AMENDMENT NO. 2

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FOR J02B3400045

IT SYSTEMS OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT

- 1) Is this TORFP a re-compete? If so, please identify the current Master Contractor and if the scope is still the same as requested in current TORFP? RESPONSE: Yes this is a recomplete TORFP. The current CATS II Contractor is UNICOM Government, Inc. formerly GTSI Corp. The scope is very similar to the current TORFP. The TO Number: J02B0400008 details can be found at: http://doit.maryland.gov/contracts/Pages/CATSIITORFPStatus.aspx
- 2) If this is a re-compete, will there be a transition period? **<u>RESPONSE</u>**: The agency anticipates a transition period if time and budget permits.
- 3) In 2.10 of the TORFP, is the '3 years of demonstrated experience providing Network & IT Systems Support services to Maryland State Agencies' required of the Master Contractor or can it be fulfilled by a subcontractor or proposed personnel? Would SHA consider greater years of experience in place of experience directly with Maryland State Agencies or other substitute?

RESPONSE: See amendment #1 for clarification.

- 4) If the offeror does not have experience working with state of Maryland but has experience with other federal agencies, will the offeror be considered in eligible to bid. **RESPONSE:** See amendment #1 for clarification.
- 5) The RFP section 2.10 contains the following requirement: Offerors shall meet the following minimum qualification criteria to be eligible for consideration in the evaluation of this RFP.
 - 3 years of demonstrated experience providing Network & IT Systems Support services to Maryland State Agencies
 - 3 years of demonstrated experience providing Staffing Plans For Network & IT Systems Support

This is impossible for companies that are new to the Maryland State Agencies. Can the requirement be "3 years of demonstrated experience providing Network & IT Systems Support services"? This would mirror the requirement that immediate following. **RESPONSE:** See amendment#1 for clarification.

6) Para 2.10 & 3.2.1 required that Offeror should show evidence of demonstrated experience providing Network & IT Support services to Maryland State Agencies.

- a. Can this experience be shown of our Sub-contractor OR Do you mandate that Prime Master Contractor only should have been provided services to MD State agencies. Kindly clarify.
 <u>RESPONSE</u>: The sections specifically indicate that the Offeror must show evidence of this experience.
- b. Will the experience providing above services to Federal Agencies would count against fulfilling this clause? OR, Do you expect only services to State Agencies as a qualifying mandate?
 RESPONSE: See amendment #1 for clarification.
- 7) Will there be an extension made to the due date, with consideration of the Holiday. **<u>RESPONSE</u>**: See amendment 1, due date has been extended.
- 8) Who is the current contract incumbent/ incumbents? **RESPONSE:** See response to question 1.
- 9) Is the State satisfied with the work of the current incumbent/ incumbents? <u>RESPONSE</u>: This Task Order Request for Proposal is a re-compete of an existing task order that expires on May 31, 2014, and has nothing to do with the performance of the incumbent.
- 10) Is there a current incumbent currently performing these tasks? If yes, what is the company name?**RESPONSE:** See response to question 1.
- Pricing For the unnamed 8 additional resources, you are asking for 15680 hours. Can we assume since there are 2 labor categories, we can break those hours up as follows?
 Network and IT Systems support (1 additional resource) 1960 hours
 End User and Desktop Support (7 additional resources) 13720 hours **RESPONSE:** Yes, that is correct.
- Due Date/Time The due date has been extended to January 10th, 2014 but does not show a revised TIME for that date. Will it be 2PM EST?
 <u>RESPONSE</u>: The deadline is January 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and exact time will be late and thus rejected.
- 13) If we have an African women owned MBE certified small business to meet MBE goals and subgoals in the solicitation, will we be compliant. Or do we need to have 3 different firms.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: Only MDOT certified MBE firms are considered to be MBE certified. MDOT cannot currently make assumptions about the compliance/validity of an MBE schedule that has not been proposed yet. Although some firms can be used to satisfy the overall MBE goal and a subgoal, a firm cannot be used to satisfy multiple subgoals.

14) Further clarification "3 years of demonstrated experience providing Network & IT Systems Support services to government/public entities," as "public" generally refers to government. Would it be fair to assume your office implies public as commercial entities and industry.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: No. MDOT is strictly referring to governmental entities (e.g. at the local level, federal, state, etc.).

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