

April 26, 2007

NOTICE TO ALL OFFERORS

REFERENCE: AMENDMENT NO. 1
DOL071RP20107

Additional information has been requested by prospective offerors and it has been determined by the Contracting Officer that this information is made available to all bidders. The closing date and time for the receipt of proposals is still May 8, 2007, 2:00 p.m. local time.

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Attachment

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.
00013. EFFECTIVE DATE
04-26-2007

4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.

5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)

6. ISSUED BY CODE

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7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)

CODE

U.S. Department of Labor, ETA/OGCM
Division of Contract Services
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Room N-4655
Washington DC 20210

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)

To all Offerors/Bidders

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9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

DOL071RP20107

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9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 0 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.
05-08-2007 2:00PM EST

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X) A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 0 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

(See Attachment)

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

CHARI A. MAGRUDER
Contracting Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

14. Continuation page

A. The purpose of this amendment is to change the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal (DOL071RP20107) in accordance with the following:

1. **Section H.27 – 52,232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)** – is hereby renumbered H.26.
2. **Section H.25 – INDIRECT COSTS** – is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

H.25 INDIRECT COSTS

This clause is applicable to all awardees receiving funds from multiple sources. Organizations receiving funds from only one source does not need an indirect cost rate (ICR) approved.

You are governed by one of the categories of cost principles listed below. Please comply with your cost principles as appropriate to your organization:

- (1) Private-for-Profit organizations - Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subparts 31 and 42.
- (2) State and local governments and Indian Tribal governments - OMB Circular A-87.
- (3) Educational Institutions - OMB Circulars A-21 and FAR 42.705-3.
- (4) Nonprofit organizations - OMB Circular A-122.

In order to avoid major audit problems, disallowed costs, and to receive timely reimbursement of indirect costs, contractors should take those necessary steps to comply with this clause as well as the critical timeframes for submission of indirect cost proposals.

Note that the contractor must obtain approval from the Contracting Officer to transfer funds from other budget line items to the indirect cost budget line items to accommodate higher approved indirect cost rates.

Support for Indirect Cost Claims

As part of the business proposal (see Section L for details), you will need to identify whether or not you have a current Federally approved indirect cost rate to support your indirect cost claims. A copy of the rate agreement will be requested to verify the Federal cognizant (Federal agency providing the preponderance of direct federal funds to the organization.) agency and the rate information (rate approved, type of indirect cost rate(s) approved, and allocation base).

You will also need to provide historical and budgetary rate information to support the rates proposed if the offeror does not have a Federally approved indirect cost rate. More information is available in Section L.

Temporary Billing Rate (TBR) – For those offerors that do not have a Federally approved indirect cost rate, the Contracting Officer may negotiate a (TBR) to allow initial indirect cost claims for the first 90 days of award.

During these 90 days, the offeror must submit an acceptable indirect cost proposal to your Federal cognizant agency to obtain a provisional indirect rate. **Failure on your part to submit an indirect cost proposal within this 90 day period means that you shall not receive further reimbursement for your billing rate. Also, action may be taken to recoup all indirect costs already paid to you.**

Ceiling Indirect Rates or Ceiling Amounts - The Contracting Officer may impose the offeror administrative cost limitations (ceilings) regarding the contract based on the documentation received. Please note that these “ceilings” does not exclude your organization from the responsibility of submitting an indirect cost rate proposal(s) for approval.

It is important to point out that all organizations are to submit a final indirect cost proposal to its cognizant agency within 180 days after the end of its fiscal year.

If **DOL** is your Federal cognizant agency, proposals shall be sent to:

Chief, Division of Cost Determination (DCD)
U.S. Department of Labor, OASAM
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-1510
Washington, D.C. 20210
Tel. (202) 693-4100
<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/boc/costdeterminationguide/main.htm>

3. **Section L.8 – SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL** - is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

(A) - General Instructions:

Each offeror must submit an offer (proposal) in strict accordance with these instructions. When evaluating an offeror, the Government will consider how well the offeror complied with the letter and spirit of these instructions. The Government will consider any failure on the part of an offeror to comply with both the letter and spirit of these instructions to be an indication of the type of conduct it can expect during contract

performance. Therefore, the Government encourages offerors to contact the Contracting Officer by electronic submission only, in order to request an explanation of any part of these instructions.

