

3.10.4-25 Alternate Quality System Plan (February 2003)

Offerors may submit alternate quality system plan proposals that depart from the stated quality assurance requirements. These alternate proposals shall be submitted in addition to the proposal that satisfies the stated quality assurance requirements in the RFI/RFP. The offeror, in its submission of the alternate proposal that departs from the stated requirements, shall clearly identify why the acceptance of the alternate proposal would be advantageous to the Government. Any deviations from the terms and conditions of the RFI/RFP, as well as the comparative advantage to the Government, shall be clearly identified and explicitly defined. The Government is not liable for the alternate proposal preparation costs or any delay in acting upon any proposal. The decision of the Contracting Officer as to acceptance of the alternate proposal is final. The offeror shall submit as a minimum the following information to support the alternate proposal:

- (a) A description of the difference between the primary and the alternate proposal, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages of each;
- (b) Itemized requirements of the RFI/RFP which must be changed if the alternate proposal is adopted, and the proposed revision to the resulting contract for each change;
- (c) An estimate of the changes in performance, schedule, and cost, if any, that will result from adoption of the alternate proposal;
- (d) A reasonable method for sharing in the proposed savings, if any, between the Government and the offeror, if the proposed change would result in the reduced overall lifecycle costs.

(End of provision)

PRESCRIPTION

Shall be included in RFI/RFP's when Quality Assurance Standard are included in the solicitation.