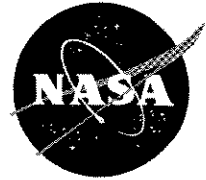


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Reply to PS01
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TO: All Potential Offerors

FROM: PS01/Procurement Officer

SUBJECT: Final Request for Proposal (RFP) NNM09274026R Ares V Phase I Concept Development Request for Proposal

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) is pleased to release the Final RFP for the Ares V Phase I Concept Development acquisition. All Offerors should review the Final RFP and submit questions by 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) January 20, 2009. Questions submitted by this deadline will be answered in an RFP amendment anticipated for release on or about January 27, 2009.

The proposed procurement is to be evaluated by a Source Evaluation Board in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS).

Attachment 1 provides a list of changes that have been incorporated into the Final RFP since the release of the Draft RFP (No. NNM09274026R). These changes are a result of questions or comments received from industry and ongoing internal reviews performed by NASA. Offerors are cautioned to carefully review the Final RFP in its entirety. Grammatical and typographical error corrections have also been incorporated throughout the Final RFP.

Provided below is a list of clarification points associated with the Final RFP.

1. All data required for your proposal development has been posted to the NAIS. After contracts are awarded, NASA will provide additional data as required.
2. For proposal development, assume trade space is open unless specified within the RFP.

Offeror's are reminded that the procurement sensitivity "blackout notice" letter for this procurement was distributed to all MSFC personnel concurrently with the release of the Final RFP. All questions regarding the Final RFP must be submitted in writing to the attention of Joseph Eversole, Mail Code PS43, MSFC, AL 35812. Mr. Eversole can be reached at 256-544-3196 (collect calls not accepted) or via email at joseph.l.eversole@nasa.gov.

Thank you for your valuable input into the Draft RFP and for your continued interest in NASA/MSFC's Ares V Phase I Concept Development acquisition.



G. Earl Pendley
Contracting Officer

Enclosure: Attachment 1, RFP Change Matrix