



Reply to Attn of: NPS-SEB-RFP LTR

September 14, 2007

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

FROM: NASA Protective Services Source Evaluation Board Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Final Request for Proposal (RFP), NNX077040R, NASA Protective Services Contract (NPSC)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is pleased to release the Final RFP for the subject acquisition. This solicitation replaces the Draft RFP issued on June 30, 2007, in its entirety.

The purpose of the subject contract is to provide management, integration, and performance of NASA's overall Protective Services across various NASA locations, or as otherwise specified in authorized Task Order(s) (TO(s)). Protective Services include the following services: Security Services, Emergency Management, Fire Services, Export Control, Information Assurance and Training.

All written questions and comments resulting from the Draft RFP were reviewed, and where applicable, changes are reflected in the Final RFP. Questions and answers pertaining to the DRFP are posted on the NPS Website: <http://nps.ksc.nasa.gov/NPS/default.cfm>. Offerors are advised to thoroughly read all requirements and instructions contained in this RFP because significant changes have been made since the posting of the DRFP.

Questions pertaining to this RFP must be received in accordance with Section L.16, "Communications Regarding This Solicitation." Questions will be reviewed, and as appropriate, answers will be posted to the NPS Website. All questions must be received no later than **October 19, 2007**, to allow for timely consideration.

Portions of the NPSC requirements are subject to the Service Contract Act of 1965. Wage determinations and contractor bargaining agreements (CBAs) will be included within the Task Orders to be issued under the contract. Until award of a contract, all current wage determinations and CBAs will be posted on the NPS website.

Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the proposal delivery instructions contained in Section L shall be received no later than 5:00pm, eastern standard time, **November 13, 2007**. The Past Performance Volume shall be received no later than **October 15, 2007**, no later than 5:00pm, eastern standard time.

It is the Offeror's responsibility to monitor the NPS website and the NASA Acquisition Service (NAIS) website at: <http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/synopsis.cgi?acqid=124906> for any changes to the schedules or other information as well as any amendments to this posting.

Proposals that arrive after the prescribed time for receipt of proposals will be considered late and treated in accordance with FAR 52.215-1, "Instructions to Offerors-Competitive Acquisitions."

The NPSC will provide management, integration and performance of NASA's overall Protective Services throughout the NASA Centers/Locations. Team oriented working relationships will be essential in accomplishing the performance of the NPSC. Therefore, the contract contains requirements for the development of Associate Contractor Agreements and detailed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to facilitate team-oriented working relationships.

The acquisition strategy contained in this RFP is considered essential to the Agency's Mission success and provides for maximum practicable participation by small business concerns. In accordance with FAR 7.107(c), it has been determined that bundling was necessary and justified for this acquisition. Approval/concurrence for this acquisition approach was received from NASA Headquarters and the Small Business Administration. Therefore, in accordance with FAR 19.1 and 13 CFR 121.103(h)(3), additional joint venturing opportunities may be available due to the bundling nature of this contemplated acquisition. Potential Offerors interested in proposing on this effort as a joint venture must comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to joint venturing.

Acquisition Features:

- The contract will be a Single award Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Firm Fixed Priced contract. No work is to be performed under the contract without prior authorization from the Contracting Officer through issuance of TO(s).
- This solicitation contains fourteen (14) TO(s). Paragraph 7.1 with the overview for pricing instructions in Section L of this solicitation contains a table depicting the planned start dates for each of the TO(s). Offerors are to price each TO as part of their proposal.
- The Effective Ordering Period for issuance of TO(s) will begin October 1, 2008.
- Offeror's may propose a phase-in approach in accordance with the instructions contained within this RFP.
- This is a Performance Based Acquisition, in accordance with FAR 37.6. Therefore, this acquisition contains a Performance Work Statement (PWS) and measurable performance standards, which shall be used to evaluate the contractor's performance. This RFP reflects the inclusion of a Performance Retainage Pool, whereby a percentage of payment will be withheld, pending periodic performance evaluations, which will utilize the performance standards, referred to in the contract as Maximum Allowable Defect Rates (MADR's).

- This contract contains the Progress Payments clause, FAR 52.232-16.
- In an effort to enable continued performance of the services under the contract during unplanned events, this acquisition contains special provisions for thresholds, to be included in the TO(s).
- This acquisition contains an IDIQ – Limitations clause with a maximum ordering limit. The clause will also contain an additional percentage that will allow the Government to increase the maximum ordering limit.
- Government furnished property/equipment and services will be provided under individual authorized TO(s). Many of the Government's property regulations were recently updated, and as appropriate are included in the NPSC.

A deviation to FAR 17.204(e), and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1817.204(e)(i), which limits the period of performance of contracts to five years has been approved and the contract contains a five year base period of performance with five 1-year option periods.

In accordance with FAR 15.304(c)((3)(ii), Evaluation Factors and Significant Subfactors, the RFP includes a separate factor to evaluate past performance indicating the extent to which the Offeror attained applicable goals for small business participation under contracts that required subcontracting plans.

As an element under the Small Business Evaluation, Offerors shall provide, with their offers, a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) participation target in accordance with FAR 19.12 - Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program. This will not apply to SDB Offerors, unless the SDB Offeror has waived the price evaluation adjustment factor by completing paragraph (c) of FAR clause 52.219-23, "Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns" in this solicitation.

Offerors are required to have a cage code that matches the corporate address submitted with its proposal. Insert the company's cage code in the appropriate block on the SF33. It will appear next to the company name and address.

Offerors shall submit the required documentation showing compliance and registration with the following:

Central Contract Registry <http://www.ccr2000.com>
EEO National Pre-Award Registry <http://www.dol-esa.gov/preaward>
VETS 100 <http://vets100.cudenver.edu>

The information provided in this cover letter is not intended to be construed differently from the information in the final RFP. Should an apparent conflict in interpretation exist, the information in the final RFP takes precedence.

This solicitation neither commits the Government to pay any costs incurred in the submission of the offer nor to contract for services or supplies. Any costs incurred in anticipation of a contract shall be at the Offeror's own risk.

Thank you for your interest in this acquisition and your participation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Alexander".

Dawn Alexander
Contracting Officer