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SECTION A - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT 002 IS TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RESULTING FROM INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM INDUSTRY. IF ANY DISCREPANCIES EXIST BETWEEN THE ANSWERS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SOLICITATION AND ATTACHMENTS, THE SOLICITATION AND ATTACHMENTS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Q1. The draft SOO previously indicated Ft. Gillem as a site. It is supposedly Government Owned /Contractor Operated. Although no answer has been received as to the staffing requirements for that site, the current SOO eliminates it altogether except to say that it is the central storage for supplies for the other sites. Is the contractor expected to man the Ft. Gillem site?

A1. The current CLS contractors support fielded systems from Ft. Gillem, a Government owned contractor operated facility. A list of Government Furnished Facilities is provided at Attachment 016 of the solicitation. Attachment 016 will be amended if additional Government facilities become available.

Q2. RE: JSIPP Data Sheet. Supply Requirement: All supported by CLS - no organic supply system parts, no government supplied storage facilities for parts or assay carriers. Near the end of the page it indicates the contractor central storage facility is located at Ft. Gillem. Please clarify this dichotomy. Is Ft. Gillem storage supporting JSIPP?

A2. Yes, Ft. Gillem storage facilities support JSIPP. However, the successful bidder will determine the best method to provide this support in the future. The refrigerators at Ft. Gillem currently in use by the CLS contractors are Government furnished equipment, allocated to the contractors. See also the response to Question 1.

Q3. Will the CLS contractor be supporting Portal Shield from a GFE facility or not? Pine Bluff, AK was mentioned at the Industry day.

A3. Currently there is no Government furnished facility for Portal Shield. At this time parts re-supply is from a contractor facility and consumables are provided as Government furnished materiel.

Q4. Attachment 008 provides the CLS Mission Essential Task to be performed on the Portal Shield. Request that the government provides the performance steps required for each task. Additionally, two task, Met One Error Correction and Calibration: Counter Calibration Error and Met One Error Correction and Calibration: Counter Flow Error refer to the standard: IAW with current Portal Shield TB 99-004 (PSTB 99-004). Request that the government provide a copy of PSTB 99-004.

A4. Further research is required to answer this question.

Q5. DRFP pg. 14, (r) Pay The last sentence says The contractor shall furnish proper data to the PCO to substantiate any adjustments to the contract. What does the PCO consider proper data? Why is the additional pay compensation not tied to the State Department pay increases?

A5. Proper data to support a deployment wage cost increase would consist of the current wage and the proposed wage increase (deployment premium, hazardous duty pay, etc) and a justification that this is the minimum amount that can/will be accepted by the affected employees.

The Department of Labor mandates only the minimum wage required for a contract under the Service Contract Act (SCA). This RFP is not under the SCA. It is anticipated that the contractor will pay adequate wages to retain qualified employees and minimize turnover.

Q6. DRFP - pg. 54 (2)(a) Will the orals be required as part of the proposal, or will they be at the discretion of the government?

A6. Yes, an oral presentation is required as part of the proposal. Please refer to Section L for a description of the oral presentation.

Q7. DRFP pg.56 Quality Surveillance Plan vs. Quality Plan. Please clarify our interpretation that the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan, although drafted by the contractor, is a plan that would be implemented by the government to surveil the contractors performance, vs. the Quality Plan, which would be implemented by the contractor to assure that quality support is provided.

A7. Yes, the stated interpretation is correct. The Government uses the QASP and the contractor implements Quality Plan. The Government can implement part or all of the proposed QASP for Government surveillance of the quality of the contractors effort.

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Q8. SOO Scope: Maintain sufficient quantities of consumable and repair parts to fill all requests, i.e. FTXs, PMCS, etc., and provide for surge requirements. In order to fill all requests the contractor would have to have at least one of each spare part on hand at all times. Is this the intent of this performance requirement?

A8. The intent of the stated performance requirement is to maintain the required operational readiness rate (ORR). The successful bidder will determine the best manner to accomplish this. Immediate access to spare parts would be one method toward maintaining the ORR.

