

Hanford 222-S Laboratory Analysis and Testing Services
Request for Proposal DE-SOL-0005750
Questions and Answers
July 17, 2014

Number	Question	Answer
1.	Please clarify whether the payroll services (e.g. paychecks, etc.) for the 222-S Hanford Incumbent and HAMTC employees are paid by the 222-S contractor, or by the MSA contractor.	The labor cost and payroll services costs for the 222-S Hanford Incumbent and HAMTC employees are borne by the 222-S Contractor, not by MSA.
2.	Several pieces of equipment have been out-of-service, in maintenance or in analytical set-up since December 2012. Is there an explanation for this extended period of time?	Vendor maintenance response may take months, instruments fail and remain in an out-of-service status until replacement, or instruments are procured for which there isn't an immediate need and other projects take precedence. In many cases, these are redundant systems.
3.	The video presentation did not include all rooms that were not visible on the tour. Would it be possible to get videos of Rooms B1-A, B1-C, B1-E, 11-B, 11-C, and 11-D? In addition, we were only allowed to look through a small window to see B1-F and we could only see a limited area of the room. Please provide a video of that room as well.	Videos of these rooms are not available at this time.
4.	What are the relative backgrounds of all of the radiological counting equipment?	Document added to the list of Sensitive Documents (Instrument Backgrounds.pdf). Please complete the <i>Non-Disclosure of Access to Department of Energy Hanford 222-S Laboratory Solicitation Information Form</i> , or if already completed, send request to view document to Chris Lockhart, Contract Specialist, at christopher.lockhart@emcbc.doe.gov .
5.	There is a schedule for new equipment to be purchased. Does this schedule apply to additional equipment or replacement equipment? If it is not for replacement equipment, is there a schedule for replacing the aging laboratory equipment?	The equipment acquisition schedule encompasses both replacement of aging equipment and adding capability to support anticipated site activities. The TOC contract baseline contains the instrument acquisition schedule. It's re-prioritized at least annually for replacement of aging equipment based upon factors such as instrument performance, maintenance requirements, and continued vendor support.
6.	We were unable to ascertain from the video where the samples enter the facility in the hot cell area. Can you please identify where this occurs?	Hot cell samples enter the facility at the place marked Door 10 on the map entitled 222-S Laboratory Layout of 11A Hot Cell. There is a steel roll-up door onto a loading dock where sample casks may be lifted by overhead crane and moved to the end of the hot cells.
7.	Is there a separate sample receiving area for samples not designated	There is a separate sample receiving area accessed by a different door for no or low activity samples entering the lab.

	for the hot cell area?	Room 2A on the first floor map of the 222-S facility is currently being utilized for sample receipt.
8.	Can you please provide the age and the model numbers for all equipment?	Document added to the list of Sensitive Documents (Property list 222-S and 222-SH.pdf). Please complete the <i>Non-Disclosure of Access to Department of Energy Hanford 222-S Laboratory Solicitation Information Form</i> , or if already completed, send request to view document to Chris Lockhart, Contract Specialist, at christopher.lockhart@emcbc.doe.gov .
9.	In an earlier response, EMCBC stated that we would receive information on the current staff and years of service. That information has not been provided to date.	The earlier response to the draft RFP stated “In accordance with Clause I.43, FAR 52.222-17, the predecessor contractor will provide information to the Contracting Officer who in turn will provide the list to the new contractor.” This a contract requirement that occurs post-award.
10.	Can you provide the number of employees that are in the incumbent employee benefit program by labor category?	At this time there are 40 current employees at the 222 S Laboratory who meet the definition of an Incumbent Employee for benefit purposes in the RFP. The labor category of the employees that meet the definition of an Incumbent Employee is irrelevant, as the costs for benefits are reimbursed under the contract and the estimated costs have been provided.
11.	In Section C.2.1.1.c the RFP states “The contractor shall be responsible for buying any office supplies, office computers, office furniture and other office equipment it needs beyond those provided as described in C.2.1.10”. However, C.2.1.10.4 “Supplies and Equipment” indicates that “laboratory equipment, chemicals and supplies are supplied by the TOC at no charge to the contractor”. Are the computers, paper, ink cartridges, logbooks, etc. required for laboratory operations (i.e data reporting, instrument printouts) provided by the TOC?	Yes.
12.	Section C.2.10.4 “Supplies and Equipment” states that the TOC is supplying the chemicals and supplies; however, Section C.1.2.2 states “When recognized standardized material is not available, or its purchase is impractical, the Contractor should attempt to purchase standard material from a reliable source.” Please clarify.	See Amendment 002 for revised Section C. This sentence was intended to be language pulled directly from HASQARD, the site quality assurance document. It should read, “When recognized standard material is not available, or its purchase is impractical, the Contractor should attempt to purchase standard material from a reliable source.” The Contractor is responsible for identifying a reliable source, the

