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Written 1	General	Will any task order procurements require the contractor to develop scope and submit a PWS as part of their proposal, such as might be done with a Statement of Objectives solicitation?	For some task order procurements, the government will prepare a Statement of Objectives and require the contractor to submit a performance work statement (PWS) as part of their proposal. For other task orders that the government deems not suitable for performance-based acquisition, the government will prepare a Statement of Work that specifies both the government's objectives and how the contractor shall work.
Written 2	General	Will the government provide all relevant data with specific detail including quantities and maximum limitations (for example, sampling depths, and specific analytical suite) at the task order solicitation? Will contractors be required to include contingency costs for unknowns in their pricing?	See above. Contractors will not be required to include contingency costs for unknowns in pricing and in most cases will not receive additional compensation for foreseeable risks.
Written 3	General	We are concerned that pre-specified payment plans may place undue stress on small businesses to carry substantial costs for months prior to receiving payment. Will the government specify the payment plan or will the contractor be able to propose a payment plan in their bid?	Contractors may propose a payment plan for government review and acceptance. Please note: The Small Business Administration is available to assist small business concerns (See 13 CFR 121.103).
Written 4	General	Would the government be willing to make travel cost reimbursable on all Task Orders?	Please refer to Section H.3 (b) of the draft RFP which states: "b. Travel: Reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and lodging shall be paid to the Contractor only to the extent that it is necessary for performance of task orders under this contract....."
Written 5	General	Would the government consider extending the time frame for acceptance of past performance projects to 5 years?	In accordance with the Army Source Selection Manual (May 16, 2008) recent is defined as within 3 years of release of the RFP. Therefore, we will maintain the 3 year limit.
Written 6	General	Task Orders under this PWS are performance-based and contractors may incur additional costs due to possible risks. Will contractors be expected to absorb all costs for changes subsequent to Task Order award that may occur due to these risks? Will AEC provide modifications to address such changes?	The government anticipates that the majority of task orders will be fixed price. During task order competition, the contractors should identify risks and price accordingly. In most cases, contractors will not receive additional compensation for foreseeable risks.
Written 7	General	Can this be sole sourced and if so we would like to be considered.	The contract will not be sole sourced. Sole source procurements are allowed at the task order level. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 16.505(b) and DFARS 216.505-70, the TOCO will give all awardees a "fair opportunity" to be considered for each order, unless one of the conditions set forth therein applies. In accordance with FAR 16.5 and DFARS 216.505-70, when an exception to the fair opportunity exists, the task order may be processed as sole source procurement, including documentation of the exception to fair opportunity.
Written 8	General	The draft RFP does not appear to require that the bidders provide qualifications of their proposed staff. Is it AEC's intent that bidders not submit resumes or other labor qualifications-related information?	Offerors are not required to submit resumes. AEC's preference is that offerors do not submit resumes.
Written 9	General	It appears that AEC's procurement strategy does not allow for a significant amount of capability to be provided by large businesses. 25% of the awards will be made to larger businesses, who are then expected to subcontract 50% of the services under their contract to small businesses. This 25% for large business could be further eroded if "The Rule of Two" is utilized for SB Set aside. In addition, large businesses will only be given the opportunity to support task orders that are over \$600,000 per year (which may not be a common occurrence). Based on this, it appears that large businesses can anticipate providing in-house services on 10% or less of the funding under this procurement. Is this an accurate assessment of AEC's intent?	AEC anticipates that that 75% of the contract awards will go to small business and 25% of contract awards will go to large business. AEC cannot predict the size of future task orders or the distribution of future task orders between large and small business.
Written 10	General	The IMCOM provides oversight to Fort Buchanan. Should Puerto Rico be considered as part of the RFP AOR?	No.
Written 11	General	Other than temporary duty assignments related to travel for TO-specific activities, will contractor staff ever be required to be located in a Government facility?	No.
Written 12	General	How many Task Orders (TO) will have an estimated value over \$600,000? The parameters of this contract and the spend history of similar assignments do not seem to support the size proposed by AEC.	While the estimated Army-wide requirement for environmental services is known, the USAEC does not know the number and value of future task orders for this procurement.
