	PART III – LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS SECTION J –LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
J.1	PAST PERFORMANCE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE
they for expe shal addi	erors shall forward the attached Past Performance Survey Questionnaire to customers(s) who have selected to complete the survey of their past performance. The offeror is responsible communicating to the selected customer(s) that the customer(s) need to address the erience factors identified in Section L.7.2.1.3.1 in completing the questionnaire. The offeror 1 inform the selected customer(s) that the completed questionnaire must be received by the ressee listed on the questionnaire no later than the proposal due date set forth in Standard in 33 issued with the solicitation.
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Cus	tomer Contact Information:
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Rea	son for contract termination (if applicable):
	nificant Accomplishments/Awards: (Provide a brief description of significant omplishments, awards, and performance incentives achieved during the contract performance od)

Issues and Problems: (Provide a brief description of any problems and issues that occurred during the contract performance period, including any performance disincentives/penalties)

Performance Evaluation: On a scale of 1 to 5, with a rating of 3 being satisfactory and 5 being the highest attainable score, please assign a rating to the contractor's project performance on each of the following elements. Provide a brief narrative to support any rating above or below 3.

Performance Element	Performance Rating (1-5)	Comments
1. Quality and timeliness of service		
2. Ability to meet performance goals		
3. Ability to manage content and keep data current		
4. Accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of reports		
5. Competency of personnel employed		
6. Effectiveness of recruitment and employee retention program		
7. Effectiveness of training program		

Performance Element	Performance Rating (1-5)	Comments
8. Ability to respond quickly in crisis or high priority situations		
9. Ability to respond to work volume fluctuations		
10. Speed of trouble and complaint resolution		
11. Effectiveness of quality assurance and quality improvement programs		
12. Flexibility and responsiveness to accommodate changes		
13. Commitment to keeping technology up-to-date		
14. Adherence to industry best practices		
15. Effectiveness of management team, including management of subcontractors		
16. Ability to identify and solve problems with minimal oversight		
17. Ability to display initiative in identifying and providing solutions		
18. Overall customer satisfaction		
Signature:		Date:

2425 Survey Questionnaire Submission Instructions:

27 Please submit the completed Past Performance Survey Questionnaire to:

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29 Robert Corey
30 Contracting Officer

31	Service Development Acquisition Center
32	Federal Technology Service
33	General Services Administration
34	10300 Eaton Place, Room 509
35	Fairfax, VA 22203-2030

J.2 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INDEX

Offerors are required to submit, as part of their technical proposal, an Index referencing the page and paragraph numbers that contain their response/methodlogy/narrative, on an item by item basis to all requirements of this solicitation. Offerors shall complete Table J.2 provided below by inserting a reference in the "Contractor Proposal Reference" column which indicates the section or page reference number from the offeror's proposal that describes its solution or approach for meeting the stated requirement. Offerors shall include a completed copy of the table as part of their proposal submission package.

Table J.2 – Technical Proposal Index

RFP		
Reference	Requirement	Contractor Proposal Reference
L.7.2.1.2	Executive Summary	
L.7.2.1.3	Experience	
L.7.2.1.3.1	Minimum Required Experience	
L.7.2.1.3.2	Documentation of Experience	
L.7.2.1.4	Past Performance	
L.7.2.1.5	Technical Approach	
L.7.2.1.5.1	Services to be Provided	
C.3.1	Automated Services	
C.3.1.1	Automated Voice Response Services	
C.3.1.2	Facsimile Services	
C.3.1.3	Voice Mail Service	
C.3.1.4	Automated Callback (Telephone)	
C.3.1.5	Web Callback	
C.3.1.6	On-Line Ordering	
C.3.1.7	E-Mail Web Form	
C.3.1.8	Automated Telephone Appointment Service	
C.3.1.9	Web-Based Appointment Service	
C.3.1.10	Hosted FAQ Service	
C.3.2	Attended Services	
C.3.2.1	Responding to Telephone Inquiries	
C.3.2.2	Outbound Calling Services	
C.3.2.3	Responding to Postal Mail Inquiries	
C.3.2.4	Responding to E-Mail Inquiries	
C.3.2.5	Responding to Facsimile Inquiries	
C.3.2.6	Interactive Web Services	

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	Technical Proposal Index	
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Reference	Requirement Other Suggest Services	Contractor Proposal Reference
C.3.3	Other Support Services	
C.3.3.1	Fulfillment Services	
C.3.3.2	Transcription Service	
C.3.3.3	Language Translation Service	
C.3.4	Directory Listing Services	
C.3.5	Technical and Management Services	
C.3.5.1	Core Project Management Support	
C.3.5.2	Program Management	
C.3.5.3	Technology Management	
C.3.5.4	Information and Relationship Management	
C.3.5.5	Human Resources Management	
C.3.5.6	Performance Management	
C.3.5.7	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	
C.3.5.8	Management Reports	
C.3.5.9	Security	
C.3.5.10	Contingency/Disaster Recovery	
C.3.5.11	Value Engineering and Design	
C.3.6	Special Project Support	
L.7.2.1.5.2	Facilities and Technology Infrastructure	
C.5	Facilities to be Provided	
C.5.1	General Requirements	
C.5.2	Facility Infrastructure	
C.5.3	Site Selection and Facility Design Reqmts.	
C.5.4	Project Housing	
C.5.4.1	Exclusive-Use Space	
C.5.5	Facility Access	
C.6	Technology Infrastructure to be Provided	
C.6.1	Inquiry Processing Technology and Services	
C.6.2	E-Mail Routing and Management	
C.6.3	Knowledge Management	
C.6.4	Contact Management	
C.6.5	Workforce Management	
C.6.6	Customer Survey Automation	
C.6.7	Compliment and Complaint Management	
C.6.8	Service Monitoring and Quality Control	
C.6.9	Training	
C.6.10	Literature Fulfillment	
C.6.10	Voice Mail and Electronic Mail	
C.6.12	Power Supply Detahase Design	
C.6.13	Database Design	
C.7	Telecommunications Services to be Provided	
C.7.1	Local Telecommunications Services and	

Table J.2 – Technical Proposal Index

RFP		
Reference	Requirement Contractor Proposal Reference	
	Internet Access	
C.7.2	Intercity Telecommunications Services	
C.7.3	Network Design	
C.7.4	Network Termination Equipment	
C.7.5	Service Coordination	
C.7.6	Telephone Number Ownership	
C.7.7	Internet Domain Ownership	
L.7.2.1.5.3	Strategy and Approach for Information and	
	Relationship Management	
L.7.2.1.5.4	Phase-In Plan	
L.7.2.1.5.5	Security Plan	
L.7.2.1.5.6	Disaster Recovery/Contingency Plan	
L.7.2.1.5.7	Emergency Response Capability	
L.7.2.1.6	Management Plan	
L.7.2.1.6.1	Program Management Plan	
L.7.2.1.6.2	Key Personnel	
L.7.2.1.6.3	Human Resources Management Plan	
L.7.2.1.6.4	Service Level Management Plan	
L.7.2.1.6.5	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Plan	
L.7.2.1.6.6	Operations Management Plan	
L.7.2.1.7	Plan for Special Hiring	

J.3 FEDERAL CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER NATIONAL CONTACT CENTER SAMPLE TASK ORDER REQUIREMENTS

 The Government intends to issue a task order against the resultant contract of this solicitation to support the operation of the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) National Contact Center (NCC). The information contained in this section represents the most current requirements of the NCC and is intended to serve as a sample task that could be performed under this contract. The actual NCC task requirements, when and if released, may contain updated and/or different requirements than those contained in this section. Nothing in this section should be construed as a commitment from the government to actually procure this type of task order. Though the government currently intends to procure these services, intervening events may occur which dramatically alters the scope, type or even existence of this sample task order. The following sample detail is only included to assist the bidders in their preparation of the proposals for the overall IDIQ contract and should not construed as an intention to actually procure the services as described.

J.3.1 Program Description

The Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) manages a National Contact Center (NCC) that responds to public inquiries seeking information on a wide range of government programs. The

Government contracted out the operations of the NCC in 1990. In FY2003, the NCC responded to over 1.9 million telephone calls and 20,000 e-mail inquiries, took orders for over 242,000 consumer publications, and distributed over 700 printed documents. The NCC currently supports the following activities:

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Responding to public inquiries – The NCC serves as a public information referral service that was established by law in 1978 to provide citizens with information on a wide range of Federal Government programs and services. Citizens seeking general government information can reach the NCC by toll-free telephone service from the United States and Canada (1-800-FED-INFO for voice, 1-800-326-2996 for TTY). Callers from other foreign countries can call the NCC by dialing a commercial telephone number. The NCC responds to live inquiries between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm eastern time, weekdays, except Federal holidays. Recorded information is available 24 x 7 through a network-based IVR service currently provided by the Government. Prior to 2003, the NCC responds to public inquiries seeking information on a wide range of government programs primarily via the telephone. In April 2003, the NCC expanded its service to include responding to public e-mail inquiries received through the FirstGov.gov and other FCIC related websites (e.g. pueblo.gsa.gov) and to receive inquiries and transmit information by facsimile. E-mail inquiries are directed to the NCC via an e-mail web form hosted at the various websites and are responded to in accordance with business rules established by the Government. The NCC also fulfills requests for selected Government publications and forms that are provided by the agencies to the NCC for distribution. Table J.3.1-1 provides a sample of the most popular general public inquiry topics that the NCC handles. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) handled by the NCC can also be viewed on the NCC's website (info.gov) maintained by the Government.