Your proposal must be submitted in three (3) separate and distinct parts as outlined below, consisting of the number of stated copies and accompanied by the required supportive materials to insure that the proposal will be considered responsive to the Request for Proposals.

Part 1 – (1) Original and two (2) signed copies of completed Standard Form 33, Solicitation, Offer and Award,

(2) Original and two (2) signed copies of Section K, the Representations, Certifications and other Statements of Offerors, DOL does not accept illegible copies. (All copies must be ink-signed.)

Part 2 - (1) A set of overhead transparencies and five (5) paper copies in a sealed package. These transparencies form the basis of the offeror's Oral Presentation. PLEASE NOTE: The sealed package containing the transparencies will not be opened until the scheduled date for the offeror's presentation, in the presence of the Contract Specialist and a representative of the offeror. DOL uses both the transparencies and the Oral Presentation to evaluate the offeror's capability to perform the contract (See Section M.2 (C));

(2) Original and three (3) copies of a modified resume (See Attachment J.10 for an example of a modified resume) for each key personnel involved in the project. (See Section M.2 (B)) At a minimum, the resume shall include:

- a. The title and position to which the individual would be assigned for the project;
- b. The individual's current employment status and a list or description of the activities or projects on which the individual is currently working;
- c. The individuals previous work experience, to include position title, dates in position, employing organization, duties performed, and role performed, e.g., management, task leader, lead investigator, chief analyst, etc., and how these are relevant to the tasks and duties in this project;
- d. The titles of the individuals previous or in process written products or reports, with their date of completion or publication and other authors noted;

and the relevance of these works to the tasks and duties in this project; and

- e. The individual's educational background and a brief description of its relevance to the individual's role in the project. The overall staffing plan is reasonable and likely to support the technical approach.

(3) Original and three (3) copies of letters of intent for each key personnel, including employees and contingency hires (defined as persons not currently employed but who have executed a binding letter for commitment for employment with the offeror, if the offeror receives award under this solicitation). Letters of intent must be dated and include signatures from the individual and the offeror/contractor. The letter must state that the individual will be available for the number of hours stated in the proposal and that the individual will be available for at least 6 months. The letter must also disclose the position the person will have on the contract.

(4) Original and three copies of relevant past performance information (See Sections L.6 and M.2(D)); and

(5) Original and three (3) copies of their technical approach (See Section M.2 (A, E and F)). (PLEASE NOTE: Text type shall be at least 12 point font size or larger.)

Part 3 -

A detailed Business Management Proposal for the prime contractor and each subcontractor as further outlined in the below instructions and consisting of:

(1) Three (3) copies of Attachment J.2 - Cost and Price Analysis, ETA 8555 (Mar. 1981);

(2) One (1) copy of Attachment J.3 - Statement of Financial Capability, ETA 8554 (Mar. 1981) (c).

(3) One (1) Accounting System Certification which is a statement certifying that the offeror has an established accounting system with internal controls adequate to safeguard their assets, insure that funds are accounted for by cost categories, check the accuracy and reliability of the accounting data, promote operating efficiency and permit compliance with Government requirements and accounting procedures with respect to Cost Reimbursement types of contracts.

The statement must be executed by a certified public accountant (CPA), licensed public accountant, a bona-fide accounting or audit organization such as Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) or an entity of equivalent status acceptable to the Government.

(4) Contractor's current approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or a description (including dollar amounts) of the base for all proposed indirect rates.