Written 13	General	When do you anticipate the services will be needed?	Army environmental services task orders are awarded all during the year and have compliance dates that vary by statute, requirement and site.
Written 14	General	Can the Prime submit a blended rate table for the team or does the Government require	For the Price Matrix Attachment 2, blended rates are acceptable but must be identified in column 6. In addition, Section L paragraph L.5 requires individual rate tables for each team member (subcontractor).
Written 15	General	Is it the intent to award both sample tasks to a single contractor, or one to unrestricted	For pricing purposes, offerors should price as if winning both Sample Task Orders. The government does not anticipate awarding the Sample Task Orders.
Written 16	General	Are we to assume that there are no tasks awarded at this point, and that one business	Yes.
Written 17	General	Are two sets of labor rates (on/off-site) required?	No. Submit off-site labor rates only. The Draft RFP will be revised to clarify that only off-site labor rates are required.
Written 18	General	Are there any requirements to provide staff resumes?	See Question # Written 8.
Written 19	Past Performance Questionnaires	Who shall receive the completed questionnaires? Are electronic responses acceptable?	Questionnaires should be submitted to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC), MICC Center - Fort Bragg, ATTN: SFCA-SR-BR (Mrs. Latanya Johnson), 2175 Reilly Road, Stop A, Fort Bragg, NC 28310-5000, (910) 396-3916. Electronic submissions are not acceptable.
Written 20	Past Performance Questionnaires	Page 43 of 50, Past Performance Questionnaires - The procedure for getting these to the government is unclear. A) Does the offeror have each reference mail/send the questionnaires to the government, or return them to the offeror to be included in the proposal submission? B) Which address (if reference is to mail them directly) should the reference questionnaires be sent to? C) There is no Section J attachment 5. Did you mean attachment 4?	Question A) The instructions to L.5.c.iii. will be revised to state that Past Performance Questionnaires must be submitted by references. Question B) See answer to question #19. Please note: It is the responsibility of the offeror to make sure the questionnaires are submitted by the due date. Question C) Correct, Section J attachment 4 was meant and the draft RFP will be revised.
Written 21	Past Performance Questionnaires	Section L.5.c.iii., p. 43. Regarding past performance questionnaires, will Section J, Attach	See answer to question # Written 20.
Written 22	Past Performance Questionnaires	For the RFP submittal, would AEC consider extending the timeframe from 3-5 years of past performance project(s) experience?	See answer to question # Written 5.

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Written 23	Pricing	Firm Fixed Price proposals on performance-based acquisitions (PBA) typically require a number of baseline assumptions in pricing to further define scope and requirements which may not be fully defined in the Performance Work Statement (PWS). Will the contractor's bid assumptions (pricing basis and technical assumptions) be incorporated in the task order contracts for PBA procurements?	No. Contractor's bid assumptions do not become part of the task order award and will not be the basis for price adjustments.
Written 24	Pricing	The draft RFP seems to allow each bidder to establish their own bid rates. If this is the case, how does AEC plan to evaluate price?	See M.3.C. The government will utilize procedures outlined in FAR Part 15.4 to evaluate price.
Written 25	Pricing	What if a combination of prime/subcontractor and combination of subcontractors will use the same labor category? Why do you want the executor of each labor category identified?	The government requests that each labor category's executor be identified for pricing purposes and to ensure that the rates identified in the Prime's proposal are accurate. See draft RFP paragraph L.5(d)(j).
Written 26	Pricing	Likewise, for Attachment 2 – Price Matrix, would the government consider listing specific SCA wage determinations rather than allowing contractors to pick which to use? Wouldn't this allow for an "apples to apples" comparison of labor rates across contractors, and enable the government to ensure cost reasonableness?	The government will not specify service contract area wage determinations. Sample Task Order 2 will be revised to specify locations.
Written 27	Pricing	Page 45 of 50 – Price Matrix: For purposes of submittal of our price matrix, it appears that we are to provide the highest anticipated price for either prime or subconsultants for the most expensive area of the country in which services are anticipated to be provided (our CAP rates). Where applicable, our cap rates are also to include any anticipated overtime. For example, accounting clerk III rate in Washington DC area (service contract act) at holiday (x2) pay scale. Is this a correct interpretation?	Yes.