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In support of the USA Services initiative, the NCC also serves as the Government's clearinghouse for misdirected telephone and e-mail inquiries forwarded by participating Federal agencies. Misdirected inquiries are defined as those inquiries that involve subjects that are outside of the purview of the forwarding agency. For misdirected telephone inquiries, the agency can either tell the public to call the NCC at 1-800-FED-INFO or transfer the calls to the NCC for assistance. For misdirected e-mail inquiries, the agency can either direct the public to the FirstGov.gov website or forward the inquiries to the NCC, preferably via a central forwarding mailbox established by the agency. As part of the USA Services initiative, GSA currently has working agreements with 14 Federal agencies to route misdirected e-mail inquiries to the NCC for response and/or routing. GSA expects the number of participating agencies to grow substantially over time. The NCC will respond to these forwarded inquiries in the same manner as those received directly from the public. E-mail inquiries forwarded to the NCC are responded to in accordance with business rules mutually established by the NCC and the forwarding agency. The NCC Contractor is expected to work with the agencies to set up the forwarding mail boxes and to conduct tests to verify proper routing protocols for sending, receiving, and tracking of e-mail inquiries.

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Performing order intake for consumer publications – The NCC receives telephone orders for consumer publications and responds to telephone and e-mail inquiries matters related to these publications. For telephone access, the public can call a toll-free telephone service from the United States and Canada (1-888-8-PUEBLO) and receive live assistance between 8:00 am and

8:00 pm eastern time, weekdays, except Federal holidays. Recorded information is available 24 x 7 through a premised-based IVR service provided by the current NCC contractor. During non-business hours, callers may leave ordering information for "free" publications via a voicemail service provided by the current NCC contractor. The recorded order information is then transcribed and included with other telephone publication orders. Telephone publication orders are then forwarded to a Government distribution center at Pueblo, Colorado, a facility maintained by the Government Printing Office (GPO), for processing and distribution. The NCC intends to maintain the current relationship with GPO for processing and distribution of consumer publications.

For ordering publications and obtaining other consumer-related information via the Internet, the public can access the pueblo.gsa.gov website maintained by the Government. A list of available publications can be viewed by clicking the "Order" on the website's menu selection bar. The public can submit questions by accessing an e-mail web form hosted on the website. The questions are directed to the NCC for response in accordance with business rules established by the FCIC.

Responding to emergency calls for the Department of State - The NCC currently operates the Emergency Response Hotline for the Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizen Services (1-888-407-4747). The Hotline responds to calls on international child abduction, overseas adoption, and overseas emergency matters. The Hot Line is normally staffed between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm eastern time on weekdays, except Federal holidays. Recorded information is available 24 x 7 through a network-based IVR service provided by the Government. In emergency situations, the NCC provides expanded or 24 x 7 coverage to respond to calls from American citizens from around the world within 3 hours of receiving notification from the Department of State. Table J.3.1-2 provides a sample of the most popular telephone inquiry topics that the NCC handles for OCS.

Responding to public inquiries for the Department of Interior – The NCC currently provides telephone (1-800-344-WILD) inquiry response support to the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Routine inquiries are responded to by the NCC and more complex inquiries are referred to FWS employees for response. Telephone inquiry response support is provided between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm eastern time on weekdays, except Federal holidays. Recorded information is available 24 x 7 through a premised-based IVR service provided by the current NCC contractor. Table J.3.1-3 provides a sample of the most popular telephone inquiry topics that the NCC handles for FWS. A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) can also be viewed on the FWS website (www.fws.gov) maintained by FWS.

Responding to public inquiries for General Services Administration - The NCC currently provides e-mail inquiry response support to GSA's Office of Public Affairs. E-mail inquiries are directed to the NCC via an auto-forwarding mailbox established and maintained by GSA and are responded to in accordance with business rules established by GSA. Table J.3.1-4 provides a sample of the most popular telephone and e-mail inquiry topics that the NCC handles for GSA.

Responding to public inquiries for other eGov initiatives - GSA intends to leverage the NCC capabilities to provide telephone, e-mail, and other inquiry response support to other eGov

initiatives (e.g., GovBenefits) that have similar requirements as the work performed by the NCC. These initiatives generally have work volumes not in excess of 1,500 telephone and/or 500 email inquiries per month.

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Table J.3.1-1 – Sample of Popular General Public Inquiry Topics

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Category	Questions		
Travel	Passports – New, Renew		
Immigration &	Green Card, Visa, Travel Documents, Lost Naturalization Cert,		
Naturalization	How to become a US Citizen		
Assistance	Education, Housing, Utilities, Food Stamps, Disaster assistance		
Complaints	Telephone bill, Cable bill, TV programming, Cell phone service, scams, fraud		
Employment	Discrimination, Workplace safety, Local employment office, Minimum wage, FMLA		
Checks/Taxes	I received a check what is it for? I need to change the name, address, or the amount is wrong, Bush Tax Cut, property tax		
Authentication	What do I need to do to authenticate a document, what is the status of my request?		
Copyright/Patent Trademark	Company name, song, book		
Money	Savings bonds – purchase, cash in, value of. Same info for T-bonds and T-bills but Savings Bonds most frequent		
Social Security	Contact a local office, Death benefits, lost check, lost card, apply for a card, Denial of Benefits		
Vital Records	Obtain copies of birth, death, marriage certificates. Change name on birth certificate, I'm a US citizen but was born in a foreign country how can I get a birth certificate?		
Federal Jobs	How do I find out if there are any Federal jobs in my area, How do I apply		
SBA	Can I get a grant to start a business,		
Mail	Phone number for my local post office, Stop my mail, US Postal jobs		
Federal buildings	Can I drive up to the building, I want to call someone who works in the Federal Building at, where is building located, How can I find out the schedule for special events,		
Military	Sign up for the draft, lost my draft card, locate a particular base, Questions about pay, Military passport		
Retirement	Federal Benefit questions, Federal Benefits complaints,		
IRAQ	Reconstruction contract jobs, working in Iraq, working as a police officer,		
Security	How to work for TSA, Complain about TSA at airport		
Veterans Benefits	Benefit questions, questions about my VA pension		

Table J.3.1-2 – Sample of Popular OCS Inquiry Topics

Category	Sample Questions
Travel Warnings	Is it safe to go? Should I go or not? Is it for real?
Address Information	Fax/phone/address information for consulates and embassies
	How do I sign my child up for the program? What if I am worried
Children issues	about child abduction? I am trying to adopt overseas, what should I
	do?
Immigration questions	How to bring someone here from abroad? How do I replace a lost
minigration questions	green card? How do I replace lost citizenship documents?
Children born overseas	How do I get a copy of the birth abroad certificate? What if I
Cimaren born overseas	didn't register my child, what do I do now?
Passport information	How to obtain one? Where to go? How long it takes? How to get
1 assport information	one in a rush?
	How do I pay my taxes when I move overseas? Do I have to pay
Moving overseas	taxes if I move overseas? Will I lose my citizenship if I move
	overseas? Will I be able to collect social security?

Table J.3.1-3 – Sample of Popular FWS Inquiry Topics

Category	Sample Questions
Hunting	Where can I go for hunting? Can I hunt deer in November in X
Hunting	state?
Fishing	Where can I go to get a fishing license in X town?
	What are the Federal regulations for hunting on a refuge? I saw a
Wildlife Refuges	teddy bear at a refuge and they gave me this number to call to order
	it.
Endangered Species	Is the X bird endangered?
Migratory Birds	Where can I send information on birds I've observed migrating?
Permits	What are the permit requirements to export or re-export products
Publications	How many copies of X can I get? Are they free?
Employment & Grants	How do I get a job with FWS? How many job openings are there
Employment & Grants	for FWS in my area?
	What grants are available for the benefits of wildlife and its
Grants	habitat? I saw something about Tribal grants, can you tell me
	about them?
Law Enforcement	I want to know the Federal law of trade and sale of wildlife. I want
Law Emorcement	to report someone who killed an American black bear.