The Cost and Price Analysis (ETA 8555) and Financial Capability Forms (Attachment J.3) support information shall be augmented as follows:

1. Most current published annual balance sheet and profit or loss statement.

2. List the names and addresses of any subcontractor* the offeror intends to use in the performance of a resulting contract. Include the following information about the subcontract(s).

(a) How subcontractor was selected?

(b) Has the subcontractor submitted a cost proposal?

(c) Will he be able to start performance at the start of the contract period?

(d) What is the total cost of (each) subcontract?

(e) What services (skills) will the subcontract provide?

(f) What experience do they have in this technical area?

*Also provide the above information for consultants you intend to use in the performance of a resulting contract.

Consultants: Persons who are members of a particular profession or possess a special skill and who are not officers or employees of the contractor.

NOTE: Part 1, 2, and 3 should be sealed in separate envelopes and included in one master package. The RFP number and related Part numbers outlined above, if applicable, should show in the upper left hand

corner of each of the envelopes as well as the master package.

(B) - Cost and Price Analysis

The Contracting Officer may forward the cost and price analysis review of the business proposal to the DOL's Division of Cost Determination (DCD). The cost analysis performed by DCD will be based on FAR 15.404-1(c)(1).

DCD requires the following specific information to be provided in addition to the ETA form 8555 - Cost and Price Analysis:

1. **Salaries** – Provide support for all of the proposed salaries, i.e. payroll records (current employees), letters of intent or salary surveys (new employees). Also provide proposed escalation of salary increases for option years, if applicable.
2. **Fringe Benefits** –If a fringe rate has been approved by a Federal cognizant agency, please note it. If not, please see related information below for indirect rates to support these costs.
3. **Staff Travel and Per Diem** – In addition to the information requested in the ETA form 8555, please provide the following detailed information using the sample table below:

	Traveler's Name/ Position	From	To	Travel Days	Airline Fees	Lodging	Meals	Car Rental	Other	Total
1										\$0
2										\$0
3										\$0
				Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

4. **Consultant Fees** – Provide specific hourly/daily rate for proposed consultants with their letters of intent.
5. **Consultant Travel** – See #3 above.
6. **Rent** – Specify if the costs are directly or indirectly charged. If directly charged, provide comments on the rent costs, i.e., lease agreement (already signed) or informal documentation attesting to the offeror's efforts to find reasonable lease costs, i.e. multiple bids, or area surveys. If a lease has been already signed, please provide a copy for support.
7. **Insurance & Bonding** – Specify if the costs are directly or indirectly charged. If directly charged, provide support for the insurance costs and bonding costs, i.e., quotes from different insurance companies.

8. **Materials & Supplies** – Follow the Form 8555 (Page 5) in detail.
9. **Communications** - Follow the Form 8555 (Page 6) in detail, **also** providing quantity/units.
10. **Property** – Follow the Form 8555 (Page 6) in detail.
11. **Supportive Services** - Follow the Form 8555 (Page 7) in detail.
12. **Subcontractor Costs** – Follow the Form 8555 (Page 7) in detail. Also, provide a separate submission of the Form 8555 for each subcontractor noting all items of costs in this list.
13. **Indirect Costs (Overhead, G&A, other rates)** – If your entity has a current Federally approved indirect cost rate agreement, provide a copy.

If no rates have been approved by a Federal cognizant agency, the offeror should provide support for review and analysis to determine if the rates proposed are allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

Specifically, the offeror should submit **two** “Statements of Total Costs” for:

- a. the latest fiscal period of the entity based on actual costs.
- b. the projected fiscal period of the entity based on budgeted costs, including any applicable DOL contract costs (assume that the contract will be awarded).

Samples of the Statement of Total Costs are available in DCD’s website:

<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/boc/costdeterminationguide/main.htm>

Specifically, at:

<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/boc/costdeterminationguide/sec3.pdf>, pages III-7 or III-9, as applicable. These statements have two ways of calculating the indirect cost rate built into the schedule.