Written 28	Pricing	Section L.5.d.v.1, p. 45. Are the labor categories included in Attachment 2 just examples	Labor categories in Attachment 2 are just examples. Additional labor categories may be proposed.
Written 29	Pricing	Can additional labor categories be proposed?	Yes.
Written 30	Pricing	Attachment 2 defines FLOOR and CAP labor Rates. CAP is also defined in the RFP, but FLOOR is first introduced in Attachment 2 as "The lowest rate contemplated to be billed." What is the intent of asking for this information?	There are no FLOOR rates for this procurement and the RFP will be revised.
Written 31	Pricing	Instructions B calls for "Fully loaded FLOOR labor rate" in Column B, but Column B is titled "CAP Loaded RATE." What information is being requested?	See answer to question # Written 30. Only CAP rates are requested.
Written 32	Pricing	Because several subcontractors will be bid on the team, we assume AEC is expecting a separate Attachment 2 for the prime contractor and each of the subcontractors. Is this correct?	The government expects one Price Matrix with prime and subcontractor rates identified in column 6.
Written 33	Pricing	On Page 7 of 50 in the RFP, the Option Periods listed include the second period of May, 2013 through April 30, 2014. In addition, "performance through 2014" is discussed on Page 45 of 50 in the RFP. However, Attachment 2 makes no reference to this time period. Please clarify the time periods for which Labor Rates are being requested.	The RFP Attachment 2 will be revised to include performance from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.
Written 34	Pricing	Rather than allowing contractors to list labor categories of their choosing for Attachment 2 – Price Matrix, would the government consider listing the specific labor categories and qualifications that all contractors should submit rates for? Without specifying standard labor categories and qualifications there will be no "apples to apples" cost comparison of labor rates across contractors that would allow for a fair and adequate government cost realism determination. Otherwise, will the government please explain how cost realism is to be evaluated if an "apple to orange" scenario as proposed is to be accomplished?	See answer to question # Written 26.
Written 35	PWS	Can the contractor assume any deviations or changes to the PWS will be covered?	No.
Written 36	PWS	Page 5 Item 2b is incomplete and stops mid-sentence at the bottom of the page and does not continue on Page 6, as it did on the previous PWS. It is missing the following phrase: "...locations of interest, developing the GIS layer in accordance with Army Guidance, documenting development and updating the layer." Was this intentional?	The PWS is complete.
Written 37	PWS	Page 6 Item 4ii is incomplete and stops mid sentence at the bottom of the page and does not continue on Page 7 as it did in the previous version. It appears to be missing the word "awards".	The PWS is complete. The sentence continues on the next page.
Written 38	PWS	Attachment 1, II. 2) d. (pg 6). Attachment 1 states "Evaluate new technology for compliance with applicable military specification, effectiveness, return on investment and compliance with applicable environmental regulations." Please provide example(s) of "new technology."	Examples of "new technology" in this context are aqueous parts washers, portable waste incinerators, solvent recyclers, or less-hazardous cleaning solvents.
Written 39	PWS	Attachment 1, II. 4) i. Should offeror assume methods of communication are located behind AKO as a single-sign in domain?	Websites used by Army environmental personnel are typically accessed through the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Single Sign On (SSO). Websites under development or revision typically are not accessed through AKO SSO until final and accepted by the government. If necessary for the task order, the government will sponsor contractors for AKO access.
Written 40	PWS	Attachment 1, III, pg 8. This section states "Most tasks will require "Minimal material costs". How will the government determine price reasonableness for these materials?	The government will use the price analysis techniques in FAR 15.4.
Written 41	PWS	Page 2 of PWS: Identification of occasional services indicates potential need for UXO services. Is it intended that the submittal teams identify a UXO sub as part of our submission at this time or just be able to provide such services if/when they arise?	Offerors need not identify unexploded ordnance support in their contract proposals.
