

**NASA Ames ACES DRFP
Solicitation #NNA090248332J- AMR
Questions and Answers**

1. Small Business – Contractor believes the definition of small business called out in the draft contract (\$20M on page K-6, paragraph K.7) is inconsistent with the 2007 NAICS Guide for Code 541330 (Engineering Services – Military and Aerospace Equipment and Military Weapons), which states that the dollar figure is \$27M. Does NASA concur that \$27M is the correct definition of a small business for this solicitation?

The incorrect NAICS code was listed in the draft RFP. The correct NAICS code is 541712 with a size standard of 500 employees.

2. OCI Clause – Is the OCI clause in the draft contract negotiable? If so, can an OCI mitigation plan be substituted in lieu of the OCI language in the draft contract?

The OCI clause is not negotiable. An OCI mitigation plan is required and must be submitted, but this plan is not in lieu of the OCI language.

3. Models –Are the models listed in the paragraph 7.5 of the SOW all to be developed during the 24 month base period?

The models described in section 7.5 will be developed across the base period and the option years. NASA will prioritize the development work and schedule it to fit within the level of effort requested in the RFP.

4. The current ACES simulation is non-proprietary tool. If third party proprietary models or concepts are integrated into ACES, does NASA assume that the ACES tool will be proprietary?

Proprietary models and concepts will not be integrated into ACES code.

5. Delivery of Reports, F.5 – This paragraph calls out hard copy reports. Are electronic submissions acceptable? If electronic submissions are acceptable, then an e-mail address or web address will be required.

Electronic submissions are acceptable. The reports should be submitted to the Contracting Officer and copied to the COTR. The address will be supplied in the contract.

6. Reports of Work, F.6 – This paragraph calls out hard copy reports. Are electronic submissions acceptable? If electronic submissions are acceptable, then e-mail an address or web address will be required.

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7. Can “ceiling rates”, called out in section B.5, be replaced by DCMA approved rates?

This clause deals with the limitation or maximums that contractors can charge the Government for indirect costs on the contract. If the contractor wishes to propose its DCMA approved rates as the ceiling rates for the contract, it may do so.