Note that if the entity has multiple rates (overhead, G&A, offsite, onsite, etc.) the indirect cost column presented in the

schedule should be modified to include each proposed rate into separate columns.

14. Fee – Please provide the specific rate proposed.

The Government warns offerors that taking exception to any term or condition of the RFP (including submitting any alternative proposal that requires a relaxation of a requirement), will make an offer unacceptable and the offeror ineligible for award, unless the RFP expressly authorizes such an exception with regard to that specific term or condition. The Government will consider any exception to a term or condition of the RFP that is not expressly authorized by the RFP to be a deficiency, as defined in FAR Part 15.

An offeror may eliminate a deficiency in its proposal only through discussions, as defined and prescribed in FAR Part 15. However, the Government intends to award a contract without technical discussions, as authorized by FAR Part 15. Therefore, any offeror planning to take exception to a term or condition of the RFP must consult with the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a proposal, unless the RFP expressly authorizes such an exception. Notwithstanding its plan to award without discussions, the Government reserves the right to conduct technical and cost discussions with offerors in a competitive range, if necessary, and to permit such offerors to revise their proposals. The government also reserves the right to change any terms and conditions of their RFP by amendment at any time prior to contract award and to allow offerors to revise their offers accordingly, as authorized by FAR Part 15.

The offeror must not make reference to cost or price data so that an independent technical evaluation may be made on the basis of technical merit alone. Proposals must not specify less than one hundred twenty (120) days Government Acceptance. After the due date, an offeror can not take exception to any provisions of this Request for Proposals or place any condition on his/her proposal. Offerors may only submit one proposal.

DOL will not award to offerors whose proposals do not meet the above requirements.

B. RESPONSES TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

1. The requirements for the Project Director (10 years related experience and a PhD) may be difficult, or impossible, for some small businesses to meet. At the same time, we recognize the complexity of the proposed evaluation will require extensive management experience. Is it possible to reduce the educational requirements for the Project Director (assuming

the Principal Investigator will still need to have a PhD), and/or allow the Project Director to be an employee of a subcontractor?

Answer: As indicated in the RFP, the Project Director must have at a minimum a PhD in a social science field. Accepted social science fields for this RFP include economics, political science, public administration, public policy, statistics, sociology, psychology, education, or mathematics. The Project Director may not be an employee of a subcontractor.

2. When does ETA expect to award its grants under the SGA?

Answer: ETA is in the process making final decisions with respect to the SGA. Therefore, these questions cannot be answered at this time.

3. In each participating state, what assumption should be made about the number of One-Stop Career Centers to be designated as project sites where cases would be enrolled in the CAA demonstration, and thus, which program staff would need to be trained and site visits conducted?

Answer: ETA anticipates awarding up to eight grants to states to conduct the CAA demonstration. Typically, there are 3-5 One-Stop Career Centers involved in similar demonstrations. However, the number of participating centers within each state may vary.

4. Is there any requirement as to a) sample size per participating state or b) the statistical precision of net impact estimates?

Answer: The sample size for each participating state shall be determined by the state submission to the solicitation for grant announcement. The offeror(s) should suggest levels of precision for net impacts given different sample sizes.

5. What assumption should be made as to the number of months required at participating sites to enroll the demonstration sample?

Answer: The months required to enroll the demonstration sample will vary on the take-up rate of the CAA treatment in the particular site. Once a client is enrolled in the demonstration that individual will have two years to participate – one year for the initial CAA award and up to one additional year for a CAA renewal.

6. What requirement is there (if any) as to the use of in-person interviews, telephone interviews, or other interviewing models in the follow-up surveys?

Answer: All surveys and in-person interviews will be subject to the data collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This means that the Office of Management and Budget will have to approve any surveys and site visit

protocols. The offeror should build in the appropriate time and resources to address this requirement.