Written 42	PWS	Page 2 and 3 (II.1.b.iii) of PWS: The PWS (on page 2) states that natural resources and cultural resources compliance are excluded; however, in II.1.b.iii. you are requesting technical assistance in determining NEPA mitigation monitoring and cumulative impacts tracking. Is this not an example of natural and cultural resources compliance and if so, is it the intent that the contractor also be able to show and provide this capability as part of this Compliance contract effort?	Task orders for NEPA mitigation monitoring and cumulative impacts tracking will address studies, monitoring, and mitigation of environmental impacts from air emissions, point and non-point sources of wastewater discharges, hazardous substance use and spill prevention, etc. Task orders for studies, monitoring, and mitigation of impacts to cultural and natural resources will be awarded under separate contracts.
Written 43	PWS	Page 4 of PWS, item vi.: several states have specific requirements for registration of asbestos/lead inspectors and/or designers. Is it intended that we identify in our submittal these registered individuals at this time? Similarly, are you interested in seeing our registrations nationwide for our engineers and/or geologists at this time?	Registrations need not be identified until required for specific task orders.

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Written 44	RFP, Section B	Section B.1. It seems that the program ceiling for the Compliance procurement (\$130M) is unusually low considering the size of this Program Element within the Army's total environmental budget. Current estimates for the entire suite of 4 Enterprise Environmental Services contracts are approximately \$455M. Compliance comprises only 29% of this amount compared to 42% of the program for Management and Professional Services. Can you explain the rationale for these relative levels of funding?	The USAEC developed program ceilings based on historic expenditures for task orders that fit this contract PWS.
Written 45	RFP, Section I	Reference PWS, paragraph I (Introduction). List of Exclusions: Does the first bullet under H.15. Does the government anticipate contractor personnel to be co-located with government employees at government installations/ If so, does AEC expect to see "on-site & off-site" rates?	Yes.
Written 46	RFP, Section H	Page 20, Section H.14 (Contractor Training). Are initial and recurrent certifications (e.g. state-specific asbestos, lead, PCB, etc.) authorized and assumed to be allowed in order to perform the services in the PWS?	Training of contractor personnel shall be performed by the Contractor at his/her own expense.
Written 47	RFP, Section H	Section H.2.c. Task order thresholds table indicates that TOs may be base+4 option years. Current pricing matrix indicates rates for 3 years 09-11. Is contract period 3 or 5 years? Can TOs be 5 years? What rates should be used beyond 3 years?	5 years. See answer to question # Written 33.
Written 48	RFP, Section H	Section H.3.a (i). Labor rates are presented in terms of "CAP" rates. Section J, Attachment 2 (pricing matrix) references both FLOOR and CAP rates. Should we assume only a CAP rates in lieu of both FLOOR & CAP?	Yes, Attachment II will be revised to read CAP rate.
Written 49	RFP, Section H	Section H.8, p. 13. Section requires "Workmen's compensation insurance as required by	Workmen's compensation insurance shall be as required by state laws that apply to the offeror.
Written 50	RFP, Section H	Section H.9, p. 13. Will the decision be made on the environmental compliance procurement	USAEC intends to award the environmental compliance procurement before issuing the Management and Professional Services request for proposal.
Written 51	RFP, Section H	Section H.9. Isn't the existence of OCI established on a case-by-case basis due to the circumstances surrounding a particular piece of work (task order)? Why is it necessary to make the "participation" in the Management and Professional Services" acquisition an automatic OCI for the Compliance contract? What does "participation" mean? Wouldn't a contractor be prohibited from pursuing work (task orders) where an actual conflict exists (per the FAR and examples provided in section H.9.b)?	The OCI information was provided as a caution for upcoming requirements. As indicated in the general rules in 9.505, significant potential organizational conflicts of interest are normally resolved by imposing some restraint, appropriate to the nature of the conflict, upon the contractor's eligibility for future contracts or subcontracts.
Written 52	RFP, Section H	Section H.18. Are the small business goals expressed for "total subcontracted amounts" or "total contract value?"	The goals are expressed as total subcontracted amounts.
Written 53	RFP, Section H	Page 21 (H.18) and page 45 (Section L, e. volume V – Small Business Subcontracting Plan). Please verify that the small business subcontracting goals are based on a percentage of anticipated subcontracted dollars, and are not based on total contract value.	See Question # Written 53.
Written 54	RFP, Section H	Please clarify the small business utilization goals presented on Page 21 of 50 in the RFP. Is the Total Small Business goal equal to 50%, of which the targets for specific subgroups equals 27%? (This leaves 23% for undefined small business.)	Correct.