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Table J.3.1-4 – Sample of Popular GSA Inquiry Topics

Category	Sample Questions
	How can I do business with the government? How can I get on the
Federal Supply Service	GSA Schedule? What is GSA Advantage? How do I order
	Government supplies?
Employment	How can I use GSA QuickHire?
Forms	Have you updated Form X
Public Building Service	Who is the facility manager for X building? When will X
Fublic Building Service	courthouse be completed? How can I get a parking spot in X

Table J.3.1-4 – Sample of Popular GSA Inquiry Topics

Category	Sample Questions
	federal building?
Office of Government- wide Policy	What is the policy for travel on weekends? How is per diem set?

170 J.3.2 Purpose/Scope

- 171 The FCIC seeks to establish a contractor-provided and managed multi-channel contact center to
- 172 respond to inquiries for government information and services, as described in Section J.3.1. The
- 173 Contractor shall furnish the necessary facilities, personnel, equipment, supplies, and services to
- 174 assume the operation of the NCC. The Government intends to leverage the capabilities of the
- 175 new NCC to network with other Federal Government contact centers to form a seamless citizen
- 176 information network to better serve the citizens.

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J.3.2.1 Objectives

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The FCIC expects to realize the following benefits:

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1. Position the FCIC's public information services on par with private industry standards by providing customers with easily accessible, consistent, timely, and professional responses to their inquiries via their preferred method of communication.

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2. Provide increased capability for the NCC to network with Government contact center community to establish a seamless citizen information network that fosters efficient use of knowledge and resources in the delivery of government information and services.

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3. Provide increased capability to deliver fully managed multi-channel inquiry response and management solutions to meet the needs of Federal agencies and programs.

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4. Reduce other agencies' burden of handling misdirected inquiries.

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5. Provide increased capability to measure and control the delivery of information services to meet the evolving needs of citizens.

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6. Gain and sustain access to state-of-the-art technology that is scalable to meet current and future requirements.

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7. Control information dissemination costs;

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J.3.2.2 Period of Performance

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- The period of performance of this task order shall cover a Base Period of one (1) year, followed by four (4) consecutive Option Periods of one (1) year each. Expiration of the last option period
 - will occur concurrent with the expiration date of the base IDIQ contract. The Base Period shall 205
 - 206 include a 90-day period for transitioning the NCC to a new multi-channel contact center.

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J.3.2.3 Transition and Start-Up

209 The Contractor shall complete the transition of the existing NCC operations to a new multi-210 channel contact center within ninety (90) days after the issuance of Notice-To-Proceed. The 211 incumbent contractor houses the NCC in Indianapolis, Indiana. During this period, the 212 contractor shall work with the government to develop a sound project implementation plan and 213 to perform all preparatory work to establish the new contact center. The Government will work 214 with the both the incumbent and the successor Contractor and anticipates no more than ninety 215 (90) days for full transition. Government personnel will closely monitor the Contractor's effort 216 to ensure a successful launch. Based on the Contractor's ability and expert advice on 217 transitioning the work volume, the government reserves the right to coordinate with the 218 contractor to achieve a staffing plan that minimizes disruption of the existing services and 219 seamlessly transitions the customer base and work volumes to the new center.

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J.3.3 Inquiries Handled by the NCC

222 The primary role of the NCC is to serve as a referral service for the general public who seek 223 information on a wide range of government programs, including those administered by the 224 Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the Federal Government, certain State and Local 225 governments, and private entities. The NCC also performs order intakes for consumer 226 publications and provides inquiry response support to several agencies, including: Department of 227 State, Office of Overseas Citizen Services; Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service; 228 General Services Administration, Office of Public Affairs; and other eGov initiatives (e.g., 229 GovBenefits). Inquiries to the NCC may be by telephone, facsimile, e-mail, postal mail, the 230 Internet, or other media as appropriate. The inquiries generally fall under the following 231 categories:

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- 1. Referrals
- 2. General information inquiries
- 3. Inquiries on specific programs and services
- 4. Fulfillment requests
- 5. Orders for publications
- 238 6. Congressional inquiries
- 7. Emergency inquiries
- 240 8. Contingency-related inquiries
- 241 9. Complaint calls
- 242 10. Comments/feedback

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In responding to an inquiry, the Contractor shall analyze the inquiry, retrieve available information from all pertinent sources, and provide assistance in a courteous and responsive manner that satisfies the inquirer's needs. The Contractor shall respond to information requests

generally through the use of one or a combination of methods and response options described in Section C.2.1.7 of this solicitation.

J.3.3.1 NCC Work Flow

The NCC currently handles general public inquiries, consumer publication requests and related inquiries, and inquiries relating to other agency programs. The NCC's current workflow processes for telephone, e-mail, postal mail, and facsimile inquiries for various activities are described below. The current workflow processes are provided as a frame of reference as to how work is currently being done. The Contractor shall develop the optimum workflow processes to meet project requirements, using industry best practices as applicable. The Contractor is expected to manage the workflow processes and make any adjustments from time to time to ensure performance objectives are met. The Contractor shall obtain approval from the Government prior to implementing any changes on the workflow processes. The Government reserves the right to change the work flow requirements at any time after task order issuance to accommodate changes in program requirements on an as-needed basis.

J.3.3.1.1 NCC Telephone Inquiry Call Flow

J.3.3.1.1.1 General Public Telephone Inquiry Call Flow

A caller places a call to 1-800-FED-INFO to seek government information and assistance.

The call is delivered to an interactive voice response (IVR) service furnished either by the Contractor or the Government. The automated service provides a menu of services that access answers to frequently asked questions and provide an option for the caller to enter his or her Zip Code information. For certain government services, the IVR provides an option for the caller to be automatically transferred to another government contact center for assistance. If the caller is unable to satisfy his or her inquiry via the IVR service, or prefers to talk to a live Information Specialist (IS), the caller can, during normal business hours, select the option to speak to a live IS for assistance. If the call is received after normal business hours, the caller is informed of the business hours and asked to call back during those hours on the next business day. Calls that are forwarded for live assistance are queued for IS handling.

After the caller is routed to an IS, the IS requests the caller to provide his or her zip code information and responds to the caller's initial request and any other additional requests the caller makes. The IS retrieves data from a knowledge base to respond to customer requests and/or records the required information needed to complete any fulfillment actions. When necessary, the IS probes the caller for specific information to facilitate the response process.

The IS either completes the call or refers the caller to the appropriate Government agency(ies) for completion. For more complex questions (about 12% of callers handled by the IS), the IS escalates the call to a more experienced IS for further assistance. If further research is needed in order to respond to the caller's question (about 4% of the escalated calls), the IS will conduct the research offline and call the caller back with the appropriate answer at a later time. At call termination, the IS performs after-call wrap-up procedures and logs necessary action items and call information.

293 J.3.3.1.1.2 Consumer Publication Telephone Inquiry Call Flow

A caller places a call to 1-888-8-PUEBLO for consumer publication ordering and assistance.

The call is delivered to an interactive voice response (IVR) service furnished either by the Contractor or the Government. The automated service provides some programmatic information, a menu of publication ordering choices and automated fax-back service to receive free consumer publications. Calls are then queued for IS handling. If all the ISs are busy or if the call is received after normal business hours, the caller is offered the option of ordering "free" publications via a voicemail service. The name and address information recorded in the voicemail will then be transcribed and entered into the database.

After the caller is routed to an IS, the IS responds to the caller's initial request and any other additional requests the caller makes. The IS retrieves data from a knowledge base to respond to the caller's requests and/or records the required publication ordering information in the database. At call termination, the IS performs after-call wrap-up procedures and logs necessary action items and call information.

310 J.3.3.1.1.3 Department of State (DOS) Overseas Citizen Service (OCS) Inquiry Call Flow

A caller places a call to 1-888-407-4747 to seek OCS-related information and assistance.

The call is delivered to an interactive voice response (IVR) service furnished either by the Contractor or the Government. The automated service provides a menu of services that access answers to frequently asked questions. If the caller is unable to satisfy his or her inquiry via the IVR service, or prefers to talk to a live Information Specialist (IS), the caller can, during normal business hours, select the option to speak to a live IS for assistance. If the call is received after normal business hours, the caller is informed of the business hours and asked to call back during those hours on the next business day, or if the call is an emergency, the caller is provided with an emergency telephone number to call for assistance. Calls that are forwarded for live assistance are queued for IS handling.

After the caller is routed to an IS, the IS responds to the caller's initial request and any other additional requests the caller makes. The IS retrieves data from an OCS-specific knowledge base to respond to the caller's requests. When necessary, the IS probes the caller for specific information to facilitate the response process.

The IS either completes the call, or for more complex questions (about 24% of calls handled by the IS), escalates the call to a more experienced IS for further assistance. If direct DOS assistance is needed (about 85% of escalated calls), the IS either consults (about 5% escalated calls) with a DOS caseworker and provide the response, or transfers (about 80% of escalated calls) the caller, via attended transfer, to a designated DOS representative for assistance. A majority of the escalated calls involve Abductions or Abduction Prevention and complex adoption questions. About 10% of the escalated calls involve crisis situations. At call termination, the IS performs after-call wrap-up procedures and logs necessary action items and call information.

