data from the three months of transition.
142.	Section I.125	<p>DEAR 952.223-76</p> <p>Are there any restricted, Secret, or Top Secret Information or documents associated with this contract?</p>	<p>There are no Secret or Top Secret documents. DEAR 952.223-76 is referenced incorrectly. This clause will be deleted and replaced with DEAR 952.223-77</p> <p>CONDITIONAL PAYMENT OF FEE OR PROFIT — PROTECTION OF WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH (DEC 2010)</p>
143.	Attachment J-4a and C.6.8.3	<p>Section J-4a.10, states that DUF6 contractor is to maintain NMC&A information IAW site program and provide data to Deactivation Contractor however, Section C.6.8.3 states that DUF6 contractor is to develop, document, implement, and maintain NMC&A Plan (deliverable). Maintaining NMC&A information and developing a NMC&A program with a Plan to be approved by the Officially Designated Federal Security Authority are different and will require more level of effort in planning with FTEs, etc. Please clarify.</p>	The Contractor shall develop, document, implement, and maintain a Nuclear Material Control and Accountability (MC&A) Plan per section C.6.8.3.
144.	Attachments J-7a and J-7b	<p>Are there any CBA updates after 6/26/2014 showing future out-year negotiated wage rates for both Portsmouth and Paducah USW incumbent labor? Please provide if so.</p>	No.

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145.	Attachment J-8	Attachment J-8 contains a multitude of deliverables which are due 60 days after NTP and for which there is a 30 day period for DOE review and comment which coincides with the end of the 90-day Transition Period. Following receipt of DOE comments the Contractor must prepare a final version of the deliverable for DOE approval. Please confirm that the Contractor's revision of these deliverables to address DOE comments is to occur after the end of contract transition.	The final revisions may occur after Transition.
146.	Attachment J-8 and Section H.54 (B)	We assume that after the full CPB is approved, the contractor's monthly status reports (deliverable D-133) are unnecessary and will be discontinued. Is this assumption correct?	That is correct; however, monthly performance reporting will continue per Clause H.54.
147.	Attachment J-9	What are the current small business subcontracting plan goals at BWCS? What is the current achievement to those goals?	The current goals will not be provided; bidders shall establish goals that afford small businesses with the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contract performance consistent with efficient performance.
148.	Attachment J-9	Are there minimum small business and socioeconomic goal requirements for this solicitation?	Bidders shall establish goals that afford small businesses with the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contract performance consistent with efficient performance.
149.	Attachment J-12	There is no check mark on the CSCS form indicating Access Authorizations/Security Clearance (Box 10). Please clarify.	Box 10.d on the CSCS form should indicate that an L clearance is required. The CSCS form will be replaced in an upcoming amendment.
150.	Attachment J-12	Box 12 on CSCS indicates that the Contractor will be able to "Generate Classified Matter." This is similar to the question above; the Performance of Work Statement states that the DUF6 is a Non-Possessing contract; these seem to contradict one another. Please clarify.	Box 12 on the CSCS form should indicate that the contractor will "Have Access to Classified Information Only at Another Contractor's Facility or a Government Activity" and "Perform Services That Require Unescorted Access to Security

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			Areas “. The CSCS form will be replaced in an upcoming amendment.
151.	Attachment J-16	The Government-Furnished Equipment list indicates 12 cylinder haulers are available. Acquisition dates are relatively recent. However, the equipment that was shown during the site tours was much older than those indicated by the relatively recent acquisition dates. This may be because used equipment was purchased or transferred for this use. Please clarify whether the equipment was new when acquired. If not, please provide the age of these haulers.	A summary of the age and models of the cylinder haulers is being posted on the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
152.	Attachment J-16	Please provide the list of Government Furnished Equipment in an Excel format to allow for sorting and analysis.	Attachment J-16 will be provided in Excel in the website under Final RFP.
153.	Attachment J-16	The GFE list totals under \$20M and does not appear to include any of the buildings or installed equipment. Will that information be provided?	A listing of facilities from the DOE Facility Information Management System will be posted in the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
154.	Attachment J-16	The GFE list provided does not include any assets purchased before 2006. Some cylinder handling equipment is much older than that. Please provide a list of all equipment that will be available under this contract.	A summary of the age and models of the cylinder haulers is being posted on the documents library at: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
155.	Attachment J-16	According to the GFE list, there have been some recent purchases of some state-of-the-art equipment condition monitoring equipment. Is the equipment shared between the two sites? Are there any plans for the purchases of additional condition monitoring equipment, prior to contract award, in order for each site to have their own complete set of predictive maintenance monitoring equipment?	No.

