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32.	OPTIONAL FORM 336 (4-86) Section B Supplies/Services	Proposal Due Date	Block 9	In order for offerors to have sufficient time to develop a comprehensive and compliant proposal after the pre-bid meeting and tour on March 26th coupled with Good Friday and Easter holidays just prior to the current due date, we respectfully request a two-week extension to the proposal due date to May 6th.	DOE will amend the RFP to extend the proposal due date to May 7 th at 2:00 PM EDT.
33.	C.1.7	Training	C-14	Section C, page C-14, C.1.7 Training, Last Bullet, Can you please expand on what is required to coordinate and administer the Veterans Administration On-The-Job Training Program through the South Carolina Department of Education?	DOE will amend Section C.1.7 of the RFP to remove the Veterans Administration On-The-Job Training Program requirement.
34.	H.56	Questions and Answers, Posting #1 Questions #1 through #31, Posted March 22, 2019.	H-72	The DOE answer to question 8 indicates that DOE will amend the RFP to reduce the percentage of subcontracted work requirement to 10%. This action by EMCBC will reduce the small business goal from 18% to 6%. We take issue with the premise of this question that increased small business participation "increase the risk of contract performance and ultimately site security". We also reject the argument that the small business participation on previous contracts should be the basis for this contract. Small business participation should be based upon the scope of this contract. We ask EMCBC to reevaluate your response to this question and restore the 18% goal. The prime contractors plan and ability to obtain this goal is what EMCBC is evaluating	After reviewing the market research, contract history, the current PWS and the security requirements at SRS, DOE has determined that the Contractor shall subcontract at least 10% of the Total Estimated Cost of the contract (exclusive of contract fee and the maximum value under the IDIQ CLIN(s)). The offeror is not precluded from subcontracting more than 10% if they so choose as long as it is in accordance with the requirements of the RFP.
35.	J-2	Parent Organization Support Plan (if applicable)	#56	Item 56 identifies H.58 as the requirement, however, H.58 listed in section H is the NNSA/EM Strategic Sourcing Partnership. What is the correct H clause that is the requirement.	DOE will amend Section H of the RFP to include the Parent Organization Support clause. DOE will amend Attachment J-2 #56 to update the deliverable information.
36.	J-2	Parent Organization Support Plan (if applicable)	#56	Additionally, regarding Item 56, can DOE identify what is required in the Parent Organization Support Plan or provide an example or template?	DOE will amend Section H of the RFP to include the Parent Organization Support clause. DOE will amend Attachment J-2 #56 to update the deliverable information.
37.	J-2	Parent Organization Support Plan (if applicable)	#56	Lastly for Item 56, the deliverable due date states "at least 60 days prior to the end of the Contract Transition Period, or 60 days prior to the commencement date of parent organization support proposed by the contractor or required by the government." Since this transition period is 60 days, and since we do not know what this clause entails, we are unclear as to when this plan would be due, if it is deemed applicable. Can DOE please provide some guidance?	DOE will amend Section H of the RFP to include the Parent Organization Support clause. DOE will amend Attachment J-2 #56 to update the deliverable information.
38.	J-2	Deliverables List, Annual Operating Plan	#77	Attachment J-2 item 77 and identifies the requirement to submit the Annual Operations Plan annually, and SOW C.4 paragraph 2 states it is to be submitted no later than August 15 annually. Assuming the contract is awarded, and transition begins on the planned July 1, 2019 date, then August 15 will fall during the Transition Period. Does	DOE will amend Section C.4 and Attachment J-2 of the RFP to clarify the submittal requirements of the AOP.

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				DOE expect the contractor to be able to prepare and submit this plan by the August 15 deadline? In addition, if the contract is awarded after August 15, can DOE provide a due date of so many days after NTP?	
39.	J-2	Deliverables List, Annual Training Plan	#79	Attachment J-2, item 79 Annual Training Plan, are these plans part of the Annual Operations Plan (AOP) which is currently due August 15? If this is not part of the AOP, when after the Notice To Proceed is this plan due?	DOE will amend Attachment J-2 of the RFP to clarify the submittal requirements of the ATP.