Written 55	RFP, Section H	Please clarify the small business utilization goals presented on Page 21 of 50 in the RFP. Does utilization of one of the specified subgroups count both in the total and in the subgroup percentage?	No. A specified small business subgroup counts once only.
Written 56	RFP, Section H (OCI)	Page 14 of 50: discusses OCI issues and indicates in item (4) that Contractor shall be excluded from competition or award of contract for any software for which the contractor participated in the development of. In many instances on compliance efforts we are involved in development of databases and/or websites for assisting in compliance efforts for facilities. In many instances, there are desires by these facilities to upgrade the systems and/or develop additional modules/capabilities. Would the OCI clause as written preclude us from participating in such follow-on work in subsequent years/taskings of the contract (language appears to indicate that this would be the case)? If so, is government then essentially eliminating the contractor most qualified to provide such services at most reasonable cost due to familiarity with prior system/work?	Page 14 of 50 also states that "The agency may in its sole discretion, waive any provisions of this clause if deemed in the best interest of the Government."
Written 57	RFP, Section H (OCI)	We are requesting a clarification to H.9: Organizational Conflict of Interest - This clause states that primes under this procurement cannot participate as a sub on the Management and Professional Services acquisition. We believe that there are a number of SOW areas under the Management and Professional Services PWS that would not cause a conflict with this procurement.	See answer to question # Written 52.
Written 58	RFP, Section H (OCI)	Section H.9. Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI): Why are prime contractors for the Environmental Compliance contracts prohibited from being a subcontractor on a Management and Professional Services contract, while the reverse is permitted?	See answer to question # Written 52.
Written 59	RFP, Section H (OCI)	Page 13 of 50, Section H.9. Regarding the OCI requirements, will the selection of Environmental Compliance contractors be done in advance of the release of the Management and Professional Services solicitation to allow contractors to know if there is a conflict?	Yes.
Written 60	RFP, Section K	Are Reqs and Certs required for Prime (only) or Prime and Subs? (Recognizing that SB representations are required for all applicable primes and subs.)	Prime and subs.
Written 61	RFP, Section L	Please clarify if Matrices, Graphic and Charts are excluded from the page count in Volume 3. Past Performance, as they were excluded in Volume 2. Technical Proposal.	Yes, these are excluded from the page count for Volume 3.
Written 62	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.(b).p. 40. Please clarify the phrase"...consecutive page numbering with the ta	Number each volume of the proposal separately, beginning with page 1 and continuing to the final page in the volume. Do not number pages containing material specifically exempt from the page count. Do not number tabs. Place tabs at the beginning of each new section in the volume.
Written 63	RFP, Section L	In Volume II, part 1 (page 41) is AEC looking for a management approach, project experience, and or staffing levels/qualifications?	Offeror should provide a technical approach and relevant corporate experience with the product and either with DOD or similar facilities that will enable them to successfully execute the proposed approach.
Written 64	RFP, Section L	In volume III, is AEC looking for past performance on program type IDIQ contracts or for past performance on individual task orders that specifically address the 5 areas listed on Page 41 of 50: Air emissions, wastewater, drinking water, regulated waste and hazardous and toxic substances?	Past performance need not be limited to the 5 areas on page 41 but should address the overall scope of the performance work statement and the management of risks that might be expected under a nationwide IDIQ contract of this size. Please note paragraphs (3) and (4) on page 43.
Written 65	RFP, Section L	Section L.4, p.39. Please confirm that the CD ROM for Volumes I, II, III, IV, and V should	Correct.
Written 66	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.a. Proposal must be submitted using MS Word 2007 and MS Excel 2007. Can offerors use MS Word 2003 and MS Excel 2003?	To ensure accuracy of proposal submission proposals must be submitted using MS Word 2007 and MS Excel 2007.
Written 67	RFP, Section L		

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Written 68	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.a. Are the CD ROM files included with the original submission or both the original and copies? How many electronic (CD ROM) files are required?	CD ROM files are to be included with the original submission. One (1) set each for Volumes I, II, III, and V; and a separate CD ROM file for Volume IV.