7. What requirement is there (if any) as to the response rate to be achieved in the follow-up surveys?

Answer: Typically, response rates of 80% or higher are ideal, however, the offeror may propose an acceptable response rate for any survey.

8. What follow-up interval is to be used for measuring long-term impacts?

Answer: The RFP states that the long-term follow-up interval will be 36 months.

9. Does ETA expect the evaluation to include any collection of baseline survey data or baseline administrative data for sample cases (i.e., data prior to the case's random assignment)?

Answer: Baseline data should be collected as part of the initial implementation study of the demonstration and should be reported in the implementation analysis report as specified in the RFP.

10. Are there any page limits for the proposal material to be submitted?

Answer: The technical proposal is limited to 40 pages. Resumes for key personnel, letters of intent, and past performance sheets are not included in this page limit. Pages of proposals that exceed the 40 page limitation will not be evaluated.

11. Is it possible to receive the amount of funding in the SGAs for CAAs? Will WIA money be used to fund the SGAs?

Answer: ETA is in the process making final decisions with respect to the SGA. Therefore, these questions cannot be answered at this time.

12. When does ETA expect to announce the SGA opportunities to the states?

Answer: See answer to Question #2.

13. On page M-2 under B.1), the experience and qualifications for the Project Director call for, among other things, a Ph.D. in economics, political science, public administration or statistics. Further, the PD must demonstrate considerable experience in directing and running voucher-based or worker training demonstration projects. And, the PD must have at least five years of experience designing and coordinating large-scale research projects.

We would like to understand the reasoning for requiring the PD to be Ph.D. (economics, political science, public administration or statistics). To our knowledge, this is the first time ETA has required the PD to possess a Ph.D. and to have no less experience than the Principal Investigators. It would appear that the PD should have a good managerial perspective and not be expected to be a technical expert in one or two specialty areas. We request that consideration be given to removing this burdensome restriction because it hampers the ability of “small businesses” to submit qualifying proposals.

Answer: See answer to Question #1.

14. Is funding available for CAA recipients for a full two-year period?

Answer: Once a client is enrolled in the demonstration that individual will have two years to participate – one year for the initial CAA award and up to one additional year for a CAA renewal.

15. Are there limits on access to funds and services other than exclusion of TAA-eligible candidates?

Answer - From the RFP:

CAA accounts will be available to workers entering the workforce or transitioning between jobs and careers, incumbent workers in need of new skills to remain employed, and out-of-school youth in need of reconnecting to an education pathway leading to successful employment. These individuals may be eligible to access CAA accounts funds. Funds are limited to \$3,000 for one year and up to \$6,000 if the account is renewed for an additional year.

Individuals must use their accounts to pay for expenses directly related to education and training – the tuition or cost of the program and books and fees associated with the education or training. Education and training activities must lead toward the attainment of a portable, industry-recognized credential.

Allowable types of training include:

- Occupational skills training
- Skill upgrading and retraining
- Entrepreneurial training
- Education activities leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent, including a General Equivalency Degree, in combination with, concurrently or subsequently, occupational skills training
- Adult education and literacy activities provided in conjunction with other training
- Training that integrates occupational skills training and English language acquisition

Career Advancement Accounts may not be used to pay for supportive services. However, Career Advancement Account recipients may receive supportive services through other Federal, state and local programs for which they are eligible.

16. Under Task 4, there is reference to “tracking systems for purposes of timely training reimbursements.” Does this mean that CAAs are reimbursement only accounts and no payments may be made directly to training providers?

Answer: No, this means that the offeror is responsible for the construction of a payment tracking system for the demonstration. It would be desirable if payments were directly made to the training providers by the account recipient.

17. Are the eight states going to be in addition to the three pilot states that are currently underway? Is the expectation then, if they are not, that they will compete for SGAs? Will they be allowed to continue their models or will they be required to modify or develop new models? If they will continue with their models, will that impact the other states in the study?

Answer: See response to Question #2.