Q9. SOO 3 b. Is the government going to provide funding for repair parts initial stockage for all BDS unit/sites?

A9. Funding will be provided for CLS. The contractor is required to support the Mission Essential Requirements (MER); the contractor will determine the best method to accomplish this, to include providing spare parts. However, the existing inventory will be transferred from the present contractors to the successful bidder. When systems are fielded, they are accompanied by certain spare and repair parts.

Q10. SOO - Does the inclusion of suggested areas to apply incentives in the SOO imply that the contractor should provide the award fee plan? If so:

Is a format/page limit to be provided?

Can the proposed plan vary in the metrics applied to various systems, recognizing that the BDS systems are at varying stages of their lifecycles and used in different environments (deployed units, fixed facilities, dependent on local power, etc.)?

A10. Yes, the offerors shall submit a proposed award fee plan. The proposed plan can vary in metrics applied. No format or page limit is specified.

Q11. Under the assumption that the contractor will purchase the materials and supplies, will the purchase be CPAF?

(1). If materials will be CPAF, what are the award fee incentives and who will provide the award fee plan, the government or the bidder?

(2). Labor, specified as CPAF: What are the award fee incentives and who will provide the award fee plan, the government or the bidder?

A11. The materials and labor go toward the estimated cost. The base fee and the award fee amounts available are based on this estimated cost (not necessarily actual costs). The base fee is fixed at the time of contract award, and the award fee is based on the award fee plan. The incentives and award fee plan for this procurement are to be suggested by the offeror.

Q12. We note that all CLINs are specified as services. Does the government intend for the contractor to purchase the supplies/materials/repair parts, or for the contractor to manage/use government provided supplies/materials/repair parts in provision of CLS services?

A12. The Government intends that the contractor will purchase required supplies, materials and repair parts as well as manage Government furnished supplies, materials and repair parts. The contractor will manage all supplies until a system is managed by organic support.

Q13. Cost reimbursement structure: Will materials/supplies purchase be CPAF? Since the materials will most likely be purchased from the same sources (OEMs) for every bidder, recommend that the government consider providing a specific dollar amount of materials purchase (for evaluation only) and that bidders then include only this parts amount and their appropriate burden for materials. This would provide an equitable materials cost basis, and avoid the potential situation that could occur if OEMs choose to bid this CLS contract and subsequently quote inflated parts prices to various other bidders.

A13. The purpose of requesting the offeror to supply material costs is to provide the Government with an estimate of how much material the offeror feels is necessary to support this effort. This goes in part toward cost realism (material quantity) and lends itself toward the offerors understanding of the overall requirement (the same as a price excessively high or low).

Q14. Should travel cost, routine materials and other direct cost estimates be included in the CPAF portions of the CLIN structure? If not, how should they be included?

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A14. Yes, these costs should be included, especially if they are anticipated. These should be given separate lines in the cost proposal with back-up material to support them.

Q15. The first sentence in the Statement of Objectives Definition (attachment 10) for component turn-around time appears to be incomplete in the phrase repaired either on site (by use of LRU/component repair parts. What is/are the other options to follow the either phrase?

A15. Unfortunately, there was an error in the sentence structure of the referenced paragraph. The SOO definition for Component Turn around time should read as follows:

Component Turn around time: The Component Turn around time is the time it takes for any exchanged item (LRU or component) turned in to the CLS contractor by the operator or unit to be repaired either on site (by use of LRU/component repair parts) or, if the required repair is beyond the capability of the CLS contractor, the LRU/component will be evacuated to the manufacture/vendor support subcontractor for factory repair or rebuild. When the LRU/component is repaired and returned to the CLS contractor it will be put in stock as a spare LRU/Component to be used in future repair actions.

Q16. Will these systems: portal shield, JSIPP, and ECE is anticipated to occur from 1 jul to 30 sep 04, and the phase-in period for the bids systems (M31, M31A1, & M31E2), be updated/upgraded to Cepheid technology. Genexpert?

A16. Please clarify or expand the question.