40.	J-4	WBS	n/a	The WBS provided has a Level 5 WBS element C.1.3, Law Enforcement and Criminal Investigations, followed by a Level 6 element, C.1.3.1 Canine Operations. Unlike other WBS elements, this level 5 WBS element C.1.3 has scope that requires estimating as well as C.1.3.1 that also requires estimating. Will DOE modify the WBS to add a level 6 element for the Law Enforcement and Criminal Investigations scope? If yes, will DOE correct and reissue the Excel cost files so the costs roll-up correctly?	DOE will amend the RFP to revise Section C 1.3, Attachment J-4 WBS, and Attachments L-6, 7 & 7a.
41.	J-6	Award Fee Plan	J-6-19	J-6 Award Fee Plan, page J-6-19 – can you please confirm that the table heading on that page should actually be “Performance Goal 2019B-4: Cost Control”?	DOE will amend the heading on page J-6-19 of Attachment J-6 Award Fee Plan to correct the heading to “Performance Goal 2019B-4: Cost Control”.
42.	L.16(c)(4)	Submission of proposals	L-8	Section L, Page L-8-9, Item L.16(c)(4) Proposal Submission, states: “The only exception is the financial statements and annual reports in the Volume III proposal, which shall be included in the electronic submission and the signed original copy only, but are not required to be included in the additional paper copies.” Shall we interpret “electronic submission” to mean financial statements and annual reports should be also included on the CDs/DVDs?	“Electronic submission” as referenced in L.16(c)(4) refers to the electronic submission of a proposal via FedConnect.
43.	L.16(c)(4)	Submission of proposals	L-8	Section A, SF33 shows the proposal submission time as 2p.m., however, Section L, Page L-9, Item L.16(c)(4), states: The paper copies shall be submitted no later than the proposal due date...” and second paragraph states: “Offerors shall arrange for [hard copy] delivery, i.e. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.” Do offerors have until 4p.m. on April 22nd to hand deliver proposals?	L.16(c)(4) was amended under Amendment 0001 to read “Offerors shall arrange for delivery, i.e. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.”
44.	L.16(c)(4)	Submission of proposals	L-9	Section L, Page L-9, Item L.16(c)(4) Proposal Submission, provides a FedEx shipping address. Is this the address for hand delivery as well?	DOE will amend Section L.16(c)(4) of the RFP to include instructions for hand delivery.
45.	L.16(h)(1)	Solicitation questions	L-12	Section L, Page L-12, Item L.16(h)(1) Questions, states questions are due 28 days prior to proposal due date, which by calendar days would be March 22nd. However, the site visit is not scheduled until March 26th. Can bidders please have seven days post site visit to submit questions?	L.16(h)(1) was amended under Amendment 0001 to read “Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted to SRSSecurity@emcbc.doe.gov no later than 21 calendar days prior to the proposal due date.”
46.	L.17(m)	Equal Opportunity Compliance	L-17	Section L, Page L-17, Item L.17(m) – Equal Opportunity Compliance states: “The offeror shall provide all the	DOE will amend Section L.17(m) of the RFP to align the requirements with the language of FAR 52.222-24.

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				information required to perform a pre-award on-site equal opportunity compliance evaluation in accordance with FAR 52.222-24. This information shall be provided for the offeror,, as well as any named subcontractors.” The FAR clause cited (52.222-24) states only first-tier subcontractors anticipated to perform \$10 million or more shall be subject to the pre-award compliance evaluation. By the Section L language “as well as any named subcontractors” does DOE mean only those named subcontractors that are first-tier with anticipated subcontracts of \$10M or more?	