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- 338 J.3.3.1.1.4 Fish and Wildlife (FWS) Inquiry Call Flow.
- A caller places a call to 1-888-344-WILD to seek FWS-related information and assistance.

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341 The call is delivered to an interactive voice response (IVR) service furnished either by the 342 Contractor or the Government. The automated service provides a menu of services that access 343 answers to frequently asked questions. If the caller is unable to satisfy his or her inquiry via the 344 IVR service, or prefers to talk to a live Information Specialist (IS), the caller can, during normal 345 business hours, select the option to speak to a live IS for assistance. If the call is received after 346 normal business hours, the caller is offered the option of leaving his or her call-back information 347 via a voicemail service for a return call during the next business day. Calls that are forwarded 348 for live assistance are queued for IS handling.

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After the caller is routed to an IS, the IS responds to the caller's initial request and any other additional requests the caller makes. The IS retrieves data from an FWS-specific knowledge base or use the FWS website to respond to the caller's requests and/or records the required information needed to complete any fulfillment requests. When necessary, the IS probes the caller for specific information to facilitate the response process.

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The IS either completes the call, or for more complex questions (about 9% of calls handled by the IS), consults with a FWS employee at a FWS location and provide a response to the caller, or for about 5% of the complex calls, transfers the call via attended transfer to a designated FWS representative at FWS for assistance. At call termination, the IS performs after-call wrap-up procedures and logs necessary action items and call information.

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- J.3.3.1.2 E-Mail Inquiry Workflow
- 363 The NCC currently responds to e-mail inquiries from users of the following websites:
- FirstGov.gov, pueblo.gsa.gov. The NCC also responds to e-mail inquiries on behalf of GSA's
- 365 Office of Public Affairs, and receives and responds to e-mail inquiries from other agency(ies)
- 366 who have determined that they are not the appropriate agent for responding to these inquiries.
- 367 These inquiries may be routed to the NCC via a central forwarding mailbox established by each
- agency or from one or more individual mailboxes. The Contractor shall work with the agencies
- to develop the appropriate protocols and procedures for responding to and managing the disposition status of e-mail inquiries.

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- J.3.3.1.2.1 General Public E-Mail Inquiry Work Flow
- The inquirer visits a Government website seeking information on government programs and
- services (e.g., FirstGov.gov). If the inquirer cannot find what he or she is looking for on the website, he or she can access an e-mail web form on the website to send an inquiry on the
- desired subject. The request submitted via the e-mail web form is directly forwarded to the NCC
- 377 for response.

- 379 Upon receipt of the e-mail inquiry at the NCC, the Contractor-provided E-mail Distribution and
- 380 Management system time-stamps, sorts, categorizes, and prioritizes the inquiry based on
- established business rules, and assigns a tracking number that will be used throughout the

process to track the status of the inquiry. As a first step in the response process, a government approved auto-acknowledgement is sent immediately to the e-mail address provided by the inquirer to acknowledge receipt, provide the tracking number for any future communication, and provide an estimated response time.

After the initial acknowledgment, the inquiry is routed to an IS with the appropriate skills for responding to the inquiry. Depending on the nature of the inquiry, the IS either responds directly, refers the inquiry to a more experienced IS for further assistance, or forwards the inquiry to the appropriate agency for direct response. The IS accesses the NCC knowledge base to obtain the relevant information and guidance to respond to the inquiry. For frequently asked questions, the IS selects the appropriate preformatted response to respond to the inquiry. The IS may modify the preformatted response if doing so will enhance the quality and accuracy of the response. If the inquiry is referred to an agency (or agencies) for response, a notice is sent by the IS to inform the inquirer of this action and to provide relevant information on the responding office(s), the expected response time as determined by the agency (if applicable), and contact information. The status log for this inquiry is then updated.

Upon completion of responding to an e-mail message forwarded by the NCC, the responding agency may send a completion notice to the NCC for status update. The completion notice may be in the form of a batch listing containing all referred e-mails handled by that agency organized by tracking number and including a date and time, or a cc or bcc copy of each e-mail response, which then can be used by the NCC to close out the case. If the responding agency elects, as part of its business rules, not to send a completion notice to the NCC, the inquiry will be considered closed upon forwarding as no further action will be required.

A copy of all responses, except auto-acknowledgement, is sent to a designated Government mailbox for quality audit purposes.

J.3.3.1.2.2 Misdirected Public E-Mail Inquiry Work Flow

A Government agency (e.g., Department of Justice) receives an e-mail inquiry from the public. Upon review of the inquiry, the agency determines that the inquiry subject is not within the purview of the agency's mission. The agency forwards the inquiry, via an auto-forwarding mailbox or some other method, to the NCC for response.

Upon receipt of the a misdirected e-mail inquiry, the NCC's e-mail distribution and management system time-stamps, sorts, categorizes, and prioritizes the inquiry based on business rules established with the forwarding agency, and assigns a tracking number that will be used throughout the process to track the status of the inquiry. As a first step in the response process, a government approved auto-acknowledgement is sent immediately to the inquirer as well as to the forwarding agency to acknowledge receipt, provide the tracking number for any future communication, and provide an estimated response time.

After the initial acknowledgment, the inquiry is routed to an IS with the appropriate skills for responding to the inquiry. Depending on the nature of the inquiry, the IS either responds directly, refers the inquiry to a more experience IS for further assistance, or forwards the inquiry to the appropriate agency for direct response. The IS accesses the NCC knowledge base to

obtain the relevant information and guidance to respond to the inquiry. For frequently asked questions, the IS selects the appropriate preformatted response to respond to the inquiry. The IS may modify the preformatted response if doing so will enhance the quality and accuracy of the response. A copy of the response may be sent to the forwarding agency, depending on its preference, to close out the inquiry.

If the inquiry is referred to another agency (or agencies) for response, a notice is sent by the IS to inform the inquirer of this decision and to provide relevant information on the responding office(s), the expected response time as determined by the agency (if applicable), and contact information. Depending on its preference, a copy of the notice may be sent to the forwarding agency to close out the inquiry. The status log for this inquiry is then updated.

Upon completion of responding to an e-mail message forwarded by the NCC, the responding agency may send a completion notice to the NCC for status update. The completion notice may be in the form of a batch listing containing all referred e-mails handled by that agency organized by tracking number and including a date and time, or a cc or bcc copy of each e-mail response, which then can be used by the NCC to close out the case. If the responding agency elects, as part of its business rules, not to send a completion notice to the NCC, the inquiry will be considered closed upon forwarding as no further action will be required.

A copy of all responses, except auto-acknowledgement, is sent to a designated Government mailbox for quality audit purposes.

J.3.3.1.2.3 Agency/Program-Specific E-Mail Work Flow

The inquirer visits a Government website (e.g., pueblo.gsa.gov). If the inquirer cannot find what he or she is looking for, the inquirer can access an e-mail web form on the website to send an inquiry on the desired subject. The request submitted via the web form is directly forwarded to the NCC for response.

Upon receipt of the e-mail inquiry at the NCC, the Contractor-provided e-mail distribution and management system at the NCC time-stamps, sorts, categorizes, and prioritizes the inquiry based on established business rules, and assigns a tracking number that will be used throughout the process to track the status of the inquiry. As a first step in the response process, a government approved auto-acknowledgement is sent immediately to the e-mail address provided by the inquirer to acknowledge receipt, provide the tracking number for any future communication, and provide an estimated response time.

After the initial acknowledgment, the inquiry is routed to an IS with the appropriate skills for responding to the inquiry. Depending on the nature of the inquiry, the IS either responds directly, or refers the inquiry to a more experienced IS for further assistance, or forwards the inquiry to the appropriate contact/office for direct response. The IS accesses the NCC knowledge base to obtain the relevant information and guidance to respond to the inquiry. For frequently asked questions, the IS selects the appropriate preformatted response to respond to the inquiry. The IS may modify the preformatted response if doing so will enhance the quality and accuracy of the response. If the inquiry is referred to another contact for response, a notice is sent by the IS to inform the inquirer of this decision and to provide relevant information on the

474 responding office(s), the expected response time as determined by that office (if applicable), and contact information. The status log for this inquiry is then updated.

Upon completion of responding to an e-mail message forwarded by the NCC, the responding agency may send a completion notice to the NCC for status update. The completion notice may be in the form of a batch listing containing all referred e-mails handled by that agency organized by tracking number and including a date and time, or a cc or bcc copy of each e-mail response, which then can be used by the NCC to close out the case. If the responding agency elects, as part of its business rules, not to send a completion notice to the NCC, the inquiry will be considered closed as no further action will be required.

A copy of all responses, except auto-acknowledgements, is sent to a designated Government mailbox for quality audit purposes.

J.3.3.1.3 Postal Mail Inquiry Work Flow

Inquiries received via postal mail are currently processed as described below. The Contractor shall enhance the process by leveraging the use of preformatted responses to the maximum extent possible in responding to postal inquiries.