		TOC then procures the material.
13.	At B.03(f), the statement is made: "If the Contractor does not perform the contract's requirements for the CLIN, it must return the amounts that it billed that the Government reimbursed." Is this is reference to a variance in the quantity of analytical work? Please provide examples of items that may require reimbursement to the Government and some guidance regarding how the Government will calculate the fair value of reimbursement on a fixed priced contract?	See Amendment No. 003 for the revised clause. Paragraph B.03 (f) 1) ii has been deleted from the clause.
14.	Can we get historical data on types of consumables purchased by current contractor? Only need listing of items and not cost.	Historical data does not exist. The incumbent contractor purchases office supplies.
15.	Section L.34(d) states : "Offerors shall provide a total fixed price amount by year for CLINs 00003, 00006, 00009, and 00012, the proposed available award fee for the fixed price CLINs." CLIN 00003 is for award fee, CLIN 00006 is for firm fixed price work, CLIN 00009 is for cost reimbursement items and CLIN 00012 is for work surges. Please clarify the intent of this paragraph.	See Amendment No. 002 for revised Section L.
16.	The CBA wage rate of a Chemical Technologist varies greatly depending upon seniority. As only the incumbent contractor knows the seniority of the current workforce, any incumbent contractor team has an unfair cost advantage in calculating labor rates and is conflicted unless the information is provided to all offerors. In order to mitigate this conflict, please provide the seniority of the Chemical Technologists listed on L-6.	The wage rate for represented employees is not based on seniority but based on progression of time worked as a Chemical Technologist. Based on the wage scale included in the "Appendix A Hourly Wage Scale and Position Classification" and included as a referenced document, a newly hired Chemical Technologists will have to work 60 months before achieving the highest salary available on the wage scale. As a firm fixed price contract, it is up to the Offeror to estimate wage rates for Chemical Technologist positions. Offerors can refer to "Appendix A Hourly Wage Scale and Position Classification" included as a referenced document.
17.	L-6 lists a "Sr. Chemical Technologist." Is this the same as the "Chemical Technologist WK LDR" listed on "2013 CBA-2012-5191 Rev 3 11-11-2013 Appendix A Hourly Wage Scale and Position Classification" provided as a Resource Document? If not, please provide wage rate.	The Sr. Chemical Technologist listed would be the same as a Chemical Tech Working Lead (Job Code HCCT4) shown on the "Appendix A Hourly Wage Scale and Position Classification" provided as a Resource Document.
18.	There are benefits of Incumbent Employees that are cost reimbursable while similar benefits of Non-Incumbent Employees must be included	At this time there are 40 current employees at the 222 S Laboratory who meet the definition of an Incumbent

	<p>in the firm fixed priced portion of the contract. Only the incumbent contractor knows the numbers and titles of incumbent and non-incumbent employees currently on staff that will be and / or must be considered and eligible for hire during the Transition. This provides any incumbent contractor team an unfair cost advantage in calculating labor rates and is conflicted unless the information is provided to all offerors. In order to mitigate this conflict, please provide the numbers and titles of all the current Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Employees.</p>	<p>Employee for benefit purposes in the RFP. The labor category of the employees that meet the definition of an Incumbent Employee is irrelevant, as the costs for benefits are reimbursed under the contract and the estimated costs have been provided. As a firm fixed price contract, it is up to the Offeror to estimate wage rates for positions.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>In reference to L.34(g), Work Surges, please clarify that only labor and associated burdens are to be included in these CLINS and that it should not include costs associated with performance of additional analysis.</p>	<p>That is correct. As stated in L.34(g) “ The fully burdened labor rates includes the base labor rates, applicable indirect costs (fringe benefits, overhead, G&A, etc.) and normal profit (excluding award fee).”</p>