47.	L.19	Technical and Management Proposal	L-18	Section L, Page L-18, Item L-19 Proposal Preparation Instructions, Volume II – Technical Approach and SOW, Item C.0.4 CLIN 001 – The SOW Identifies the Contract Transition as CLIN 1, however, the instructions (L.19) does not identify where the discussion on our Contract Transition should go in the Technical Approach. Therefore, we have the following questions: a. Does DOE require a discussion on the offeror’s approach to Contract Transition? b. If DOE desires a Transition Plan discussion, where in Volume II would DOE like bidders to include such discussion? c. Can DOE add 10 pages to the 50-page Technical Volume count in order to accommodate an adequate description of transition plans?	DOE will amend Section L.19 and Section M.2 of the RFP to clarify the language. DOE will not provide an increase to the overall page count for the Technical and Management Proposal.
48.	L.19	Technical and Management Proposal	L-18	Section L, Page L-18, Item L-19 Proposal Preparation Instructions, Volume II – Technical Approach and SOW, Item C.3 (page C-19) – The SOW Identifies Information Resource Management and Cyber Security Services (CLIN 2, 4, and 6), however, the instructions (L.19) do not identify where the discussion on this scope should go in the Technical Approach. Therefore, we have the following questions: a. Does DOE require a discussion on the offeror’s approach to these services? b. If DOE desires a discussion on these services, where in Volume II would DOE like bidders to include such discussion? c. If so, can DOE add 2 pages to the 50-page Technical Volume count in order to accommodate an adequate description of transition plans?	See response to #47.
49.	L.20(b)	Key personnel	L-22	Section L, Page L-22, Section L.20(b), Key Personnel, Prescribes four key personnel functional positions. If an offeror proposes an organizational structure that depends on additional key personnel functions may the offeror	L.20(b)(1) of the RFP states: “The offeror shall provide resumes only for the key personnel functional positions designated in the previous paragraph.”

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				propose up to two additional key personnel, and their resumes included in the proposal?	
50.	L.21(b)	Major Subcontractors Past Performance	L-24	Section L, Page L-24, Item L.21(b), Major Subcontractors Past Performance, last sentence states: "The contracts submitted shall be current and/or were completed within the last three years from the final solicitation issuance date." By "final solicitation issuance date," can DOE confirm that means within 3 years of the issuance of this SRS Paramilitary Security solicitation?	"Final solicitation issuance date" as stated in L.21(b) means the final solicitation issuance date of the SRS Paramilitary Security solicitation.
51.	L.22(h)(2)	Cost Element	L-33	Section L.22, (h) (2) Cost Element states the "cost proposal shall be provided by major cost elements in accordance with FAR Table 15-2: Direct Labor (including labor categories, ...)" and goes on to include "personal protective equipment (PPE)". For the Pro Force at SRS, there are two categories of PPE: 1) industrial and anti-contamination PPE, e.g., hard hats, safety glasses, Tyvek suits, and respirators, and 2) military PPE, e.g., shooting glasses, tactical gloves and helmets, body armor, and knee and elbow pads. First, does the M&O contractor provide the former PPE? Second, does the Offeror have to estimate all of the latter PPE or are any of these items, such as, body armor and tactical helmets, GFE?	The PPE is not GFE. DOE will amend the RFP to revise Attachment L-11 to include more detail for non-labor costs.
52.	L.22(h)(8)	Parent Organization Support	L-35	Section L, Page L-35-L-36, Item L.22(h)(8), Detailed Explanation of Proposed Corporate Structure, last sentence references Section H clause entitled "Parent Organization Support." Can DOE please provide this referenced clause?	DOE will amend Section H of the RFP to include the Parent Organization Support clause. DOE will amend Attachment J-2 #56 to update the deliverable information.
53.	Attachments L-6, L-7 and L-7a	Cost Proposal Worksheets	Tab: WBS C.04 All Tabs Tab: Direct Labor	If DOE establishes the Transition Period as sixty (60) days, will updated cost files (listed below) be provided with date ranges that align with a sixty-day transition? Final RFP – Section L-6 Cost Proposal Worksheets Tab – WBS C.0.4 Final RFP – Section L-7 Consolidate Direct Cost Schedules – Excluding Prescribed Personnel All Tabs except "Major Subs" and "Additional Instructions" Final RFP – Section L-7a Consolidate Direct Cost Schedules – Prescribed Personnel Tab – Direct Labor	DOE will amend Attachments L-6, L-7 and L-7a of the RFP to revise date ranges so they align with a sixty-day transition.