Q17. The current Attachment 007 Lists the Portal Shield Sites and sensors with the noted addition of the CONUS sites of Camp LeJeune, San Diego, and Warner Robbins. In the previous draft attachment the list included columns indicating Contractor Maintained Generator (Y/N) and Operator Required (Y/N). In addition there was a statement that Each site is provided with a fixed number of sensors, which comprised of operational sensors and spare sensors is site dependent and is listed below. Although the sensors are powered on 24 hours a day, the sensor network is typically active for 12 hours a day during the evening hours. During high threat conditions, the sensors will be activated as required.

In order to provide the required staffing, the Government needs to add this statement back into the RFP or state the requirements as it has for the other BDS systems. In either case the Government needs to indicate for the new sites in CONUS whether or not the Contractor Maintains the Generators or provides the Operators.

A17. Yes the CLS contractor maintains the generators but is not required to perform major repairs.

Q18. The current SOO states that the mission essential performance requirements for Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) services for all BDS equipment are as follows: 90% ORR, MTTR not to exceed 5 days, 30-day turn around time, sufficient quantities of consumables and repair parts, and deployment.

The Suggested areas to apply incentives is : 1 Cost Control, 2. Operational Availability Rate, 3. Component Turn Around Time, 4. 60 day supply, and 5. Deployment.

Attachment 010 only defines Operational Readiness Rate (ORR), Operational Availability (OA), Component Turn Around Time, and 60-day supply. Should the contractor meet the mission essential requirements and use those as the items to which to apply incentives and ignore the suggested areas and definitions or respond to the suggested areas for incentives and ignore the others or only use the Attachment 10 as the items to apply incentives to and to meet?

A18. The contractor should determine to which areas incentives should apply. It is desirable to apply incentives to mission essential requirements. However, some of these areas may be difficult to measure and quantify. Additional areas were mentioned as possible measurable goals. See also the answer to Question 10.

Q19. There appears to be a conflict between regarding Period of Performance between the Cost Submittal Sheet and the SOO. The SOO (Attachment 2, Period of Performance) says The phase-in period for the Portal Shield, JSIPP, and ECE is anticipated to occur from 1 Jul to 30 Sep 04. It says, CLS contractor performance for the Portal Shield, JSIPP, and ECE will commence 1 Oct 04.

The Cost Submittal Sheet (Attachment 1), shows  
 CLIN 0001 Portal Shield Phase-In 1 Jul 30 Sep 2004  
 CLIN 0008 as ECE Phase In Period (1 Oct 31 Dec 2004) and  
 CLIN 0009 as JSIPP Phase-In Period (1 Oct-31 Dec 2004)

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Is CLIN 0001 (Portal Shield Phase-In, 1 Jul 30 Sep 2004) supposed to be for JSIPP and ECE and CLIN 0008 & 0009 the CLS?

The CLIN 001 should cover the Phase in for Portal Shield, JSIPP, and ECE with the CLS for all three commencing 1 Oct 04.

A19. The CLIN structure shown remains as originally stated. CLIN 0009 will be changed to reflect the JSIPP Phase-In Period of 1 Jul - 30 Sep 04, with the new CLS contractor responsible 1 Oct 04. The transition for the ECE will be 1 Oct - 31 Dec 04 with the new CLS contractor responsible beginning 1 Jan 05.

Q20. Currently the Program Management would be spread across multiple CLINs in some percentage format. This would present a problem if one or more of the CLINs was not exercised or delayed. Program Management on most programs with multiple systems/customers is generally not divided down to the system/customer level.

Program Management is a function that oversees all other functions. While it is possible to allocate portions of this function to each WBS, it is difficult and impractical to propose it this way and the execution would be nearly impossible to accomplish accurately, especially on CPAF CLINs.

Would the government consider designating a CLIN for Program Management and other related administrative functions for each Year?

A20. There will not be a separate CLIN for Program Management and other related administrative functions for each year. These costs are to be divided throughout all the CLINs.

Q21a. SOO calls out the 374th Chemical Company, based on the CLIN structure, there is no location to bid the costs associated with supporting the 374th. Where does the Government expect the contractor to bid these costs (CLIN1015)? Also, where is the 374th going to be located?