The inquirer sends an inquiry via postal mail to a specified postal address maintained by the Contractor.

The Contractor receives the postal mail, assigns time and date of receipt to each inquiry, and routes the inquiry to a qualified IS for response.

If the inquiry is send from within the United States, a post card response is sent to acknowledge receipt of the inquiry and request the inquirer to call 1-800-FED-INFO for assistance. If the inquiry is send from a foreign country, an appropriate written response is prepared and sent to the inquirer via first class mail. Responses to postal mail inquiries may be via telephone, facsimile, e-mail, postal mail, or other communications media, whichever is the most efficient and satisfies the inquirer.

J.3.4 Hours of Operation

The current hours of operation for the various activities supported by the NCC are identified in Table J.3.4 below. The Contractor may perform work that does not require real-time response during non-business hours (e.g., responding to e-mail inquiries), provided that the performance of such tasks does not adversely affect performance objectives. The Contractor shall provide options for expanded telephone coverage to include the periods indicated in Table J.3.4 below.

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Table J.3.	4 – NCC	Hours	OL.	Oberation

Program	Weekday Telephon	e Coverage	Saturday, Sunday,	Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday Telephone				
	(Eastern Time)		Coverage (Eastern	Coverage (Eastern Time)				
	Day Coverage	Night Coverage	Day Coverage	Night Coverage				
General Public	8:00 am							
Inquiries	to	*	**	**				
	8:00 pm							

Table J.3.4 – NCC Hours of Operation

Program	Weekday Telephone (Coverage	Saturday, Sunday, ar	Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday Telephone		
	(Eastern Time)		Coverage (Eastern Tir	ne)		
	Day Coverage	Night Coverage	Day Coverage	Night Coverage		
Consumer	8:00 am					
Publication Inquiries	to	*	**	**		
_	8:00 pm					
State Department	8:00 am	As Needed***	As Needed***	As Needed***		
Emergency	to	8:00 pm	8:00 am	8:00 pm		
Response Hot Line	8:00 pm	to	to	to		
		8:00 am	8:00 pm	8:00 am		
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Department of	8:00 am					
Interior, Fish and	to	None	None	None		
Wildlife Service	8:00 pm					

^{*} The Government is considering expand the hours of telephone coverage for selected programs from 8:00 pm to: 10:00 pm, 12:00 am, or 8:00 am (24 hour coverage). The Contractor shall provide, as an optional service, expanded coverage on weekdays to extend the closing hours as indicated.

An automated voice response service (e.g., Interactive Voice Response (IVR) or equivalent) shall be used to provide unattended service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Contractor shall provide options that allow the Government to select the automated voice response services from either the Contractor or the General Services Administration FTS2001 or other Government contracts, or both.

J.3.5 Services Required

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The Contractor shall furnish the necessary facilities, personnel, equipment, supplies, and services to support the operation of the NCC, including the provision of services identified in Table J.3.5 below. The Contractor shall provide these services in the manner they are described in Section C.3 of this solicitation and this task order SOW. The Government reserves the right to expand services to specific activities and/or request the addition of new services at any time during the effective period of this task order. Any additions and/or changes will be requested through task order modifications.

Table J.3.5 – Services Required

SERVICES	NCC ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED
AUTOMATED SERVICES	
Interactive Voice Response*	Public Inquiry (1-800-FED-INFO) (English & Spanish) Consumer Publications (1-888-8-PUEBLO) (English & Spanish) OCS Hot Line (1-888-407-4747) FWS Hot Line (1-800-344-WILD)

^{**} The Government is considering expanding telephone coverage for selected programs to include Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. The Contractor shall provide, as an optional service, expanded coverage on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays. Optional coverage period shall include the following: from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; from 8:00 am to 12 am; and 24 hour coverage.

^{***} During emergencies, the Government requires the Contractor to provide the required support within 3 hours of notification.

Table J.3.5 – Services Required

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SERVICES	NCC ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED
* The Government may elect to furnish its own network-l	pased IVR services obtained from the Federal Government
	toll-free telephone service if the use of such service is
determined to be in the best interest of the Government. T	The Government reserves the right to furnish these services
	to augment or replace the contractor-provided services at
anytime during the effective contract period.	
Fax-Back/Fax-on-Demand	Consumer Publications
Voice Mail	Consumer Publications FWS Hot Line
Hosted FAQ Service	FirstGov.gov Website (English & Spanish)
ATTENDED SERVICES (Include support for English and Spanish)	
Responding to Telephone Inquiries including outbound	Public Inquiry (English & Spanish)
calling	Consumer Publications (English& Spanish)
	OCS Hot Line
	FWS Hot Line (English & Spanish)
Responding to E-Mail Inquiries	Public Inquiries (Direct from FirstGov.gov and related websites, and Misdirected) (English & Spanish) Consumer Publications (From pueblo.gsa.gov Website) (English & Spanish) GSA-OPA Inquiries
Responding to Postal Mail and Facsimile Inquiries	Public Inquiry (English & Spanish)
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OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	
Fulfillment Service	Public Inquiry
Transcription Service	Consumer Publications (English & Spanish) FWS Hot Line (English & Spanish)
Directory Listing Service	The Contractor shall list the NCC contact number (1-800-FED-INFO) and FirstGov.gov website information in all telephone directories distributed to the public that serve 50,000 or more customers based on statistics published by the Yellow Pages Publishers Association.
TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES (all	All NCC Supported Activities
services as described in Section C.3.5 of this	The state of the s
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OPTIONAL SERVICES	
Web Chat/Co-Browsing	
Voice Recognition	
Text-to-Speech	
Automated Callback	As required
Web Callback	
Web E-mail Form	
On-Line Ordering Form	
Language Translation	
Telephone Appointment Service	
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Table J.3.5 – Services Required

SERVICES	NCC ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED
Web-based Appointment Service	
Expanded Coverage to include Nighttime, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays)	

J.3.5.1 Information and Relationship Management

The Contractor shall perform all functions associated Information and Relationship Management as described in Section C.3.5.4 of this solicitation. The NCC's primary mission is to serve as the Federal Government's information clearinghouse for a broad range of programs and services. In order to perform this function, the contractor is required to maintain a comprehensive knowledge database, and interact with Federal, State, and local government agencies on an ongoing basis to keep abreast of current events and the information needs of the public, and to ensure that the information in the knowledge database remains current. A brief description of the current NCC database structure and associated data elements is available at www.info.gov/rfp/. Prior to implementation, the Government will provide a copy of the current database to the Contractor for incorporation in its knowledge management system. The Contractor shall be responsible for the integration of the data into its knowledge management system and the ongoing maintenance to keep the data current.

The Contractor shall provide access to its knowledge management system via the Internet to up to 10 designated Government employees at remote locations. Access to the knowledge management system shall be limited based on the individual user's program support needs and level of authority, and shall be restricted only to authorized personnel.

J.3.6 Staff to be Provided

The Contractor shall provide qualified personnel in sufficient quantities to perform the NCC functions based on the work volume provided in Section J.3.7 below, including Information Specialists, project management and support staff. The Contractor shall ensure that the staff possess the appropriate qualifications and skills required to perform the task and meet the minimum qualifications competencies set forth in Sections C.4.3.1 and C.4.3.2 of this solicitation. The Contractor shall cross-train the staff to ensure sufficient qualified support is provided at all times to each of the NCC supported activities. All contact center staff shall be situated in contractor-provided facilities with restricted access. All matters pertaining to the employment, supervision, compensation, promotion, and discharge of the Contractor's employees shall be the responsibility of the Contractor, which is in all respects the employer of such employees.

Project Manager and Site Manager are designated as Key Personnel for the purposes of supporting this task. All proposed substitutes shall meet or exceed the qualifications of the person to be replaced. The Government shall be notified in writing of any proposed substitution at least thirty days in advance of the proposed substitution.

566 J.3.6.1 Foreign Language Support

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The Government anticipates that up to fifteen percent (15%) of the inquiries will need to be responded to in Spanish. The Contractor shall provide sufficient Information Specialists who are proficient in Spanish (orally, in writing, or both) to handle this anticipated workload.

