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To: Prospective Offerors

FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DE-SOL-0008913 FOR SAVANNAH RIVER SITE LIQUID WASTE SERVICES

This letter hereby serves as the official notice to prospective offerors that the Department of Energy (DOE) is releasing Final Request for Proposal (RFP) DE-SOL-0008913 for the Savannah River Site (SRS) Liquid Waste Services procurement through its Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC). The Final RFP can be found on the SRS Liquid Waste Services acquisition website at: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/SRSLiquidWaste/>.

Any questions pertaining to the Final RFP shall be submitted in writing to SRSLiquidWaste@emcbc.doe.gov no later than 28 calendar days prior to the proposal due date. Prospective offerors shall use the enclosed "Industry Comment Template" when submitting any questions in accordance with Final RFP Provision L.10(h), Questions. DOE will post any amendments issued to the Final RFP, responses to questions, and other official communication from the Contracting Officer on the SRS Liquid Waste Services acquisition website. Prospective offerors are encouraged to conduct a thorough review of the Final RFP and submit any questions pertaining to the Final RFP as early as possible, but no later than the date shown above to allow for a thorough and timely DOE response to all questions submitted.

The established due date for receipt of proposal submissions is 60 calendar days from the issuance of the Final RFP as specified in Provision L.10(c)(2).

Background

On March 31, 2016, DOE released the Draft RFP and announced the pre-solicitation conference, site tour, and one-on-one meetings. The Draft RFP was released to facilitate the understanding of the Government's requirements with interested parties, and to provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit comments and provide feedback pertaining to the Draft RFP. During the week of April 18, 2016, DOE held a pre-solicitation conference, site tour, and one-on-one meetings with interested parties. Additionally, DOE requested written comments from interested parties regarding the Draft RFP by April 29, 2016. DOE carefully considered all comments received on the Draft RFP and made changes to the RFP that it believed were necessary. The

Final RFP is the result of these changes and considerations, and any other changes made since the Draft RFP issuance on March 31, 2016.

Notices

This cover letter provides a summary level description of the notable changes that have been made from the Draft RFP to the Final RFP. Additionally, a redlined copy of significant sections of the Final RFP is enclosed with this cover letter for informational purposes only. The Final RFP specifies all of the requirements for the SRS Liquid Waste Services procurement, and takes precedence over this cover letter and the redlined copy of the Final RFP sections. Any information contained in this cover letter or the redlined copy of the Final RFP sections shall not be construed as being part of the Final RFP. Prospective offerors shall prepare their proposals based solely on the requirements specified in the Final RFP and in any accompanying amendments, if issued.

In order to further the Government's policy of maximizing electronic commerce, electronic media will be the primary method of communication regarding this procurement. The Final RFP, any amendments issued, responses to questions received from prospective offerors, and other official communications from the DOE will be posted on the SRS Liquid Waste Services procurement web site. Prospective offerors shall be responsible for reviewing the procurement web site regularly for information, notices, and updates regarding the Final RFP.

Notable Changes from the Draft RFP to the Final RFP

Highlighted below are notable changes from the Draft RFP to the Final RFP.

Section B:

- The footnotes supporting Table B.2-2 were moved to Section L, Provision L.17. In accordance with Provisions L.11 and L.17, Table B.2-2 is to be completed as part of the proposal submission.
- The Target Activity PBI Rate calculations within Clause B.8, Target Activity PBI Fee, were updated to align with the revised performance metrics within Section C, Table 1, Contract Performance Requirements.
- Clause B.11, Small Business Subcontracting Fee Reduction, was adjusted consistent with other major EM procurements, with the understanding that performance in the area of small business subcontracting is an element within the annual Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System evaluation.
- Clause B.13, Provisional Payment of Fee, was added to the Final RFP.

Section C:

- Minor updates were made throughout the Performance Work Statement (PWS) to clarify and refine the scope requirements and more clearly identify the status of key ongoing activities at time of contract transition. Specific additions include capability information on the Salt Waste Processing Facility, liquid waste system tie-in activities, and updates on the status of certain facilities and processes.

- Additional requirements were added to Section C.0.4.1.9, Implementation of Contractor Human Resources Management Requirements.
- The performance metrics within Section C, Table 1, Contract Performance Requirements, were slightly modified, and the performance metric for salt waste processing was further clarified in Section C.1.1.2.2, Salt Feed Preparation.
- Clarifications were made to Section C.3 and Section J, Attachment J-12 to more clearly define the Service Level Agreements and Functional Service Agreements, including the funding source for each.

Section G:

- Added clarification to Clause G.5 regarding the submittal of vouchers for payment timely in accordance with FAR 52.216-7(a)(1).

Section H:

- Adjusted incumbent employee definition in Clause H.3(c) to more closely align with the definition in the current liquid waste contract.
- Clause H.25, Separate Corporate Entity, was removed.
- Clause H.33, Contractor Interface with Other Contractors and/or Government Employees, was expanded to further clarify interface roles and responsibilities.
- Clause H.56, Key Personnel, was adjusted to specify the five designated key personnel functional positions. Also, the fee reduction period was reduced to two years (from three years in the Draft RFP) for two of the five designated key personnel functional positions.
- Clause H.61, Subcontracted Work (former Self-Performed Work clause), was revised to more clearly focus on the level of subcontracted work in accordance with the definition at FAR Subpart 44.1.

Section J:

- Attachment J-4, List B, List of Applicable Directives, was updated to reflect additional directives and requirements identified as applicable to the Contract.
- Attachment J-13, List of Deliverables, was updated to include additional guidance on deliverable due dates and to align with changes in the Section C PWS.

Sections L and M:

- The definition for subcontractor(s) was clarified within Provision L.10(a).
- The sixth paragraph within Provision L.13(a) was expanded to clarify the allowance for proposals that exceed the Contract Performance Requirements in Section C, Table 1 related to proposed system optimizations.
- The last paragraph within Provisions L.13(a) and M.2 were removed related to the approach to managing human resources. The contract funding profile within Provision L.17 was updated to align with planned funding through the prospective contract period.
- The complexity definition for the Experience and Past Performance factors was adjusted to include commercial equivalent nuclear safety requirements.

- Section L, Attachment L-8, Assumptions, was updated to include DOE-provided costs for specific PWS elements. Also, certain assumptions included in Attachment L-8 of the Draft RFP were moved from Attachment L-8 to the PWS in the Final RFP, as appropriate.

In closing, DOE intends to answer any questions pertaining to the Final RFP as thoroughly and efficiently as possible, and looks forward to receiving your proposals in response to the Final RFP.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: (1) Industry Comment Template
(2) Redlined Copy of Final RFP Changes