A21a. The location of the 374th Chemical Company has not been identified. For costing and evaluation purposes consider the CLS site for all unidentified CONUS locations to be Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

Q21b. CLIN 1020 calls out US Marine Corp, yet there is only one US Marine Corp set of hardware, the NBCRS which is CLIN 1022. What is CLIN 1020 to be used for?

A21b. CLIN #1020 is for the USMC - JLSNBCRS, and CLIN #1022 is for the Army Stryker - JBPDS. The CLIN structure is still being refined.

Q21c. US Army Chem School Support is not called out as a separate CLIN, which CLIN does the Government expect the contractor to bid this work?

A21c. The CLIN structure is still being refined. There will be a CLIN added for the Chemical School.

Q21d. CLIN 1019 is US Navy, is the contractor expected to bid all Navy support efforts under this CLIN?

A21d. Yes, refer to the Matrix; there will be ship as well as land based Navy JBPD's. No CLS will be required on Ships. The crews will make repairs by changing out LRU's on the ships. The replaced LRU's will be returned to the contractors facility to be repaired and put back into Navy repair part stock.

Q21e. For the 3rd Multi component Company, no operational location is identified (TBD in SOO) nor a split of the number of platoons per location if multiple locations are used. Government needs to provide direction to bidders.

A21e. Multi-component Companies will usually be made up of both Active and Reserve Platoons. In some cases the Active components may be OCONUS and the Reserve components located in CONUS. For costing and evaluation purposes, consider 3 Platoons CONUS and 2 Platoons OCONUS. Use Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, as the CONUS location and Mainz, GE, as the OCONUS location.

Q21f. For bidding purposes, could the Government please pick from the options below.

1 location for all five platoons or 5 locations  
CONUS or OCONUS for each location.

These items are deemed necessary to ensure the support structure is properly laid out to cover all required sites.

A21f. A generic Company should be costed with 3 Platoons CONUS and 2 Platoons OCONUS. Note the above-mentioned locations of Ft. Leonard Wood and Mainz.

Q22. Data Sheet 7th Chemical Co. Peacetime Operational Tempo: 1 weekend field exercise per month at 24/7 for 3 days for all systems in each platoon.

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There is some discrepancy in the Peacetime Operational Tempo between the various Chemical Companies. All indicate 1 weekend a month for all platoons, yet the 310th indicates 2 additional off site training sessions per year, 7th and 13 do not indicate any additional training sessions and the 375th indicates a 2 day weekend schedule and one additional 2 week off site training session for 12 days. Are these operating sessions correct?

A22. Please see the data sheets at attachment 005 of the solicitation. The data sheets contain peacetime and deployment OPTEMPOs as applicable.

Q23. Data Sheet Chemical School P31 BIDS (M32A1)

Quantity: 7 complete P31 BIDS & 24 classroom components

Peacetime Operation Tempo: 1 training session per month of 17 days at 8 hours for all "11" systems?

This appears to be copied from the JBPDS BIDS (M32A2) quantity shouldn't it reflect a total of 31 systems? (7 complete P31 BIDS & 24 classroom components)

A23. Please note that the P3I BIDS is designated the M31A1. The Chemical School has a total of 7 M31A1 BIDS, 2 Mock-up trainers (just like the M31A1 BIDS with all the components but in a classroom environment), and individual P3I BIDS components (24, i.e. Bio. Detectors, CB Mass Spec. Harris Radios, etc.), used for classroom training. The Data Sheet is being revised to reflect 7 complete P3I BIDS, 2-Mock-up trainers, and 24 classroom components.

Q24. Item #4 states Maintain a 60-day on-hand inventory of consumables and repair parts for each BDS unit/site necessary to ensure operational readiness standards.

In calculating the consumables and spares needed on hand, does each platoon (unit) require 60 days of inventory or do you mean each site (i.e. Ft. McClellan, AL) has enough on hand to support all of its platoons with a 60 day supply? As a follow-up, does an in-coming contractor assume a zero inventory on hand at each unit/site or will some quantities per site be provided to ensure all competitors are bidding the same levels of consumables and repair parts?

