

SELECTION STATEMENT

SPACE SCIENCE STUDIES & ASSESSMENTS Solicitation 1-041-0BB.1006

Description of the Procurement

Solicitation OBB.1006 was issued on December 16, 1999, for Space Science Studies and Assessments. A contract is required to provide proposal and mission concept evaluations, assessments of current and potential NASA programs, and perform management, scientific and technical studies. The contract will be administered by Langley's Space Science Support Office (SSSO). The SSSO mission is to provide evaluations, assessments, and studies to NASA's Office of Space Science (OSS) and Office of Earth Science (OES). Administrative support required to perform the effort and information management services to support the SSSO are included as well.

This procurement will result in award of task orders under an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity type contract. The contract will have a guaranteed minimum of \$10,000 and not to exceed maximum of \$25,000,000. The contract period of performance will be five years.

Only one proposal submitted by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) was received. On January 24, 2000, the Contracting Officer determined that the solicitation was not flawed or unduly restrictive and evaluation of the single proposal was recommended.

Evaluation of Proposals

The SAIC proposal was evaluated by the Source Evaluation Team (SET) in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the evaluation plan. A rating of Very Good was assigned to Factor 1, Mission Suitability. Factor 3, Past Performance, was assigned a rating of Very Good.

On March 12, 2000, the Contracting Officer determined that the highly rated proposal from SAIC was in the competitive range.

It was determined that award without discussions was not in the best interest of the Government since there were deficiencies and weaknesses that required attention, primarily in the area of cost. Therefore, it was determined that a Final Proposal Revision (FPR) would be requested from all firms in the competitive range (SAIC) and a model contract provided. The intent was to enhance materially SAIC's proposal to ensure the best value for the Government.

The SET convened to evaluate the FPR. Results of the final evaluation are as follows: ratings assigned to Mission Suitability (Factor 1) and Past Performance (Factor 3) remained unchanged as Very Good.

Factor 2, Cost/Price Analysis was evaluated. An analysis of the proposed price was conducted to determine its reasonableness, acceptability and extent to which it reflects performance addressed in the technical proposal. The reasonableness of the proposed profit and fee was assessed as well. A probable cost of \$16,754,658 was developed which is less than 1% variance from the proposed cost of \$16,857,748. Overall proposed costs, and individual labor and indirect rates to be used for pricing of individual task orders were considered reasonable. The confidence level in the probable cost is high.

Selection Decision

The one proposal received from SAIC is acceptable for award of a contract.

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Source Selection Authority