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1	Various	*General	Signatures are required in a multiple of places in Volume I and III. Will the government accept digital signature on the digital documents that are delivered via FEDCONNECT?	DOE will accept any mark that is legally sufficient to be the signer's signature, including an electronic signature.
2	General	*General	Will the government allow for additional clarification questions to be asked upon receipt of government responses to questions?	DOE does not intend to reopen the question period. However, DOE will respond to questions that, in DOE's opinion, request reasonable clarification regarding questions and responses that have already been posted.
3	CTAC RFP Pricing Worksheets	*General	The price matrix includes positions where an off-site and on-site rate are requested. Does the government intend to have both rates for those positions, or does it intend to have both rates to have flexibility to use either of the two?	Yes. Offerors should propose rates for all labor categories. For the positions where off-site and on-site rates are requested, DOE may order hours under none, either, or both positions.
4	General	*General	How many incumbent staff are there?	Approximately 65-70 individuals.
5	CTAC RFP Pricing Worksheets	*General	The price matrix includes over 100 FTEs. Since the number appears to be much higher than the number of Northwind's employees, is the government intending to increase the number of staff in the new contract?	There is scope in this RFP that is new scope as compared to the existing contract. Therefore, it is anticipated that the number of staff will increase to accommodate the new scope. However, the exact number of employees needed to perform the scope in the RFP is to be proposed by each Offeror.
6	General	*General	Who are the incumbent contractors? Is it only Northwind?	Northwind Portage, Inc. is the only incumbent prime contractor. Some tasks are subcontracted.
7	B.2(b)	B-1	<i>For work performed by the Contractor's employees and/or subcontractor employees, the labor categories, direct-productive-labor-hours (DPLH) and fixed labor rates in Table B.2(3), IDIQ Schedule of Fully Burdened Labor Rates below shall apply. The Contractor shall provide the DPLH at the fixed-hourly rates shown in Table B.2(3) segregated by performing entity. We cannot find Table B.2(3) in Section B or in Attachment J-7 Spreadsheets. Is it the Tab marked J-7 IDIQ Rates? Please clarify. Also, Table B.2(1) is supplied but no Table B.2(2). Is this intentional?</i>	There is no Table B.2(2) or B.2(3). The cited reference to Table B.2(3) is erroneous and should be to Attachment J-7 "IDIQ Rates". This reference will be corrected in a forthcoming RFP Amendment.
8	B	B-2	Where do we show transition costs or is it part of the estimate for CLIN 01000?	Transition costs will not be evaluated separately. Offerors should include transition costs in their fully burdened labor rates and overall price under CLIN 01000.
9	B.6	B-6, 7	B 6. (f) refers that "The Planned Funding Schedule for each task order is in paragraph (n) of this clause." It should be (o) instead of (n)	Due to a formatting issue, subsection (a) was inadvertently divided into (a) and (b), subsequent subsections were then mis-numbered. The internal references to other subsections will be correct as-written once this error is corrected in a forthcoming RFP Amendment.
10	B.6	B-6, 8	B 6. (g) refers that "The Actual Funding Schedule for each task order is in paragraph (o) of this clause." It should be (p).	See response above.
11	H.39 Contractor Employee Training	H.31	This clause indicates that the contractor is responsible for assuring its employees are trained to the requirements of their position. Will DOE reimburse the contractor for the labor and non-labor costs associated with obtaining this training as a direct cost or should the contractor include these costs in the indirect pools?	The Contractor is responsible for providing qualified staff, including providing any necessary training to attain or retain their qualifications. DOE will not allow training as a direct cost.

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12	H.26 DOE-H-2067 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED ON-SITE FACILITIES OR SERVICES	H-18	This clause indicates that the government will provide office space for up to 25 personnel under the contract with the possibility of additional space "if needed". However, Attachment J-7, the pricing model, indicates approximately 110 FTEs per year are to be priced. Does this mean that <25 percent of the personnel will be on site and the others will be off-site? The answer can have a big impact on an offeror's proposed rates for on-site and off-site labor. We ask the government to provide an estimate of how much of the DPLH is either on-site or off-site by labor category.	DOE currently supplies approximately 50 workspaces for CTAC employees and subcontractor employees between the Skeen-Whitlock Building in Carlsbad and the WIPP site. H.26 will be updated in a forthcoming RFP Amendment to read "50" instead of 25. The total number of personnel and their worksites will be up to each Offeror to propose. DOE's request for pricing various positions does not mean that all positions will be ordered, nor that they will be ordered simultaneously.
13	J-2 Wage Determination	J-2-1	The exempt vs non-exempt table appears needing revision. Many of the labor categories listed as exempt appear to us to be non-exempt and vice versa.	<p>The exempt/non-exempt status of any classification is determined based on salary and job duties. The Contractor has the responsibility to determine the exempt/non-exempt status of each classification. The Contractor will write the job descriptions and establish salaries. DOE's provision of J-2-1 is for informational purposes only, Offerors should also consult applicable Department of Labor guidance and labor laws.</p> <p>Based on DOE's review of the job descriptions, and the DOL guidelines, a forthcoming RFP Amendment will make the following changes to J-2-1:</p> <p>Program Manager – Exempt  QA Manager – Exempt  QA Assistant Manager – Exempt  Administrative Assistant I, II and III – Non-exempt –  Corrective Action Manager – Exempt  Business Operations Manager – Exempt</p>
14	J, Attachment J-2	J-2-1	The Government makes determinations of SCA exempt/non-exempt based on labor categories, will the Government review this table for accuracy?	See answer above.
15	J-2 Wage Determination	J-2-1	This section indicates that Wage Determination will be issued for each Task Order. However, an offeror will need to assure themselves that their proposed labor rates in the Master IDIQ are compliant with the SCA since these are the rates that will be used for any subsequent task order. We request the government to provide the applicable Wage Determination for an offeror to use in establishing their Master IDIQ rates?	Offerors can find Wage Determinations and related information at <a href="https://beta.sam.gov/">https://beta.sam.gov/</a>
16	J-7	J-7-1	Pricing Spreadsheet / Period of Performance. Can the government provide an estimated award date so that the offerors can appropriately establish a reasonable base labor rates and escalations for the labor categories for each of the years (12months) in the award period of performance?	Estimated award is May 14, 2021.

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17	K.5 FOCI Information	K-09	This clause indicates this procurement falls under the Savannah River security cognizance and an SRS 383 form will need to be included as well. Is this an artifact from an earlier solicitation for an SRS related contract or is the CBFO CTAC under the cognizance of the SRS security organization and will the SRS 383 Form be required?	The RFP is correct. SRS is the cognizant security office.