DRAFT RFP Questions and Answers for 101-129

Q101. Instructions to Offerors | General: It is unclear in the Instructions to Offerors how to map the SOW paragraphs to the other information requested, as in Section 3.1.1.2 Content. We request that the instructions be revisited and clarified such that the Government receives responses which lend themselves to clearer and easier evaluation.

A101. Instructions to the Offerors have been updated.

Q102. SOW | CLIN 0016 | 15: How is this option to be priced? Can the contractor provide a one each price for LRIP and then a one each price for each Production Option (year one through six)?

A102. Agree with the contractors proposed method of pricing.

LRIP	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 1	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 2	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 3	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 4	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 5	1 each	$xxx
Production Year 6	1 each	$xxx

Q103. Instructions to Offerors | Section 3.1.1.4.1: In the Draft "Evaluation Factors for Award", paragraph 3.1.1.4.1 Sections (a) and (d), Gate 1 Testing/Criteria does not reference any testing for Table IIA agent concentrations. Is it the Government's intention to test only Table IIB agent concentrations during this phase of the evaluation?

A103. Yes, the Government will test only Table IIB agent concentrations during Gate I testing.

Q104. Instructions to Offerors | Sections 3.1.1.4.1: Is it the Government's intention to exercise the option for the platform integration kits (PIKs) to support the Environmental False Alarm testing as outlined in "Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Offerors" paragraph 3.1.1.4.1, Section (b)?

A104. The target date to award the PIKs option will be 270 days after contract award to support Gate 3 Testing.

Q105. SOW | CLIN 0008AA & AB: CLINs 0008AA & 0008AB - Contractor assumes "per order" to mean the repair cost for an individual detector at the site specified to include labor, material and travel. Is this correct?

A105. Yes.

Q106. SOW | CLIN 0008AC: Contractor assumes "per order" to mean the repair cost for an individual detector at the contractor site to include labor, material, packaging and shipping back to site. Is this correct?

A106. Yes.

Q107. SOW | CLIN 0008AD: Contractor assumes "per replacement unit" to mean the cost of an individual detector.

A107. “Per replacement unit” means the cost of replacing an individual detector.

Q108. Instructions to Offerors | Section 3.2.1: In reference to paragraph 3.2.1 the government lists only three ranges to be priced.

“Prices in the format below”

QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE
1-5	$
6-20	$
21-40	$

Does the Government intend to have the contractor provide range pricing for the remaining ranges as well as specified quantities listed in Schedule B or will Schedule B provide for the requirement? If the Government requires all quantities specified in Schedule B for the pricing format, will the requirements listed under Paragraph 3.2.2.3 be required as well?

A108. The Contractor shall use the ranges as specified in Schedule B for pricing. The schedule listed above is for “Format only”. The requirements listed in Paragraph 3.2.2.3 will be required in addition to aforementioned.

Q109. Instructions to Offerors | Section 3.4: Section 3.4 (Small Business Participation) indicates that it is a part of Volume IV. Section 2.1 (Format) only names three volumes and includes the Small Business Participation as a part of Volume III. Which section is correct?

A109. The volumes in the Instructions to Offerors will be updated for the final release.

Q110. SOW | C18.5.3.1 | 41: Turn-around time of 30 days **from date of written notification** (not receipt of the hardware) means the contractor would have to stock additional JCAD units for replacement, rather than repair. In this case, can the contractor use the repaired units as future warranty replacement units?

A110. SOW C18.5.3.1 will be changed from date of written notification to date of receipt of hardware. If the contractor elects to replace rather repair defective units (at no extra cost to the Government), the contractor may repair and use the defective units for future warranty replacement.

Q111. SOW | C18.5.5 | 41: Contractor pays the transportation cost to and from the contractor’s facility for returns. This is standard. However, the contractor also pays the

cost of packing and packaging. How would the government bill the contractor for those costs and what would they be?

A111. The government will request the contractor provide any necessary packaging for returns.

Q112. SOW | C18.5.8 | 42: Section C.18.5.8 states, if the USG determines it does not want the item repaired or replaced or decides to repair at its own facility or have another contractor repair it, then the contract will be reduced in price. What will be the basis of the equitable adjustment? Full value of the JCAD if the Government does not want it repaired? Actual repair cost incurred if the Government has it repaired by another contractor or facility? Does the contractor get the right of first refusal in that instance?

A112. The equitable adjustment will be limited to the lesser of the actual repair cost or the cost of the warranty. The contractor will not be given a right of refusal.

Q113. SOW | C18.5.3.2 | 42: Section C.18.5.3.2 states that the government can obtain rights to the technical data if the contractor does not meet the turn around time of 30 days for repair/replacement. Section C.18.5.17 states that the government can repair the JCAD or component themselves or use replacement components obtained from other sources without voiding the warranty on the JCAD. It is assumed that the OEM does not assume warranty obligations for parts procured from other sources.

A113. The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) will not assume the warranty of the parts obtained from other sources.

Q114. SOW | 2.7.1 | 14: The SOW references the CBRN COI Naming Style guide, JPM-IS-NSG-C001.6. Where can this document be found?

A114. For questions about the CBRN Data Model, the vendor's government sponsor should make a formal request to Dr. Tom Johnson (thjohnso@nps.navy.mil). Dr. Johnson will then provide the data model and add the vendors to the distribution list for future updates.

Q115. CDRLs B0003 and B0004 are missing the contract line reference. What is the correct line reference?

A115. The correct references are B0003 – C.3.10.2.2 and B0004 – C17.5.2

Q116. CDRL A0013 is shown as deleted. Is this correct?

A116. Yes

Q117. The reference in this sections refers to the requirement of 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 above…… Should not the reference be to 3.4.1 and 3.4.2?

A117. The correct reference is 3.4.1 and 3.4.2.