Written 69	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.d. We believe that 25 pages is too restrictive and does not allow us to present a PWS response and the STO responses in sufficient detail for USAEC to make an informed decision. We request that the page limit be doubled for this volume, to 50 pages.	The page limit for Volume II will remain at 25 pages.
Written 70	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.d and e. Subparagraph d states that for Volume II, "excludes any attached charts, matrix, or graphs...." This statement is missing from Subparagraph e. Please clarify.	See answer to question # Written 62.
Written 71	RFP, Section L	Section L.5. We noticed that the Executive Summary is not requested in Volumes II and III. Since the Executive Summary introduces who we are and our team, we feel it should also be included in these volumes so that we don't have to use pages to repeat information that is provided in other volumes. Please clarify.	The contractor is to provide an executive summary in Volume I only.
Written 72	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.b.1 and 2. We note that no resumes are required within the Technical Proposal. Is this the intent? Are the "job qualification" described in the STO response intended to address resumes?	See answer to question # Written 8.
Written 73	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.c.ii (2). Does the matrix need to be printed on an 8.5 x 11 paper or can it be larger (11x17) and folded to be 8.5 x 11 in size? (L.4.b states that everything should be on 8.5x11 paper)	All documents are to be submitted on 8.5 x 11 paper.
Written 74	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.c.iii. This section states "It is the responsibility of the offeror to follow-up and ensure the Government receives the questionnaires in sufficient time to be considered in this evaluation." Please define "sufficient time".	The Government must receive the questionnaires by the date of proposal submission identified in Block 9. of the Standard Form 33 to be considered in this evaluation.
Written 75	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d. STOs require non-labor resources to complete. How shall non-labor resources and travel be priced so that they can be evaluated consistently? Pricing matrix in Section J, Appendix 2 does not address ODCs and Travel.	See guidance in the draft RFP page 12 paragraph H.3(ii)(b).
Written 76	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.iii. Do you want to see the compensation plan for only the Prime contractor or sub-contractors as well?	Compensation plan is required for both the Prime contractor and sub-contractors.
Written 77	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.iv. Does the rate build-up information only required for rates used in the STO proposal OR do we need to provide rate build ups for the entire set of rates (i.e., those in the pricing matrix) for the entire contract?	Provide rate build ups for both the entire set of rates proposed in the contract pricing matrix and the rates using the STO proposals.
Written 78	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.v.(2). Indicates performance through 2014. Not consistent with pricing matrix or stated contract order period. Please clarify.	See answer to question # Written 33.
Written 79	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.e. The RFP Requirement in Section L doesn't match the subcontracting requirements stated on Draft RFP pg. 21. The RFP requirement for Vol. V doesn't include "Veteran-Owned Small Business" in the Small Business Participation Plan. Are the subcontracted categories and percentages shown in H.18 (Draft RFP pg. 21) what we should use in the proposal or should we use the information provided on Draft RFP pgs. 45-46?	We will revise to include "Veteran-Owned Small Business" in the Small Business Participation Plan. Subcontracting categories and percentages shown in H.18 (Draft RFP pg. 21) should be utilized in the proposal.
Written 80	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.c.iii (pg 43) and J, Attachment 4. Past Performance Questionnaire is provided as Attachment 4, not Attachment 5 as stated in Section L. The electronic file of the Past Performance Questionnaire doesn't include a Cover Letter, as stated on Draft RFP Section J, pg. 28 and Section L.5.c.iii, pg 43.	The Past Performance Questionnaire provided is now Attachment 4. We will revise Attachment 4 to include a cover letter.
Written 81	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.iv. p. 44 - "The offeror shall indicate whether the rates proposed are on-site or off-site rates and discussed the application of indirect factors". Section L.5.d.v states that the price matrix shall include a full burdened CAP rate. Should the offeror assume that the Government only wants to see one maximum rate (CAP) for each labor category identified in Tab J, Attachment 2, regardless of where the work is executed? Does the government want separate CAP rates for on-site and off-site labor? Should the offeror assume that an on-site rate could be a "discounted rate" referenced in L.5.d.v (1)?	See answer to question # Written 17.
