

**Amendment #2
to RFP-NIH-NIAID-DMID-03-34**

"Biodefense and Emerging Infections Research Resources Program"

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Name and Address of Offeror: To All Offerors

The above referenced solicitation is hereby amended as follows:

1. **PAGE LIMITS** (Page 25) is revised to read:

The technical proposal is limited to 100 pages. The appendices, attachments, operating manuals, letters of intent must be submitted in the same technical proposal pdf file. These additional materials will not count against the 100 page limitation.

Resumes and explanations of duties for the contractor staff will not count against the 100-page limitation for the technical proposal. However, these resumes are limited to 3 pages for the PI and Senior Scientists and 2 pages for all other personnel. These must be submitted as part of the same pdf file that contains the technical proposal.

Standard operating procedures (SOP), inventory control and chain of custody are also excluded from the 100 page limit. These documents must be submitted as part of the same pdf file that contains the technical proposal. An abbreviated version of the SOP or a summary of the SOP can be submitted in lieu of the complete document.

2. **SECTION M – EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD** (Page 59) is revised:

A. Correct a typographical error under Section M.4 under Criteria A. Technical Approach as follows

The 10 points listed on page 61 under (A) Technical Approach (2) BRP Contract Management (b) Inventory Control and Distribution, was included in error and should be deleted.

B. Include a Mandatory Criteria as follows:

MANDATORY QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The following qualification criterion establishes conditions that must be met at the time of submission of Final Proposal Revisions (FPR) in order for proposals to be considered for award:

Offerors must provide evidence of current up-to-date registration and compliance with all rules and regulations for Select Agents if they are selected for this contract. These rules were published December 13, 2002 in the Federal Register by the CDC (Possession, Use and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins: Interim Final Rule; <http://www.cdc.gov/od/sap/docs/42cfr73.pdf> and USDA (Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins; Interim Final Rule; <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/pdf/btarule.pdf>). Over the next 9 months there is a phase in of these Select Agent rules and regulations. Offeror must be compliant with these registration regulations and any other rules or regulations that may come into effect or stipulated by the CDC, USDA or DOJ prior to award.

- Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of this RFP remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- The hour and date specified for receipt of offers REMAINS: **March 20, 2003, 4:00 PM, EST.**
- Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this Amendment #2, on each copy of the proposal submitted.

Failure to receive your acknowledgment of this amendment may result in the rejection of your offer.

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