Q118. A reference to Small Business Participation states to include it in Volume IV. Please verify that Small Business Participation is included in Volume III as stated in Section L.2.1 and there are a total of three Volumes for the entire proposal submittal?

A118. Agree. A total of three volumes will be requested in the final RFP. Small Business Participation should be included in Volume III.

Q119. The answer to question #53 in the Q&A released on November 9th seems to be in conflict with both the answer to #50 and Performance Specification 6.5 because: 1) The answer provided under #53 says that the dosage should not be re-set automatically, it should only be reset by the operator. In addition, it also states that the dosage should cover a 72 hour mission period, and 2) The answer provided to #50 suggests that the dosage derived Hazard levels can change from Medium to Low. These two answers seem to be in conflict as the accumulated dosage cannot decrease without an automatic reset.

Also, Section 6.5 of the performance specification suggests that there is a time interval for integration of 2 to 10 minutes for Low and Medium hazards and 30 to 50 minutes for High hazard levels. Stating clearly that the integrations are rolling integrations or estimates of the integrations over the appropriate time periods. The answer to #53 now suggests that the integration time should be 72 hours.

Would the Government please clarify the apparent conflict?

A119. A53 (Performance Specification 3.1.2.5) refers only to stored (historical) data, not live dosage calculation. The detector must store all dosage information over a 72 hour period of continuous operation. Data older than 72 hours may be overwritten with newer data, otherwise that data must remain stored in the detector's memory until it is downloaded by an operator who may then clear it from the detector's memory. The integration times in section 6.5 of the Performance Specification shall be used for all dosage calculations.

Q120. The format for the proposal preparation states the font size for text is 12 point and 10 point is acceptable for foldout pages or electronic spreadsheets. Will the Government allow 8 point font for graphical illustrations to allow for greater detail when labeling flow lines, etc.?

A120. Yes, the smaller font will be allowed in graphical illustrations.

Q121. It is noted that testing criteria for the units delivered under CLIN 0001 is included in both Sections L and M. Since Section L contains the instructions to the offerors on how to prepare the proposal and Section M contains the evaluation criteria for the proposal, we are unclear about the Governments intention as to how we are to use the testing criteria now included in Sections Land M in preparing and/or evaluating the

proposal. We recommend that the referenced subsections from L and M be removed from L and M and placed in a different section of the RFP, possibly Section A, with reference to the option CLINs starting with CLIN 0015, LRIP, that are dependent upon the JCAD units passing the various gate criteria. Will the Government follow this recommendation to separate the proposal preparation and evaluation critieria from the JCAD unit testing evaluation criteria to clarify the overall RFP instructions?

A121. Agree. The testing criteria have been removed from the Instructions to Offerors (Section L) and will only be included in the Evaluation Factors for Award (Section M) in the Final RFP.

Q122. The Amendment 1 release to the Performance Specification updated the previous threshold requirement for a personal detector to have a weight of 2 pounds or less to just an objective requirement having a JCAD unit weighing 2 pounds or less. It appears that the new wording of 3.2.5.h would permit a personal detector that would be worn on a soldier's LBE to weigh in excess of 2 pounds (possibly 5 -10 pounds). With the removal of the words "personal detector", is the Government no longer concerned about obtaining a personal detector that can be worn by the war fighter that weighs less than 2 pounds? Is the Government planning to reinstate the original requirement in the final RFP?

A122. No. The statement is correct as an objective requirement.

Q123. Will the Government permit the product marketing literature to be placed at the end of the Technical Volume I as an appendix and not be included in the 50 page requirement for Volume I?

A123. Yes, it can be included at the Offerors discretion but will not be evaluated.

Q124. With reference to draft statement of work section C.17.5, Configuration Management, industry requests clarification of the requirements and responsibilities for configuration management. Specifically, will the Government assume the role of Current Document Change Authority (reference MIL-HDBK-61A, Section 3.3 Definitions) for any aspect of the configuration baseline other than the detector and integration kit performance specifications and interface control documents during the period of performance of the base and/or any option awards?

A124. The Government will only assume the role of Current Document Change Authority (reference MIL-HDBK-61A, Section 3.3 Definitions) for the detector and integration kit performance specifications and interface control documents during the period of performance of the base and/or any option awards. For all other configuration change issues the Government would only participate via the Configuration Control Board (CCB) process.

Q125. For the DFAR Trade Agreements clause to apply, the deliverables in the JCAD solicitation have to fall within one of the federal supply groups listed in 225.401-70 (attached). However, none of these groups, other than "99 Miscellaneous" seem to apply

to JCAD. Please clarify whether the Trade Agreements clause is applicable to this procurement.

A125. Use “99 Miscellaneous”.

Q126. The prescription clause for 252.225-7036, 225.1101(10)(i), states to use this clause when the estimated value equals or exceeds $25,000 but is less than $193,000, which doesn't apply to this procurement.

A126. This clause no longer applies.

Q127. The ILA Checklist which was included in the Draft RFP has not been included as an attachment in the Final RFP. Was it the Government’s intent to exclude this checklist from the RFP?

A127. The ILA Checklist will be added in the next revision to the RFP.

Q128. Is the CLIN pricing to include only the cost to prepare a list of accessories or does the Government expect pricing for the accessories? If the Government expects pricing of the accessories, what are the quantities to be priced?

A128. CLIN 0001E will be deleted and SOW Para C.3.6 will be changed to read "Accessories: Contractor shall provide an accessories list as part of the proposal with prices for information purposes only".

Q129. The solicitation references both FAR 52.225-5 and DFAR 252.225-7021. The prescription clause for the DFAR Trade Agreements clause, 225.1101(6)(i), though, states to use the DFAR clause instead of the FAR clause.

A129. Use the DFARS clause.