54.	Section L Attachment L-7	Consolidated Direct Cost Schedules - Excluding Prescribed Personnel. Tab: "Major Subs"	L-54	On the Major Subs TAB for reporting Direct Labor, there are no columns for identifying overtime hours, rates, and total. Should the Major Sub-Contractor list overtime as a separate row for each position title asserting for overtime?	Offerors are to provide separate cost worksheets, Section L, Attachments L-6, L-7 and L-7a for each Major Subcontractor (including Joint Venture Partners). See Section L.22(g). The Major Subs tab shall reconcile and summarize, as applicable, the detailed cost information provided by each Major Subcontractor's (including Joint Venture Partners) Section L, Attachments L-6, L-7 and L-7a.
55.	Attachments L-7 and L-7a	Consolidated Direct Cost Schedules	All	As part of Amendment 001, Attachments L-7 and L-7a were updated to reflect a 60-day Transition period, from August 1 through September 30. Additionally, the date range for Base Year 1 was also updated to reflect a period	DOE will amend Attachments L-6, L-7 and L-7a of the RFP to revise date ranges.

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				of performance covering October 1 through July 31, resulting in a ten-month first year of contract, although the hours provided in L-7a still reflect a twelve-month POP. Each year thereafter was also modified to reflect a period of performance covering August 1 through July 31. Is it the governments intent to align each contract year with the government fiscal year of October 1 through September 30, and if so, will revised schedules be provided with corresponding date ranges for each fiscal year?	
56.	Attachment L-7a	Consolidated Direct Cost Schedules	Direct Labor tab	<p>REFERENCE: Amendment 1, Section L-7 a Consolidated Direct Cost Schedules - Prescribed Personnel – Amend 0001</p> <p>“Direct Labor” Tab, Contract Period 1 (October 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020) has only 10 months but the amount of hours is the same as all other periods that have 12 months. In addition, per the directions in “Additional Instructions” tab it is stated “Offerors shall not alter the amount of regular or overtime hours assigned to each category”.</p> <p>Question 1: Will DOE provide amended Section L-7 a Consolidated Direct Cost Schedules - Prescribed Personnel tables with the Contract Period 1 (October 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020) hours prorated for the 10 months period?</p> <p>Question 2: If answer to question 1 above is “no” will DOE allow offerors to adjust the number of hours in accordance with the 10 months period of performance?.</p>	DOE will amend the RFP to revise Attachment L-7a. Offerors are not to adjust the provided total regular and overtime hours by labor resource included in Attachment L-7a.
57.	Attachment L-10	Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Assurance Performance Form	All	<p>Section L, Page L-26 Item L.21(g) Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Assurance Performance Form, states: “This form is not limited to only those contracts contained in the Past Performance and Experience Reference Information Form.” Given the requirement to provide a Contract Title and Contract number on form L-10, can DOE provide its expectations on what contracts the offeror and teaming/subcontractors are too include? For the given time period identified in the RFP, that could be a number of contracts. Would DOE consider receiving one blanket L-10 form to cover the entity, in addition to contract specific L-10 for the “up to three” past performance contracts the entity is submitting for evaluation?</p>	Attachment L-10 was removed under Amendment 0001.
58.	L-11	Other Costs	Tab "Other Costs"	Other Costs does not identify a cost item for vehicle fuel expenses. Does the table in section 6.0 "Service Information Summary" of the Infrastructure Services FSA between SRNS and the security contractor include all fuel needs budgeted for PF vehicles year over year?	Yes, fuel costs are included.