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156.	Attachment J-16	Will DOE provide the plant equipment data obtained from the recently purchased Emerson CSI 2130 Machinery Health™ Analyzer?	These data are not available.
157.	Attachment J-16	Will the Property Information database system be transferred with the current physical inventory information loaded?	Yes.
158.	Attachment J-16	Attachment J-16 provides a substantial list of government-furnished equipment. With the exception of one listing for McAfee Antivirus software, however, there does not appear to any listings for existing software. In order to properly estimate our cost for performing the work, we need to also have a full list of government-furnished software and systems. There are a number of computers listed in J-16, for example. What software is provided on these computers? What software systems are provided for systems such as financial management, property management, maintenance management, the cylinder database, and so forth?	A listing of project software is in the documents library: https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/Document%20Library.php
159.	Section L.21 (f)	This section states, "Page limitations are provided below in Section L.X for each criterion." Section L.23 (page L-22) specifies 75 pages for the Technical Proposal, but there is no page limitation specified by criterion. Please clarify.	Section L.21 (f) will be amended to state: "Volume II page limitations are provided below in Section L.23"
160.	Sections L.21 (f) and L.23 (2)	A comprehensive transition plan for two sites that includes all required transition activities for a non-incumbent contractor requires a level of detail that a non-incumbent contractor will have difficulty compressing into page count for the Technical and Management volume. Transition schedules in detail require 11x17 sheets, which count as two pages. Please consider amending Section L.21(f) to include the transition schedule a non-page-counted item so that non-	The Transition Operations Plan (TOP) is NOT excluded from the page count.

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		incumbent bidders have an equal opportunity to provide required detail without having to sacrifice limited text pages.	
161.	Section L.21 (i)	This section states: "Foldouts may be used in the Technical Volume for schedules and may be used in the Cost Volume for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics." We request that the use of 11x17 foldouts in the Technical Volume not be limited to schedules, but that the uses as described in Section L.21(i) for the Cost Volume also be applied to the Technical Volume: schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics. Please confirm that such 11x17s are also permissible in Volume II.	The RFP will be Amended to state: Foldouts may be used in the Technical Volume and Cost Volume for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics.
162.	Section L.21 (i)	For readability and clarity, please allow the use of Arial or other non-Times New Roman font for headings, graphics, and charts, using the point sizes specified in L.21(i).	The sentence "Graphs, tables, diagrams and spreadsheets where necessary must be font size 10 or larger." will be deleted. The RFP will be amended to state: Print type used in the text portions of the proposal shall be no smaller than size 12 and font type shall be Arial or Times New Roman. Print type used in charts, graphs, figures and tables may be smaller than size 12, but must be clearly legible. Graphs, tables and spreadsheets where necessary must be 10 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font type. All other text must be typed using 12 point (or larger), single-spaced, and using Arial or Times New Roman font type.
163.	Section L.21 (i)	Would the Government please allow graphs, tables, diagrams, and spreadsheets to be size 8 or larger and Arial font type?	See Answer to Question 162

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164.	Section L.21 (i)	This clause references the allowability of font size 10 or larger in graphs, tables, diagrams, and spreadsheets. While maintaining the font size 10 minimum in tables and spreadsheets, would DOE allow the use of font size 9 for use in labeling internal elements of graphs and diagrams?	See Answer to Question 162
165.		L.21(i) states that 11x17 foldouts may be used in the technical volume for schedules. Will the Government allow other uses for volume II foldouts, such as charts, graphs, diagrams and schematics? In our experience illustrations aid evaluation and an 8.5x11 page is too small to illustrate certain technical and management approach concepts.	See Answer to Question 161
166.	Section L.21 (i)	Clause L.21(i) states that "Foldouts may be used in the Technical Volume for schedules . . . , " implying that is the only allowable use for foldouts in the Technical Volume. But the clause previously references "charts, tables, diagrams, etc." in reference to the foldouts. We assume that foldouts may be used in the Technical Volume for any of the referenced uses (charts, tables, diagrams, etc.) so long as they are counted as two pages toward the page limitations. Is this correct?	See Answer to Question 161
167.	Section L.21 (i)	Clause L.21(i) states that "Graphs, tables, diagrams and spreadsheets where necessary must be font size 10 or larger." Does this reduced font also need to be Times New Roman font? Reduced fonts are easier to read (in tables, for example) with other fonts such as Arial and varying fonts are often used to highlight differences in elements of a graphic. Must we use Times New Roman for applications other than standard proposal text or may we have flexibility in font selection in graphs, tables, diagrams and spreadsheets?	See Answer to Question 162

