

Question and Responses Document No. 4
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Consulting and Technical Services (CATS) II
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139. Section 3, Proposal Format, Paragraph 3.2 requires Volume II – Financial proposal in MS Excel format, however, these pricing forms are in MS Word. Are we to recreate the price sheets from MS Word to MS Excel?

Response: No

140. Are we to submit tower, shelter, generator, etc., information (drawings, catalog sheets, descriptive outlines) for each task order example in Volume I for Functional Area 13, or should we submit this information for one specific example?

Response: We are asking for general submissions, so a single representative example is sufficient.

141. Paragraph B.7 of Example Task Order #1, states proper and thorough grounding methods shall be employed to provide maximum lightning protection; however, the latest task orders stated grounding methods in accordance with currently published Motorola R56 standards. Are the Motorola R56 methods to be considered for this RFP?

Response: Propose as the RFP requests. The exact specifications of each TORFP will dictate any additional updated technical details.

142. Paragraph B.9 of Example Task Order #1, states step bolts and safety climbs are to be provided as part of the tower. The latest task orders include ground bars in this section of the specification. Are we to include the buss bar(s)?

Response: See response 141

143. Paragraph B.11 of Example Task Order #1 states 1-1/8" ASTM A449 anchor bolts are required for each leg. At times the diameter varies from the 1-1/8" dimension due to the design requirements. Is this acceptable? Also, we utilize ASTM F1554 Grade 50 steel in lieu of A572 Grade 50. Is this acceptable?

Response: The information provided in the RFP is example information only. Actual specifications will be provided in a TORFP. Please propose according to the RFP specification.

144. Paragraph B.12 of Example Task Order #1 states concrete strengths to equal 3000 psi at 28 days. The latest task orders state concrete strengths to equal 4000 psi at 28 days with slump tests and crush reports certified by a Maryland Certified Professional Engineer. Are we to comply with Paragraph B.12 or the latest specification?

Response: see Response 141.

145. There are several differences between the shelter specification in Functional Area 13 and the latest task order specifications. Are we to comply strictly with the specification in Functional Area 13? Also, are the walls and roof of the shelters to be solid concrete?

Response: see Response 141.

146. Paragraph D.1 of Example Task Order #1 states a three legged heavy duty, self-supporting, two-way radio tower, however, the latest task orders state the tower shall be solid legged. Is the tower for this RFP to be solid legged?

Response: The tower in this example is a solid legged tower.

147. Paragraph D.3 of Example Task Order #1 states to supply and install 24 inch cable ladders or waveguide stacker system on two faces of the tower, however, the latest task orders state that two (2) waveguide ladders on one (1) face of the tower and must be at least 3 feet wide. Which waveguide ladder arrangement are we to consider?

Response: see Response 141.

148. Paragraph D.5 of Example Task Order #2 states to purchase and install one (1) medium intensity dual tower lighting system, however, the latest task orders require the dual lighting system with a 15 foot beacon

extension assembly with safety climb and step bolts. Are we to include this beacon extension?

Response: see Response 141.

149. Paragraph D.5 of Example Task Order #1 calls for an IEEE Type 1 SAD/MOV and Type 2 MOV protection devices, however, the latest task orders also call for an IEEE Type 3 SAD protection device for the lighting controller. Are we to include this Type 3 device?

Response: see Response 141.

150. Paragraph D.8 of Example Task Order #1 does not include a programmable exerciser timer that is required in the latest task orders. Is this to be included in this RFP?

Response: see Response 141.

151. Is tower steel required to meet the domestic steel products provision as defined in COMAR Title 21.11.02?

Response: Yes.

152. Reference: RFP Article 2.4.3.2. Question: May the expenses incurred by the Master Contractor for the background checks be reimbursable as a direct expense under the Task Orders?

Response: No; this is considered an administrative expense to be included in "fully loaded" rates.

153. Reference: RFP Article 3.4.3.4.
Question: In responding to the Past Performance section (3.4.3.4), the instructions allow that a single example may be applied to multiple functional areas (FA). It was indicated that not all topics cited in an FA description needed to be addressed. However, when an FA contains multiple sections that each require different capabilities, is a single example still sufficient, or are multiple examples required to cover all of the capabilities if one example will not address the multiple capabilities? (Example: FA5 consists of a single category while FA6 has 3 categories - Tech Support / Facilities Maintenance / Help Desk.

Response: One example suffices.

154. Will my firm be allowed to use a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) as a subcontractor?

Response: Yes. However, only companies certified as MBE through the MDOT MBE program may be used to meet MBE goals.

155. Page 88 – Section 10. Non-Hiring of Employees - What if the State employee responds to a general job vacancy advertisement on their own?

Response: This Contract section only affects those State staff whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Contract, during the Contract term. Contractor may not solicit and State staff may not accept employment under these conditions.

156. Page 91 – Section 25. Subcontracting Assignment – Does this mean that a Master Contractor can't hire a subcontractor to perform any work unless we get prior written approval of the Procurement Officer? When we respond to task orders, do we need the approval of the PO before even submitting the proposal? Or will that be construed as noncompliant?

Response: The Section on Subcontracting Assignment refers to changing a subcontractor after contract award.