

AMENDMENT #2 (QUESTIONS & RESPONSES)
"Development, Testing and Evaluation of Candidate Vaccines Against Plague"

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THIS AMENDMENT PROVIDES QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFERORS AND THE RESPONSES PROVIDED BY THE NIAID PROJECT OFFICER. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS AND THEIR RELATED RESPONSES SHOULD REFER BACK TO THIS AMENDMENT #2 FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES.

Question 1: Do you have an estimate of the total size of the award, in terms of dollars per year or full time equivalents (FTEs)?

Answer 1: For this effort, we have elected not to include a labor or dollar estimate in the RFP.

Question 2: Reference page 1, Section A of the RFP, the Period of Performance is listed as 2 years beginning on or about 08/01/2004. Reference page 7, Statement of Work - Part A of the RFP, Item 7, states the Phase I clinical trials must be completed within 30 months of award. For bidding purposes, is the total duration of the contract 2 years or 30 months?

Answer 2: 30 months

Question 3: Is there a way to obtain a list of companies that are interested in bidding on this effort?

Answer 3: Since the RFP is posted electronically, we do not have a way of maintaining a Bidders List and are not able to assist in teaming arrangements.

Question 4: Under Milestone III there is a reference to animal models and a reference to Note 3. Note 3 makes a reference to small animal models. Since the RFP only refers to small animal models, does that mean the Government is not interested in non-human primates, which are not categorized as small animals? By the use of the word "models" the RFP implies that there is more than one small animal model in existence. Why is the word "model" plural?

Answer 4: Although we are not aware of small animal models other than the mouse model, we would consider any data with any model. We do not require more than one small animal model. We are not requiring primate data for this contract.

- Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the RFP document NIH-NIAID-DMID-04-17 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- The hour and date specified for receipt of offers REMAINS: **December 3, 2003, 4:00 PM, EST.**
- Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this Amendment #2 on each copy of the proposal submitted.

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

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