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168.	Section L.21 (i)	Section L.21(i), 10 th sentence states “Foldouts may be used in the Technical Volume for schedules and may be used in the Cost Volume for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics.” Please revise as follows: “Foldouts may be used in the Technical and Cost volumes for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics.”	See Answer to Question 161
169.	Section L.21 (i)	Having all text on the page be the same font (Times New Roman) makes it hard to differentiate sections; typically, charts and graphics are in sans serif fonts for this reason. To make the proposal easier to read and review, we request the use of one of the <i>sans serif</i> fonts that are compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act e.g., Verdana, Arial, Tahoma, Helvetica, or Calibri, for the section headings, tables, and graphics, as typically permitted in DOE proposals.	Print type used in the text portions of the proposal shall be size 12 and font type shall be Times New Roman. Graphs, tables, diagrams and spreadsheets where necessary may be smaller than 10 point font, but must be clearly legible.
170.	Section L.22 (p)	This clause has only one blank for the contract number, please clarify what if anything would need to be provided as a fill-in.	Correct. Nothing is needed as a fill-in. Reference to FAR 52.28-1 will be removed from L.22 (p).
171.	Section L.23	We request that DOE allow inclusion of a non-page counted Executive Summary, which will be included in the evaluation.	An Executive Summary will not be required. If included, it will count against the page limit.
172.	Section L.23	Can the offerors provide experience for a commercial radioactive and chemical facility that provides services to a number of different clients? Can we then provide client	Offerors shall provide Past Performance and Relevant Experience information in accordance with the instructions in Section L.23.

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173.	Section L.23	Requirements of L.23 1) (ii) appears to indicate that DOE will rely on information in the PPIRS to assess performance on the referenced contracts. Based on the timing of this solicitation in the GFY, it is unlikely that the PER and CPARS for GFY15 will be completely finalized before the proposals are assessed by the SEB. If this is the primary method for assessing performance on these contracts, DOE will therefore rely on data from GY14 for evaluation, even though GY15 is complete. Would DOE consider removing the exception for EM projects in Section L.23 item 1) (ii), so that offerors provide the Attachment L-3, Past Performance Cover Letter and Questionnaire, for all past performance projects including EM projects? In this way, DOE would ensure that past performance projects are evaluated inclusive of GFY15 client assessments.	DOE will not remove this requirement. Offerors shall provide Past Performance and Relevant Experience information in accordance with the instructions in Section L.23.
174.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	This clause asks that "The Offeror shall describe the proposed approach for . . . Management and disposition of all wastes . . ." In order to adequately address all waste disposition requirements, we request that DOE provide answers to the following questions: 1) What is the current disposition status of empty UF6 cylinders that are not reused? 2) Are the empty cylinders that are not reused being stored on site and, if so, in what facility location? 3) Are empty cylinders to be disposed segregated from filled cylinders? 4) Are empty cylinder waste disposition profiles approved for	1) The empty cylinders are stored in the cylinder yards. 2) The empty cylinders are stored in the cylinder yards. 3) Not necessarily. 4) No. 5) Waste CaF2 is sent to WCS. 6) Waste CaF2 is stored temporarily prior to shipment for disposal. 7) Not at this time. 8) Waste CaF2 is sent to WCS.

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		<p>NNSS, Clive, or WCS? 5) Where is waste CaF₂ from the scrubber liquid regeneration being disposed? 6) Are there quantities of waste CaF₂ being stored at the plant sites? 7) Has CaF₂ been free-released for non-radioactive disposal? 8) Has CaF₂ been profiled for industrial landfill disposition?</p>	
175.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	<p>L.23 2) Technical Approach ...Offeror shall include a Transition Operations Plan ...expected to be immediately usable upon award.</p> <p>However, J-8 List of Deliverables D-1 indicates that the Transition Operations Plan is due Within 90 Day Period after Notice to Proceed. Please provide clarification.</p>	Section J-8 will be revised to be consistent with Section L.23 in an upcoming amendment.
176.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	<p>The offeror is required to describe its approach, plan, and schedule for conversion operations and maintenance in this section. Should we discuss the C.6 Support Services associated with plant operations as part of this section of our proposal? i.e., C.6.2.3, C.6.6, C.6.7, C.6.8, C.6.9, C.6.10, and C.6.11. This would correspond to WBS element PO3000.</p>	Yes.
177.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	<p>Paragraph 1 states" The Offeror shall address those portions of the PWS pertinent to the evaluation criteria specified in Section M.4."</p> <p>However, Section L.23(2) Criterion 2: Technical Approach states, "The Offeror shall describe its technical approach to the performance of <u>each of the requirements of the PWS....</u>" Section M does not include the "each of the requirements of the PWS" in its evaluation criteria, but does include specific</p>	The proposal shall address each of the requirements of the PWS, as specified in Section L.23 Criterion 2.