1) The Government needs to clarify the unit/site consumables and repair parts to ensure an apples to apples evaluation of the proposed costs.

2) Government should supply an inventory that is expected to transition during the Phase-In/Phase-out portion of the contract.

A24. Per Para 3(b) of the Statement of Objectives dated 15 Jan

2004, the contractor shall maintain a 60-day supply of consumables and repair parts for each BDS unit/site. All existing stock quantities of spares, repair parts, and consumables will be transferred from the out-going to the in-coming contractor during the phase-in period. The government will conduct an inventory of all GFE/GFM/GFP at this time. For pricing purposes, offerors are to assume the incoming contractor will have a 60-day inventory on hand at each unit/site. The Executive Summary (Section A) of the solicitation will be amended to add this language.

Q25. The current wording states Two off site training sessions per year per platoon. It is clear that each platoon has a monthly weekend field exercise and two off site training sessions per year. What is the average duration of these two off site training sessions? Are they similar to National Training Center rotations that last approximately 1 month or are they for longer periods of time?

Recommend the government confirm at least an average deployment timeframe.

A25. Please see the Data Sheets at Attachment 005 of the solicitation. The data sheets contain a peacetime and deployed operation tempo where applicable. The government cannot provide an average deployment timeframe.

Q26. The presented evaluation criteria:	The presented Contractor Plans
Management	Management
Technical	Maintenance
o Maintenance	Supply Management
o Supply Management	Operations
o Operation	
Past Performance	
Small Business Utilization	
Price/Cost	

It is our understanding that the plans provided could potentially be made part of the contract. In that regard, it would appear that

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separate plans for each sustainment element could make utilization unnecessarily cumbersome over the life of the contract. We do however concur that the Management Plan should stand- alone. Additionally, we believe there are additional elements for transition and deployment that should be considered in this acquisition for complete coverage.

Recommend the Government consider the following changes:

- a) combine operation and maintenance into a single O&M plan; while keeping management and supply support separate, or;
- b) combine operation, maintenance and supply support into a single Sustainment Plan, while keeping management separate
- c) add a Deployment Plan

d) add a Transition Plan

A26. As stated in Section L, Para 1 (1) of the solicitation (pg 55), the successful offerors proposal will be incorporated into the contract in whole or in part. For evaluation purposes during the solicitation phase, the criteria will remain as stated. Please refer to Volume 1, Management Overview, and Volume 2, Technical Summary, located at Paras 3 and 4 of Section L of the solicitation. These paragraphs contain the governments requirements for submitting a Performance Based Work Statement and various plans. The Volume 1, Management Overview, specifies what is required to address Transition of Operations (Para g) and Deployment (Para A (7)).

Q27. What are the contractual obligations of the current incumbent contractors to support transition to a new contractor?

A27. The current contracts with the incumbent contractors contain or will contain provisions for the phase-out/phase-in period.

Q28. Attachment for Portal Shield lists 24 sites with six undefined as to location, 184 operational sensors and 49 spares total of 233 sensors. The detailed excel spreadsheet lists 25 sites with 242 sensors. The Industry day briefing indicated 8 sites with 219 sensors. The briefing also indicated the US as a site which does not appear on the other lists.

The SOO needs to define these sites so that all bidders are using the same numbers, locations and number of sensors in order to provide more accurate quotes for the proposal.

Define the CONUS/OCONUS locations of the Portal Shield, Number of sensors and personnel currently supporting those sensors. If there are Portal Shield sensors in the U.S. those locations need to be defined.

A28. Please refer to Attachment 003, Requirements Matrix, and Attachment 007, Portal Shield Sites/Number of Sensors, of the solicitation. These attachments specify the location and number of Portal Shield sensors per site.

Q29. The BDS Fielding schedule through FY 05 shows 8 sites with CLS facilities and Ft. Gillem, GA with the central storage facilities. Yet the fielding schedule shows that by FY 07 there will be seven additional sites including CLS.