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59.	L-11	Labor Rate, FTEs and Other Cost Information	Rates & Hours Prescribed tab	<p>REFERENCE: Section L 11 Labor Rates, FTEs and Other Cost Information, "Rates & Hours Prescribed tab".</p> <p>Question: Can DOE confirm that OT hours in column G "Historical Annual Overtime Hours" are not included in column D "FY 2020 Hours"?</p>	Overtime hours are not included in the FY2020 hours.
60.	Attachment L-14	Estimating Flat File	All	When populating the Direct Labor cost element in the Section L-14 Estimating Flat File for labor categories requiring both Straight Time and Overtime hours in support of the solicitation, does the Offeror have authorization to modify the format of the spreadsheet to add additional columns to differentiate Straight Time Quantity of hours, Rate and Fringe Rate from Overtime Quantity of hours, Rate and Fringe Rate? This would significantly reduce the overall file size for submittal and better align with the L-7 and L-7a Cost Schedules.	No, Offerors shall not add columns. DOE will revise Attachment L-14 of the RFP to clarify cost element titles.
61.	M.4	Past Performance Evaluation	M-8	Can DOE elaborate on how past performance for the offeror, team members, and major subcontractors will be evaluated meaning, will each be evaluated independently or will the score be an aggregate score of all past performance together?	DOE will evaluate the offeror's past performance in accordance with Section M of the RFP.
62.	Document Library	N/A	N/A	DOE has provided "Memorandum of Agreement between Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC and Centerra Group, LLC for the Performance and Payment of Support Services at the Savannah River Site" in the EMCBC PSS Documents Library but did not include the 10 active appendices to this agreement. These are needed to understand what we need to estimate for the cost volume. Will DOE please post these to the document library?	The appendices to the MOA are located in the Documents Library link on the Acquisition Website under FSAs. Please note that G-FSP-G-00031 is no longer valid and has been rolled into G-FSP-G-00025.
63.	Questions & Answers Response #1	Fringe Benefits	#30	<p>REFERENCE: Amendment 1, QA 30 and Section J8 (CBAs)</p> <p>30. Attachment L-11 Fringe Benefit: Are the bonuses and equipment allowances required to be paid per the CBAs included in the 57.0 % fringe rate? No, the bonuses and equipment allowances are not included in the 57% fringe rate</p> <p>Per the Article 35 in Local 159 CBA and 34 in Local 125 CBA, armed officers receive proficiencies payments up to \$300 each with each qualifications. Additionally, to maintain physical fitness standards prescribed work force shall receive physical fitness equipment reimbursement up to \$150 per calendar year.</p>	The provided historical labor rates include proficiency payments, physical fitness reimbursements and other payments stipulated by the CBA.

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				QUESTION: Considering that these payments are not included in the Prescribed Personnel average wage rate nor in the fringe rate, where should bidders include the cost related to such bonuses/allowances?	
64.	Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Tour	Service Level Contracts/Small Business subcontracting	N/A	During the presentation at the pre-bid meeting, it was stated that the site SLA agreements count toward small business subcontracting goals. Those agreements would represent a good portion of the 10% subcontracting requirement. Would DOE reconsider excluding those agreements from counting towards the small business requirements to allow for meaningful work and higher contract involvement?	SLA agreements count towards the requirement to subcontract (in accordance with the definition at FAR Subpart 44.1) at least 10% of the Total Estimated Cost of the contract (exclusive of contract fee and the maximum value under the IDIQ CLIN(s)). They do not count toward the requirement that at least 60% of the Total Subcontracted Work shall be performed by small businesses unless the SLA is with a small business.
65.	Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Tour	Site Tour Script	N/A	Will the tour script be shared?	The Attendee List, Tour Script and Pre-Proposal Slides have been added to the Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Tour link on the SRS Security Acquisition Website.
66.	Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Tour	Pre-Proposal Conference	N/A	I have a quick question regarding something you said during your slide presentation this morning. You were commenting that the last Amendment reduced the Small Business Subcontracting percentage from 30% to 10%. You gave some rationale for that reduction and I missed it, what was the reason for the reduction?	No explanation was provided during the Pre-Proposal Conference. Please refer to Question #34.