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		references to Sections C.3.4, C.4, C.5, C.7. This leaves C.5 (Plant Modifications), C.6 (Project Support), and C.8 (Related Services) unaddressed. We assume that our Technical Approach write-up should address "each" PWS element. Please clarify.	
178.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	This section references "disposition of all wastes in conformance with requirements of Sections C.4 and C.5." Section C.5, Plant Modifications, contains no references to waste disposition. This same discrepancy occurs in Section M.4 Criterion 2. Please clarify.	The reference should be to Sections C.4 and C.6. This will be modified in an upcoming amendment.
179.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	The reference to providing a full 90-day schedule for the transition period was deleted from Section L between the Draft and Final RFP. But the schedule is required in the referenced PWS Section C.3.4 as a requirement of the TOP. Is a full 90-day detailed schedule for transition required as part of the Volume II requirements or as an integral part of the TOP (an appendix to Volume II)? Is it acceptable to cross-reference the detailed schedule to be provided in Volume III, which will include the 10 sub-elements of transition defined in the WBS Dictionary? If the schedule is required to be submitted as a part of the TOP (and subsequently as a part of Volume II), we assume that this schedule, regardless of length, is covered by the page limitation exclusion for schedules in Section L.21(f). Is this correct?	If it is part of the Transition Operations Plan (TOP) it is NOT excluded from the page count.
180.	Section L.23 Criterion 2	The first paragraph states "The Offeror shall describe its technical approach to the performance of each of the requirements of the PWS and the completeness and effectiveness of the approach. Sufficient detail shall be	Offerors shall provide information as described in Section L.23, Criterion 2.

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		<p>provided to communicate the Offeror's understanding of the requirements of the PWS, including the technical basis for the Offeror's proposed Technical Approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This would be a discussion of the technical approach for C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7 & C.8. - The second paragraph addresses the TOP and Section C.3. - The third paragraph addresses conversion operations and maintenance and modifications Section C.4 and C.5. - The fourth paragraph addresses routine cylinder yard operations including, but not limited to, implementation of the cylinder surveillance and maintenance plan in conformance with requirements of Section C.7. - The fifth paragraph addresses the approach for management of conversion products (i.e., uranium oxide and aqueous HF) C.6.3 and management and disposition of all wastes C.6.2. <p>Our question is can we organize Criterion 2 to discuss each element of the PWS in order starting with C.3 the TOP and continuing through C.8? We would provide more detailed information on the items listed in paragraphs 2 through 5.</p>	
181.	Section L.23 Criteria 2 & 3	<p>"The first sentence of this paragraph states that "The Offeror shall describe the approach, plan and schedule for conversion operations and maintenance. This shall include operating shifts required and manpower projections, along with consideration for maintenance and scheduled facility" outages."</p> <p>"The Offeror is required to provide a Staffing Plan that describes how the organization and business systems support implementation of the Technical Approach and provide</p>	The information requested in Criteria 2 and 3 are different and required as stated.

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		<p>control and accountability to the DOE for performance under the contract. The Offeror shall also explain in the Staffing Plan its allocation of resources at the multiple sites, authority level and span of control of managers, suitability of the management procedures for monitoring and controlling subcontractor performance, and access to corporate resources."</p> <p>How are the manpower projections in Criterion 2 different from the staffing plan required in Criterion 3? If we provide a staffing plan in Criterion 3 that accounts for all personnel at each of the three locations and the shifts that they will be working, can we refer to data in Criterion 3 in our discussion of Criterion 2?</p>	
182.	Section L.23 Criterion 3	<p>The instructions for resumes state "Each resume shall not exceed four (4) pages in length including the commitment statement." But in the exclusions for the page limitation, resumes and the "Letters of Commitment" are listed separately. We had originally assumed that the term "Letters of Commitment" meant that DOE wanted the commitment statement on a separate sheet on the letterhead of the proposed key personnel's company, but the resume page limitation language would seem to contradict that approach. Would DOE please clarify if it is the intent that the commitment statement be integrated into the four-page resume format or if it is the intent that a "Letter of Commitment" be provided on letterhead in addition to a four-page resume?</p>	<p>The commitment statement must be included as part of the 4 page resume. Sentence in L.21 (f) will be amended to state:</p> <p>The Table of Contents, Title Pages, Glossary, Dividers/Tabs, Blank Pages, Cross Reference Matrix, Schedule, Past Performance and Relevant Experience Reference Information Forms, <u>Key Personnel Resumes (including the commitment statement)</u> do not count towards the Volume II page limitations.</p>