Written 82	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.v.(2). Please define the term "significant" when used in the sentence, "... the Government is expecting significant discounts from the CAP rate..." p. 45. How does the government plan to consistently evaluate "significant discounts"?	The discounts from the CAP rate, as referenced on page 45, are not an evaluation factor in this solicitation. Discounts from the CAP rate relate to Task Order requirements.
Written 83	RFP, Section L	Section L, Page 45, Tab 5 – Price Matrix and Attachment 2 – Price Matrix. Can you provide further explanation of pricing instructions, evaluation, and use of rates once the contract? Specifically, further clarification or corrections appears needed in the following areas: · On page 45, v. (4), the instructions for column 3 of the price matrix ask for a fully loaded "CAP" labor rate based on 2009; however, the instructions for column 3 on Attachment 2 ask for a fully loaded "FLOOR" labor rate based on 2009. Is it correct to assume that the term "FLOOR" labor rate means the labor rates to be used for the entire 2-year base ordering period for the contract (1 May 2009 through 30 April 2011), and that you also expect the labor rates to be "CAP" rates, i.e., the maximum rate that will be paid for each labor category for that two-year base ordering period? · The instructions for column 4 of the price matrix on both page 45 and on the matrix itself ask for fully loaded CAP labor rates based on 2011. Is it correct to assume that these rates are to be used for the entire 2-year first option period (1 May 2011 thro	See answers to questions # Written 30 and # Written 33. CAP rates provided are those to be used throughout the entire base year and the option periods.
Written 84	RFP, Section L	Page 40 of 50: In paragraph c, it states that "Offerors shall propose to satisfy the entire PWS." Yet, when you look on page 41, the solicitation indicates that you only want us to provide information regarding experience and approach to the five various products (e.g., Title V permits; NPDES permits, SDWA permits, etc.). However, the PWS includes so much more than that. Therefore, does the Army not want us to address our experience in the other areas of the PWS such as PPOAs, EMS, training and environmental awards, compliance audits/reviews, etc?	The government's evaluation of part 1 of the Technical Proposal will be based on the ten products in five areas specified. Offerors should address other experience relevant to the PWS in Volume 3, Past Performance.
Written 85	RFP, Section L	Page 41 of 50: It is unclear as to exactly what is being requested in L.5.b.1. It is our interpretation that in L.5.b.1 you are looking for our approach to completing each of the 10 desired deliverables for the five program areas (products) identified. Please clarify?	See answer to question # Written 64.
Written 86	RFP, Section L	Page 41 of 50, Section L.5.b.1. In regards to the IDIQ Performance Work Statement response, unclear as to what constitutes the ten surveys mentioned. Please clarify what is required here.	The ten products are the specific surveys, plans, permits, and studies specified in the bulleted list on page 41. The draft RFP will be revised to clarify this.
Written 87	RFP, Section L	Section L.5.d.iii.,p. 44. Please provide additional information on what is required in the T	Section will be removed from the draft RFP.
Written 88	RFP, Section L	Page 44 of 50, Section L.5.d.iii. Please define what is required for the Total Professional Employee Compensation Plan.	Section will be removed from the draft RFP.

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Written 89	RFP, Section L	Page 45 of 50, Section L.5.d.v.(4). In regards to Column 6, can separate rates be provided for the Prime and subcontractor(s)?	Yes.
Written 90	RFP, Section L	Volume II Proposal Instructions. Under 2.i.(1), what is meant by "alternatives considered"? Does this refer to alternative approaches? Please provide an example.	In context, "alternatives" refers to alternative approaches to providing the outcome the government desires. An example of two alternative approaches to on post data collection would be either by desktop review of existing facility records or by building survey.
Written 91	RFP, Section L	Volume III Proposal Instructions. Under i.(2), can you provide a practical maximum of past performance you would like to see or perhaps a range?	The maximum should be that necessary to demonstrate the depth and breadth to successfully satisfy all Task Areas.
Written 92	RFP, Section L	Volume III Proposal Instructions. Under i.(3), what is meant by measured quality or reliability? Please provide an example.	In context, actual measured quality or reliability means the offeror's past performance against a client-specified performance level or standard. For example, if the client specified that the report have no more than two typos per fifty pages, the actual measured quality would be the number of typos per fifty pages achieved by the offeror for that client.