J.3.7 Projected Work Volume Data

Table J.3.7-1 – General Public Inquiry Work Volume

Work	IVR	Inbound	TTY	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal	Fulfillment
Volume	Calls*	Calls	Calls	Calls			Mail	requests
		(IS						
		assisted)**						
Oct, 01	162,496	103,165	5	332	2		9	118
Nov, 01	128,173	91,604	24	174	5		12	768
Dec, 01	116,550	77,990	5	63	3		14	77
Jan, 02	179,985	106,120	4	679	6		8	66
Feb, 02	177,672	98,062	8	638	4		28	60
Mar, 02	176,683	115,826	11	494	4		14	30
Apr, 02	174,982	127,776	20	2,926	6		16	217
May, 02	160,728	119,101	13	1,672	11		23	211
Jun, 02	120,887	86,122	8	797	14		16	217
Jul, 02	140,444	84,733	14	837	6		18	128
Aug, 02	131,673	77,764	16	663	12		18	120
Sept, 02	114,909	65,587	6	372	10		11	80
Total Units	1,785,182	1,237,972	134	9,647	83		187	2,092
Average	1.9	3.1	20	4	12		4	
Min/Unit								
Total	3,391,846	3,837,713	2,680	38,588	996		748	
Minutes								
Oct, 02	118,038	65,040	3	361	12		6	99
Nov, 02	94,941	53,427	5	500	6		11	63
Dec, 02	90,296	50,304	10	311	6		16	56
Jan, 03	129,064	68,123	8	396	1		8	71
Feb, 03	142,255	61,592	11	396	1		9	91
Mar, 03	162,949	64,111	9	193	0		21	50
Apr, 03	156,423	58,352	10	228	**		14	69
May, 03	134,329	55,884	11	241	**		5	31
Jun, 03	118,170	57,636	22	220	3,923		23	46
Jul, 03	123,684	61,609	15	317	4,476		22	46
Aug, 03	116,050	56,481	8	315	4,311		6	41
Sept, 03	92,261	50,492	9	202	4,501		10	48
Total Units	1,478,460	703,051	121	3,680	17,145		151	711
Average	1.9	2.4	20	4	7		4	
Min/Unit			_					
Total	2,809,074	1,687,323	2,420	14,720	120,015		604	
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Table J.3.7-1 – General Public Inquiry Work Volume

Work	IVR	Inbound	TTY	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal	Fulfillment
Volume	Calls*	Calls	Calls	Calls			Mail	requests
		(IS						
		assisted)**						

^{*} General Public Inquiries are currently routed to two distinct toll-free telephone numbers (1-800-688-9889, 1-800-FED-INFO). The 1-800-688-9889 number terminates at a premised-based IVR service provided by the current NCC contractor. The 1-800-FED-INFO number terminates at a network-based IVR service provided by the Government through the FTS2001 contract. Both IVR services have similar information and menu selections. The Government intends to route calls from these two numbers to a single IVR service. The calls are routed to the IVR service initially to enable callers to obtain answers to frequently asked questions via the IVR menu. Calls requiring live assistance during normal business hours are then routed to Information Specialists for response.

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Table J.3.7-2 – Consumer Publication Request & Related Inquiry Work Volume

Work	IVR Calls*	Inbound	Voicemail	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile***	Postal
Volume		Calls	Calls **	Calls			Mail
		(IS					
		assisted)					
Oct, 01	14,420	8,946	1,993				
Nov, 01	11,633	6,993	1,445				
Dec, 01	15,026	9,253	1,943				
Jan, 02	57,776	35,753	5,264				
Feb, 02	38,406	25,380	2,886				
Mar, 02	68,774	37,629	6,290				
Apr, 02	35,668	27,010	3,196				
May, 02	14,371	10,363	1,225				
Jun, 02	9,582	6,332	789				
Jul, 02	31,979	23,731	2,934				
Aug, 02	12,417	8,694	1,030				
Sept, 02	11,395	7,247	1,326				
Total Units	321,447	207,511	30,321				
Average	2	3	2.5				
Min/Unit							
Total	642,894	622,533	75,802				
Minutes							
Oct, 02	10,900	7,263	1,070				
Nov, 02	8,288	4,952	1,014				
Dec, 02	8,063	4,545	1,120				
Jan, 03	19,242	14,261	2,488				
Feb, 03	11,307	7,156	1,396				
Mar, 03	26,981	15,702	5,612				
Apr, 03****	74,148	42,936	17,271				
May,	78,912	54,398	14,098				
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Jun, 03	29,929	20,120	5,049		461		
Jul, 03	12,661	8,782	997		440		
Aug, 03	10,545	7,134	827		342		
Sept, 03	11,190	7,973	735		424		
Total Units	320,166	195,222	51,677		1,667		

^{**} The number of e-mail received is not available during this period.

Table J.3.7-2 – Consumer Publication Request & Related Inquiry Work Volume

Work Volume	IVR Calls*	Inbound Calls (IS	Voicemail Calls **	Outbound Calls	E-mail	Facsimile***	Postal Mail
Average Min/Unit	2	assisted) 2.5	2.5		6		
Total Minutes	604,332	488,055	129,193		10,002		

^{*} All calls are currently routed to a premise-based IVR service (provided by the NCC contractor) initially to enable callers to obtain answers to frequently asked questions via the IVR menu. Calls requiring live assistance during normal business hours are routed to Information Specialists for response.

Table J.3.7-3 – Department of State OCS Program Work Volume

OCS Work Volume	Self-service IVR Calls*	Inbound Calls (IS assisted)	Outbound Calls	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal Mail	Fulfillment requests
Oct, 01	1,310	3,973					
Nov, 01	1,061	592					
Dec, 01	2,044	1,310					
Jan, 02	4,135	2,770					
Feb, 02	3,904	2,558					
Mar, 02	4,992	3,200					
Apr, 02	6,041	3,964					
May, 02	4,636	2,525					
Jun, 02	4,897	2,331					
Jul, 02	4,874	2,290					
Aug, 02	5,115	2,410					
Sept, 02	6,071	1,962					
Total Units	49,080	29,885					
Average Min/Unit	1	4.2					
Total Minutes	49,080	125,517					
Oct, 02	7,226	3,748					
Nov, 02	5,521	2,439					
Dec, 02	5,255	2,425					
Jan, 03	7,156	3,335					
Feb, 03	7,362	3,576					
Mar, 03	15,094	8,948					
Apr, 03	10,089	5,046					
May, 03	12,307	4,378					
Jun, 03	10,047	3,117					
Jul, 03	9,911	2,867					

^{**} If Information Specialists are not available or if the calls are received after normal business hours, calls are routed to a voice mail system and the recorded publication order information will then be transcribed into a database for transmission to Pueblo, CO. for processing.

^{***} The Government is currently piloting the use of Fax-Back/Fax-on-Demand service to distribute free consumer publications. Work volume information is not yet available.

^{****} The spike in call volume is due to an article published in the Dear Abby column promoting the Citizen's Survival Kit

Table J.3.7-3 – Department of State OCS Program Work Volume

OCS Work Volume	Self-service IVR Calls*	Inbound Calls (IS assisted)	Outbound Calls	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal Mail	Fulfillment requests
Aug, 03	9,123	2,617					
Sept, 03	7,431	2,292					
Total Units	106,522	44,788					
Average Min/Unit	1.7	4					
Total Minutes	181,088	179,152					

^{*} OCS calls are currently routed to a network-based IVR service provided by the Government. Only calls requiring live assistance are routed to the NCC. An additional 2-3% of calls are completed to the NCC via commercial toll telephone service. These calls terminate at a premised-based IVR service.

Table J.3.7-4 – Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service Work Volume

FWS Work	Self-service	Inbound Calls	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal	Fulfillment
Volume	IVR Calls*	(IS assisted)	Calls			Mail	requests
Oct, 01							
Nov, 01							
Dec, 01							
Jan, 02							
Feb, 02							
Mar, 02							
Apr, 02							
May, 02							
Jun, 02							
Jul, 02							
Aug, 02							
Sept, 02							
Total Units							
Average							
Min/Unit							
Total Minutes							
Oct, 02							
Nov, 02							
Dec, 02							
Jan, 03							
Feb, 03							
Mar, 03							
Apr, 03							
May, 03							
Jun, 03	0.252	2 500					
Jul, 03	9,263	3,680				-	-
Aug, 03	8,493	3,085				-	
Sept, 03	7,591	3,232					
Total Units	25,347	9,997					
Average	1.4	3.1					
Min/Unit							
Total Minutes	35,486	30,991					

Table J.3.7-4 – Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service Work Volume

FWS	Work	Self-service	Inbound Calls	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal	Fulfillment
Volume		IVR Calls*	(IS assisted)	Calls			Mail	requests

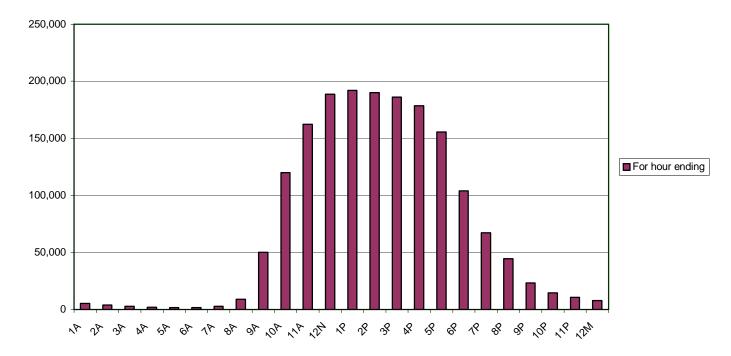
^{*} All calls are currently routed to a premise-based IVR service (provided by the NCC contractor) initially to enable callers to obtain answers to frequently asked questions via the IVR menu. Calls requiring live assistance during normal business hours are routed to Information Specialists for response.