18. Will performance be tracked completely independently of local WIA data tracking systems?

Answer: Participant tracking should be independent of a State’s administrative data systems. The tracking system should link up to these systems to receive project data but should stand alone.

19. Will the Common Measures performance standards apply to the CAA demonstration?

Answer: Yes.

20. When does ETA anticipate issuing the SGA? When will grants be awarded? What amount will be awarded to the anticipated eight grantees? Will the grantees be expected to provide matching funds (as is the case with the existing CAA Demos)?

Answer: ETA is in the process making final decisions with respect to the SGA. Therefore, these questions cannot be answered at this time.

21. Is it acceptable to propose a Project Director with a Ph.D. in a field related to those specifically listed in the RFP (e.g., Sociology)? How about for the Principal Investigator?

Answer: See answer to Question #1. The Principal Investigator must have a PhD in the fields of study listed in the RFP.

22. Section L.6 requests that offerors submit a list of five "contracts or subcontracts completed during the past three years and at least 12 months in duration." If the offeror is proposing to use subcontractor(s), should this be five past performance reference sheets for both the prime contractor and each subcontractor, or five in total between them? Can current (but not completed) projects that have lasted longer than 12 months be included?

Answer: Offerors should submit a list of five (5) past performance references for the prime contract and three (3) past performance references for each subcontractor proposed. Projects not yet completed but have lasted longer than 12 months can be included. Please make sure the information submitted on the past performance reference sheets is correct.

23. Section C.6 specifies that the Site Monitor should have a 30% time commitment to the project. Would this be the individual in charge of implementation and monitoring? Or does each staff member with responsibilities as a site liaison (potentially eight different staff members, if each staff member took primary responsibility as the chief liaison for one grantee site) need to show this 30% commitment?

Answer: Site Monitors must have a 30% time commitment. It is up to the offeror to determine how many site monitors they wish to propose, their time requirements, and the number of states the individual is monitoring.

24. I have a question about the Evaluation of the Career Advancement Account Demonstration (DOL071RP20107) pre-solicitation notice.

Would a contractor that works on an implementation contract/task order in support of CAA be precluded from participation in this evaluation contract?

Answer: No. A contractor that works on an implementation contract/task order in support of CAA be precluded from participation in this evaluation contract.

25. The above referenced solicitation states, "Offerors or quoters are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable."

We have people working near several of the locations listed in the solicitation. Can you tell me how we can make arrangements for them to visit and tour the some of the sites?

Answer: Sites have not been selected for the demonstration at this time.

26. Is this a new project?

Answer: Yes.

27. Provide us with bidders list or list of persons or entities who have requested bid packets.

Answer: Please see Item C of this amendment.

28. Provide us the name of the person or entity currently performing the contract/project.

Answer: There is no incumbent.

29. What are the main differences between the old statement of work and the current one?

Answer: This is the only statement of work for this solicitation.

29. Old contract amount and /price or contract budget.

Answer: None

31. Can this bid response be faxed or e-mailed?

Answer: See Section L.8, Submission of Proposal. DOL does not accept faxed or emailed submissions.

32. If not available on line, a copy of the bid documents.

Answer: The solicitation is available online at the following website:

<http://www.doleta.gov/sga/rfp.cfm>.

33. If you determine that some or all parts of these questions require FOIA request, please provide us with contact information for your FOIA officer, especially a fax number, e-mail address and a phone number or forward this request to the FOIA officer.

Answer: Lorraine Saunders, fax (202) 693-3846, saunders.lorraine@dol.gov.

34. How many points are associated with this sub-factor?

Answer: Question is unclear.

35. Specifically, how are the degrees in political science or public administration more relevant to this solicitation than a degree in education?

Answer: See answer to Question #1.

36. Will the government reconsider the list of allowable degrees to include education?

Answer: See answer to Question #1.

37. Will the government allow degrees "similar" to those currently listed?

Answer: See answer to Question #1.

C. *BIDDER'S LIST*

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