Will these additional locations be identified prior to the RFP or in the RFP to define those locations? The Industry Brief indicated a current manning of 12 personnel per site. Is that only for sites that have deployable platoons and if so what manning is required for Ft. Gillem? Will we be quoting CLS support beyond FY07 at the two additional sites?

Clarify the site locations and current or projected manning the contractors should be responding to in the RFP.

A29. The Requirements Matrix at Attachment 003 of the solicitation specifies the unit, location, type of system, and number of systems per site. This information is based on the governments best information available to date. Sites will be further identified as that information becomes available. However, for costing and evaluation purposes, offerors are to use Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, for CONUS and Mainz, FRG, for OCONUS for unspecified locations. Ft Gillem is a Government Furnished Facility that provides for cold and dry storage. Please refer to the listing of Government Furnished Facilities at Attachment 016 of the solicitation. The Requirements Matrix at Attachment 003, the Data Sheets on BDS Systems/Sites at Attachment 005, and the JBPDS Supply and Maintenance Support Summary Data Sheet at Attachment 017 of the solicitation specify the level of CLS required. Information presented at the government Pre-Proposal Conference last Nov 03 was for information only. The governments requirements are contained in the solicitation and attachments.

Q30. The BDS Fielding schedule shows sites CLS facilities for the East Coast Excursion. Yet there are no platoons to support.

Should the contractor assume that the 12 personnel per site is the same for the ECE as for the sites? Operating 24/7 requires at least 4 operators, but eight systems should not require 7 techs, 3 supply techs 1 admin and 1 lead as is indicated at other sites.

Government should supply a current man-loading estimate for each site

A30. The contractor should evaluate the OPTEMPO for each site and make its own assessment and develop its own plan of what is required to meet the mission. The Requirements Matrix at Attachment 003, the Data Sheets on BDS Systems/Sites at Attachment 005, and the JBPDS

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Supply and Maintenance Support Summary Data Sheet at Attachment 017 of the solicitation specify the level of CLS required. Information presented at the government Pre-Proposal Conference last Nov 03 was for information only. The governments requirements are contained in the solicitation and attachments.

Q31. The current GFE/GFP attachment reads to be provided at a later date. However, the previous listing did not include the Universal Mobile Tester for the BDS units.

It is our understanding that this piece of test equipment is being purchased by the Government and furnished to each platoon for use by the CLS personnel. Is this a valid assumption? Will the UMT be added to the GFE/GFP list with a breakout of the Items it tests and the spares that it carries with it? Does it test any items on the Portal Shield Systems or are there plans to increase its capability to do so? Also are there standard tool kits that were purchased for the CLS personnel on the previous contracts that will be transferred to the incoming contractor? In addition, it has come to our attention that there is an existing ECE Operations Plan that the Government has received on prior contracts. Can this be included as Government Furnished Information to the bidders?

This GFE/GFP/GFI information is important to avoid adding costs for equipment and procedures that are already available.

A31. The Government anticipates that the UMTs will be GFE, but the CLS contractor may be responsible to purchase UMTs in the future if needed.

The existing UMT stands purchased by the Government will be provided as GFE to the CLS contractor. If additional UMTs are required, the contractor will be responsible to obtain them. The UMT stands are for use with the JBPDS only and are not used for the Portal Shield systems, nor is future UMT use by Portal Shield anticipated. The UMT stands are an off-the-shelf item, with an associated Part Number, purchased from Battelle Memorial Institute. Repair parts are not included with the existing UMT stands. The contractor shall coordinate with the UMT manufacturer for providing UMT repair training, or for repairs service and/or calibration, which is required on an annual basis. All existing tool kits, special tools, and test equipment that are GFE will be transferred to the new CLS contractor during the phase-in period.

The ECE Operations Plan is being researched to resolve whether the plan can be provided to offerors. An answer will be provided as soon as a determination is made.

2. THE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS WAS EXTENDED PER AMENDMENT 001 FROM 2 MAR 2004 TO 15 MAR 2004. THE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS REMAINS AT 15 MAR 2004.

3. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

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