Table J.3.7-5 – General Services Administration, OPA Work Volume

OCS Work		Inbound Calls	Outbound	E-mail	Facsimile	Postal	Fulfillment
Volume	IVR Calls	(IS assisted)	Calls			Mail	requests
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Oct, 01							
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Mar, 02							
Apr, 02							
May, 02							
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Aug, 02							
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Total Units							
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Total Minutes							
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Jan, 03							
Feb, 03							
Mar, 03							
Apr, 03							
May, 03							
Jun, 03				67			
Jul, 03				410			
Aug, 03				370			
Sept, 03				446			
Total Units				1,293			
Average				8			
Min/Unit							
Total Minutes				10,344			

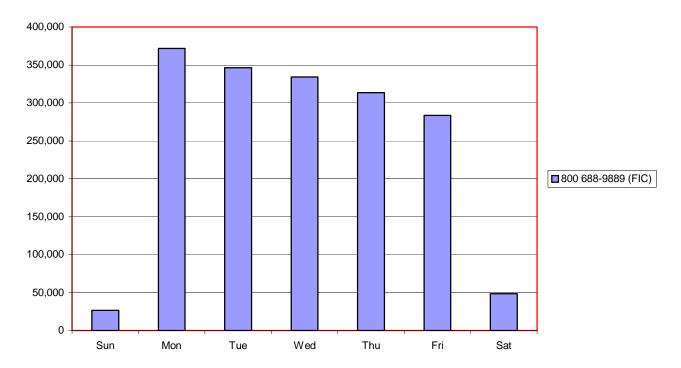
578 J.3.7.1 Time of Day Work Volume Fluctuations (General Public Inquiries)

FY 2002 - "FIC" Calls by Time of Day



J.3.7.2 Day of Week Work Volume Fluctuations (General Public Inquiries)

FY 2002 - "FIC" Calls by Day



J.3.7.3 Work Volume Impact

Actual NCC work volumes may be greater than or less than the volumes incurred to date. The Government will notify the Contractor of any known, or anticipated, impact to work volumes. The Government anticipates that the following events may have an impact on work volumes:

The NCC currently receives a high volume of passport related inquiries. Prior to August 2003, the Passport program was supported via a user-pay service using 900 telephone service and credit card payment methods. The Passport program has converted the user-pay service to a service that uses toll-free telephone service. The conversion from "user-pays" to "no fee" services for the Passport program may reduce the NCC call volumes. The extent of the impact, however, is unknown at this time.

 The NCC began responding to e-mail inquiries in April 2003. The volume of e-mail inquiries has been increasing steadily in subsequent months and is expected to continue to increase as the Government further promotes the use of e-mail as an acceptable way to communicate with citizens. The extent of the impact, however, is unknown at this time.

The Government intends to leverage the capabilities of the NCC to network with other Federal Government contact centers to form a seamless citizen information network to better serve the citizens. The Government intends to encourage other government contact centers to route

misdirected inquiries to their centers to the NCC for assistance. The extent of the impact on the NCC work volumes, however, is unknown at this time.

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The NCC handles order requests for consumer publications and related inquiries. The FCIC sponsors occasional promotion campaigns on consumer publications through the mass media. These promotional campaigns may cause a surge in call volumes. The extent of the impact on the NCC work volumes will vary with the nature and scope of the promotional campaigns.

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The NCC serves agency-specific programs on an as-needed basis (e.g., Emergency Response Hot Line for Department of State). These programs may have a need to meet requirements that are events-driven. The extent of the impact on the NCC work volumes will vary with the nature and scope of the events.

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The Government may elect to furnish its own automated voice response services (e.g., IVR or equivalent, enhanced call routing). The use of such services may reduce the call volume to the contractor-provided contact center.

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The Government intends to implement hosted FAQ service to enable Firstgov.gov web site users to find answers to frequently asked questions via self-service. The implementation of such a service may reduce the NCC work volumes. The extent of the impact on the NCC work volumes, however, is unknown.

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The Government intends to leverage the NCC capabilities to provide telephone, e-mail, and other inquiry response support to other eGov initiatives (e.g., GovBenefits) that have similar requirements as the work performed by the NCC. It is not known at this time how many of these eGov initiatives will require the support of the NCC.

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- 631 J.3.8 Facilities to be Provided
- The Contractor shall provide all facilities required to support the requirements identified in this
- Task Order SOW. All facilities provided shall conform to the requirements set forth in Section
- 634 C.5 of this solicitation. The Contractor shall designate at no additional cost to the Government a
- 635 non-exclusive space for an authorized Government representative, to work when onsite. The
- space shall include enclosed office space and workstation, computer and Internet access,
- 637 telephone and modem lines, administrative support and services, and security. Transitory
- Government personnel shall be provided workspace if available.

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- 640 J.3.9 Technology Infrastructure to be Provided
- The Contractor shall provide and maintain all technology infrastructure needed to support the
- requirements identified in this Task Order SOW. All technology infrastructure provided shall
- meet the minimum requirements set forth in Section C.6 of this solicitation.

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- 645 J.3.9.1 Contact Management System design
- The Contractor shall design the contact inquiry management system to track the following
- information at a minimum:

649 1. Correspondent's name 650 2. Correspondent's mailing address 651 3. Correspondent's telephone number 652 4. Correspondent's fax number 5. Correspondent's e-mail address 653 654 6. Type of inquiry (e.g. phone, facsimile, e-mail) 655 7. Inquiry tracking number 656 8. Inquiry sub-tracking number(s) (if sent to more than one agency)* 657 9. Date inquiry received 658 10. Time inquiry received 11. Date of auto response 659 660 12. Time of auto response 13. Delivery status of auto response 661 14. Date inquiry forwarded to another agency(ies) 662 15. Time inquiry forwarded to another agency(ies) 663 664 16. Delivery status of inquiry forwarded to another agency(ies) 665 17. Date inquiry responses processed by the Contractor 18. Time inquiry responses processed by the Contractor 666 19. Delivery status of inquiry responses processed by the Contractor 667 668 20. Date(s) inquiry cleared (closed out) by agency(ies)* 21. Time(s) inquiry cleared (closed out) by agency(ies)* 669 670 22. Subject of inquiry (entered by IS or customer) 671 23. Subject of inquiry (selected by IS or customer) 24. Nature/subject of inquiry 672 25. Information embedded in mail messages generated via a web e-mail form 673 674 26. Action(s) taken by Contractor 675 27. Nature of response action needed 676 28. Name(s) of agency(ies) the e-mail/fax is forwarded to* 677 29. Response identifier(s)/code(s), if preformatted response(s) are used* 678 679 The system shall be capable of accepting outside input in order to update certain fields (such as 680

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the "Date e-mail cleared by the agency" field). The Contractor shall enter "N/A" into any field without data (e.g., "Date closed by agency" when the response is processed by the Contractor itself). Data input to these fields may be done manually or by batch files.

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For information elements denoted by *, the initial system shall be capable of accommodating up to ten (10) separate entries initially. The system shall be expandable to add additional fields and/or entries as required by the Government.

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- J.3.10 Telecommunications Services to be provided
- 689 The Contractor shall provide the required local exchange carrier (LEC) and Internet access 690 services to meet task requirements. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the following, as 691 described in Section C.7 of this solicitation:

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- 1. Network Design
- 2. Network Termination Equipment

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J.3.10.1 Intercity Telecommunications Services

The Government may provide its own intercity telecommunications services as Government Furnished Equipment or request the Contractor to provide the services as part of the overall solution.

Government furnished intercity telecommunications services may include domestic and international toll-free services and outbound intercity telecommunications and dedicated transmission services (between the contractor facility and government location(s)) furnished through the Federal Government's long distance carrier and other contracts. Dedicated transmission services between contractor facilities shall be provided by the Contractor. Intercity telecommunications services provided by the Government may include the following features:

1. Domestic and international toll-free services with nation-wide single number coverage and call routing features (e.g. area code routing, time of day and day of week routing, percent allocation routing, area code routing, allocation routing, alternative routing)

2. Call termination features (e.g. network call transfer, dialed number identification service (DNIS)

3. Automatic number identification (ANI)

4. Automated voice response service (e.g. IVR, voice recognition)

5. Outbound long distance service

6. Management reports

When requested, the Contractor shall provide the necessary intercity telecommunications services to meet the needs of the Government. At a minimum, the Contractor shall provide services and features equivalent to those described in this section. The Contractor shall price telecommunications services separately in Section B to enable the Government to select the optimum solution. The Government may change service provider at any time during the effective period of this task order if such a change is in the best interest of the Government. The Contractor will be notified in writing no less than 30 days prior to such a change.

