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Reply to Attn of: BT1-08-380

Date: December 16, 2008

TO: All Prospective Offerors

FROM: BT/Contracting Officer, Exploration Systems Procurement Office

SUBJECT: Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP) NNJ09BT112R, Altair
Conceptual Design Contract (ACDC)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center (JSC) is pleased to release a Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP) for the Altair Conceptual Design Contract (ACDC). It is anticipated this procurement will be conducted under full and open competition conditions. NASA has established minimum subcontracting goals for this procurement as expressed as a percentage of total contract value. The goals and approaches are outlined in the provision at SB-2 in Section L of the DRFP.

Industry is encouraged to provide comment to the Statement of Work and other aspects of the DRFP. NASA is specifically soliciting feedback from industry as it relates to:

The approach and content of the ACDC DRFP. Specifically, NASA has determined the contract type will be Firm Fixed Price.

NASA has performed an assessment of potential Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI). Your attention is directed to Provision L.15, Notice of Potential Organizational Conflicts of Interest. NASA would like to receive industry input to any perceived issues related to potential OCIs and the effort anticipated within this DRFP prior to release of the final RFP.

Additionally, NASA has provided information related to submission of price data in Section L. Comments are encouraged concerning the price information requested and the impacts to proposal preparation.

Finally, NASA is particularly interested in feedback and input concerning the clarity of the contract structure, the proposal instructions, and the evaluation factors used in the DRFP. For example, are the proposal instructions in Section L clear enough to permit proposal development? Do the evaluation factors in Section M indicate the discriminators that NASA will use to make

selection? Is the plan for contract administration of this effort clear from the draft?

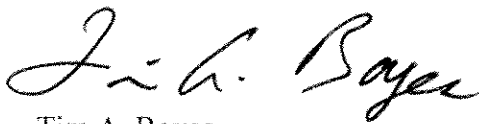
All inquires or comments concerning this DRFP shall be submitted in writing via fax, e-mail, or U.S. Mail to the following individual not later than January 12, 2009:

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Responses to this DRFP will be separated from and have no bearing on subsequent evaluation of proposals submitted in response to any resulting final RFP. The use of ideas, questions, and comments to structure the final RFP is at the discretion of the Government. Eligibility in participating in a future acquisition does not depend upon a response to this notice. The Government will not critique a potential offeror's comments, and the DRFP does not commit the Government to award a contract nor does it obligate the Government to reimburse costs incurred in the preparation and submittal of responses to this DRFP or any subsequent proposals in anticipation of a contract.

The ACDC Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on December 18, 2008 at 9 a.m. local time in the Alamo Ballroom at the JSC Gilruth Center, Houston, TX. Early registration is not required. To facilitate open communications with industry, interested parties or potential offerors for the ACDC procurement have the option to meet with Altair Project Office staff and members of the ACDC source evaluation board. These one-on-one meetings will be scheduled for Thursday, December 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 and Friday, December 19 from 8:00 to 5:00. Participation in one-on-one meetings is not necessary to compete on the ACDC procurement. Additional details concerning scheduling and content for these meetings are available on the ACDC website:
<http://procurement.jsc.nasa.gov/altair/>

After the final RFP is released, offerors shall not submit alternate proposals in response to the solicitation. Alternate proposals will not be accepted or evaluated by the Government. Furthermore, offerors' proposals shall not be contingent upon any other solicitation or contract. Contingent proposals will not be accepted or evaluated by the Government.



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