- 732 J.3.10.1 Telephone Number/Internet Domain
- Where appropriate, the Government will furnish its own telephone numbers and Internet domain(s) for use by the Contractor and will designate the Contractor as the technical
- coordinator for service initiation, trouble resolution, and service restoration.

J.3.11 Government Furnished Information and Supplies

738 The Government will furnish pertinent information to the Contractor for use in the performance 739 of the NCC task. Examples of information available include, but are not limited to, the 740 following:

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1. Initial content for knowledge database (current NCC database)

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2. Business rules, response formats, guidelines, and preformatted responses

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3. Examples of e-mail responses

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4. Existing IVR script used to support the NCC operations

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5. Government IT systems security guidelines

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For any materials to be distributed to the inquiring public, the Contractor shall be responsible for stocking adequate supply and submitting resupply requests on a timely basis to ensure continuous availability.

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J.3.12 Deliverables

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The Contractor shall provide the following plans in accordance with the schedule set forth in Table J.3.12 below. The plans shall be delivered in MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, or MS Project format, as appropriate, and in hard copy. The Contractor shall review all plans on a continual basis throughout the life of the contract in order to maintain their accuracy and appropriateness to the current operating environment. Subsequent to their initial acceptance by the Government, any changes to these plans shall require Government review and approval prior to their implementation.

Table J.3.12 – Deliverable Schedule

Deliverable	Content	Due Date / Update Frequency
Project Plan	As described in Section C.10.k	TBD
Program Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.j	TBD
Design, Engineering,	As described in Section C.10.c	TBD
Implementation and Management		
Plan		
Phase-In Plan	As described in Section C.10.i	TBD
Human Resources Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.e	TBD
Knowledge Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.f	TBD
Security Plan	As described in Section C.10.m	TBD
Disaster Recovery/ Contingency	As described in Section C.10.d	TBD
Plan		
Test and Acceptance Plan	As described in Section C.10.p	TBD
Operations Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.g	TBD
Quality Assurance/ Quality	As described in Section C.10.1	TBD
Improvement Plan		
Performance Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.h	TBD
Service Level Management Plan	As described in Section C.10.n	TBD

Table J.3.12 – Deliverable Schedule

Deliverable	Content	Due Date / Update Frequency
Customer Satisfaction Plan	As described in Section C.10.b	TBD
Conflict of Interest Plan	As described in Section C.10.a	TBD
Value Engineering/Process	As described in Section C.10.q	TBD
Improvement Plan		
Status/Management Reports	As described in Section C.10.0	TBD

J.3.12.1 Status/Management Reports

The Contractor shall provide all management reports as specified in Section C.3.5.8 of this solicitation. Reports are to be provided on a weekly basis with monthly summaries for the overall project as well as for each of the supported activities. Specific report formats and content shall be coordinated with and approved by the Government prior to the delivery of the reports. Weekly reports are due within two (2) business days after the conclusion of each week. Monthly reports are due within five (5) business days after the conclusion of each month. Contractor shall provide management reports via a secure web site for remote access and download via the Internet by authorized personnel. Access to the overall and activities-based reports shall be controlled via User Identification Code and Unique Password. The Government will determine which individual(s) will have access to some or all of these reports. When requested by the Government, the Contractor shall provide these reports in electronic and/or hard copy format.

 The Government reserves the right, during and for a 3 month period immediately after the Contractor assumes the NCC operation, or in cases of non-performance, to request more detailed and more frequent reporting at no additional cost to the Government until such time as Contractor performance levels have stabilized and are in full compliance of contract requirements.

J.3.13 Performance Metrics

The Contractor shall perform all task requirements in accordance with the performance levels and sample calculations specified in Tables J.3.13-1 .3.13-2 below. The Government reserves the right to adjust the performance standards and/or add other performance metrics as deemed necessary at any time during the effective period of this task order.

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	Acceptable Quality Levels							Frequency	of	
									Reporting	
	General		Consumer		FWS/GSA		DOS Over	seas		
	Inquiries		Publication				Citizen			
			Requests				Services			
Service Delivery Quality	90%	or	90%	or	90%	or	90%	or	Monthly	
Monitoring	Greater		Greater		Greater		Greater			
Accuracy of Information/	93%	or	93%	or	93%	or	93%	or	Monthly	
Referral Provided	Greater		Greater		Greater		Greater			
Accuracy of Information	97%	or	97%	or	97%	or	97%	or	Monthly	
Recorded by IS	Greater		Greater		Greater		Greater			
Accuracy of Knowledge/ Data	97%	or	97%	or	97%	or	97%	or	Monthly	
Base	Greater		Greater		Greater		Greater			

Table J.3.13-1 – Performance Metrics

	Acceptable Qual	lity Levels			Frequency of Reporting
	General Inquiries	Consumer Publication Requests	FWS/GSA	DOS Overseas Citizen Services	
Response Time (Postal)	98% within 2 Business Days, 100% within 4 Business Days	NA	NA	NA	Weekly
Response Time (E-mail)	98% within 2 Business Days, 100% within 4 Business Days	98% within 2 Business Days, 100% within 4 Business Days	NA	NA	Weekly
Response Time (Fax)	98% within 2 Business Days, 100% within 4 Business Days	NA	NA	NA	Weekly
Response Time (Fulfillment/Order Processing)	100% within 5 Business Days	100% within 5 Business Days	100% within 5 Business Days	NA	Weekly
Customer Satisfaction	90%	90%	90%	90%	Quarterly
Service Level	80% of all calls within 20 seconds	80% of all calls within 10 seconds	80% of all calls within 20 seconds *	80% of all calls within 20 seconds	Weekly
Average Speed of Answer of all calls handled by IS's	40 Seconds or Less	15 Seconds or Less	40 Seconds or Less *	40 Seconds or Less	Weekly
Abandoned Calls	5% or Less	5% or Less	3% *	3% or Less	Weekly
First Call Resolution	95% or Greater	98% or Greater	95% or Greater *	95% or Greater	Weekly
Transferred & Escalated Calls	No Greater than 10%	No Greater than 5%	No Greater than 25%	No Greater than 10%	Weekly
% of Calls Successfully Handled via IVR	25% or Greater	25% or Greater	25% or Greater *	25% or Greater	Weekly
CSR Occupancy	75% or Greater	75% or Greater	75% or Greater	75% or Greater	Weekly
Call Blockage	1% or Less	1% or Less	1% or Less *	1% or Less	Weekly
Service Availability	99.5% or Greater	99.5% or Greater	99.5% or Greater	99.5% or Greater	Monthly
* Apply to FWS only					

Table J.3.13-2 – Sample Calculations

Performance Metric	Sample Calculation (Actual calculations to be determined during Contract negotiations)
Service Delivery Quality Monitoring	(Total number of points achieved) / (Total number of points available for all quality monitoring scores)
Accuracy of Information/Referral Provided	(Total number of points achieved) /(Total number of points available for all quality accuracy scores)

Table J.3.13-2 – Sample Calculations

	Sample Calculation
Performance Metric	(Actual calculations to be determined during Contract
	negotiations)
Accuracy of Information Recorded by IS	(Total number of points achieved) / (Total number of points
	available for all quality accuracy scores)
Accuracy of Knowledge/ Data Base	(Total number of points achieved) / (Total number of points
	available for all quality accuracy scores)
Response Time (Postal)	(The number of units handled in which the service level range
	was achieved) / (The total number of units handled)
Response Time (E-Mail)	(The number of units handled in which the service level range
	was achieved) / (The total number of units handled)
Response Time (Fax)	(The number of units handled in which the service level range
	was achieved) / (The total number of units handled)
Response Time (Fulfillment/Order Processing)	(The number of units handled in which the service level range
	was achieved) / (The total number of units handled)
Customer Satisfaction	(Total number of satisfied or extremely satisfied responses) /
	(Total responses available)
Service Level – Speed of Answer of all calls handled by IS's	(Total number of calls answered by CSR's in seconds or
	less) / (Total number of calls handled by CSR's)
Average Speed of Answer of all calls handled by IS's	(Total delay of all calls)/ (Total number of calls)
Abandoned Calls	(The number of calls abandoned) /
	(Total number of calls offered)
First Call Resolution	(Total number of calls handled - Number of calls required
	further contact(s) in order to complete response)/(Total
	number of calls handled)
Transferred and Escalated Calls	(Total number of calls handled - Number of calls required
	escalation and/or transfer in order to complete response)/(Total
	number of calls handled)
% of Calls Successfully Handled via IVR	(The number of calls successfully handled via IVR)/ (Total
	number of calls)
IS Occupancy	(Total talk time + total after call work time) /
	(Total talk time + total after call work time + total available
	time)
Call Blockage	(Total number of calls processed by switch)/
	(Total number of calls offered by network)
o. Service Availability	(Total monthly minutes – total minutes service not available or
	degrade) (Total monthly minutes)