Written 93	RFP, Section L	Volume III Proposal Instructions. Under ii.(2), is this requested Matrix of Past Performance to Task Area included in the page count for Volume III? Due to the number of specific items listed in each of the Task Areas, this matrix will be several fold-out pages long. (Instructions for Volumes II state "attached charts, matrix, or graphs" are excluded from the count.)	See answer to question # Written 62.
Written 94	RFP, Section L	Volume III Proposal Instructions. Why is there no request for resumes in the RFP or the Sample Task Orders? How will AEC know that the experience claimed is actually present within a firm? Will resumes be requested in the future?	See answer to question #8. Resumes may be requested during task order competition.
Written 95	RFP, Section L	Page 40 of 50: Page limitation of 25 pages for Volume II may be difficult given level of information that is desired to be covered in both Part I – IDIQ PWS Response as well as to the two sample task orders. Recommend modifying Volume II page limit to 50 pages to allow room for adequate response.	See answer to question # Written 69.
Written 96	RFP, Section M	M.2 last paragraph. If it is determined that there are less than 6 "highly qualified" offerors under the restricted suite, will the anticipated ratio of restricted vs. unrestricted awards (75-25) be adjusted?	Based on market research, the USAEC believes that sufficient highly qualified small businesses exist and will propose.
Written 97	RFP, Section M	Section M2 states "Multiple IDIQ contracts will be awarded to offerors determined to be "Highly Qualified" based on their technical proposal..." Please define "Highly Qualified".	See draft RFP Section M.3.A.
Written 98	RFP, Section M	Section M3.A(2). Please define "advantageous characteristics of substance and few relatively minor disadvantages".	Draft RFP Section M.3.A(2) will be revised to match Section L.5.b.2.(1).
Written 99	RFP, Section M	Section M.2. We can envision a situation where a LB may support a SB team and prime the unrestricted contract. If both pursuits result in award, the LB may be part of two teams submitting proposals on unrestricted T.O.s; limiting potential for competition. Will the government discourage such a situation when evaluating proposals for contract award? That is, will it be a disadvantage to a LB to compete for an award in both the SB and unrestricted portfolio?	The government will not discourage such situations during task order proposal submission by the offerors that are awarded a contract under this solicitation.
Written 100	Sample Task Orders	Page 42 of 50, Volume II Sample Task Order Response: You indicate requirement for identification of associated labor hours related to completion of the Task Order effort. For Sample Task Order 1, it includes effort associated with completion of updating of air emissions inventories for 6 separate facilities. While the SOW indicates assumption of 50 new air emissions sources per installation, it would be unreasonable to assume level of effort for this without existing knowledge of number of existing air emissions sources for each site as well since these sources would also need to be included in update of inventories. Is it intent of AEC to have the offerors obtain the facility specific existing information (from public sources) from the 6 states for purposes of our submittals or are we to assume a certain number of existing sources per site for purposes of submittal?	Offerors should assume a number of existing sources.
Written 101	Sample Task Orders	Are the draft Sample Tasks the actual Tasks to be provided in the final RFP or will these be changed?	The draft STOs may be revised in the final RFP.
Written 102	Sample Task Order 01	Is it correct to assume that no data entry into an Army database is required for any data gathered or generated during this task order?	Correct for this sample task order.
Written 103	Sample Task Order 01	Is it correct to assume that each of the six installations have existing SPCCPs?	Correct for this sample task order.
Written 104	Sample Task Order 01	We have revised SPCCPs for Army installations that have also included spill prevention, control, and countermeasures information related to the storage and handling of hazardous substances as well as oil. Is it correct to assume that the SPCCPs for the six installations would only contain spill prevention, control, and countermeasures information related to storage and handling of oil? And if an existing SPCCP for one of the six installations did include information related to hazardous substances that are being stored or handled, is it correct to assume that the contractor would not be required to update the SPCCP with regard to any information related to hazardous substances? Are those hazardous substances excluded from the SPCCP rule requirements?	For this sample task order, assume that installation spill plans must comply only with 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 112.
Written 105	Sample Task Order 01	Section 4.a.ii of the Sample Task Order (STO) 1, Statement of Work (SOW) states that the government will provide access to or copies of installation maps, previously prepared emissions inventories, and permits. Similarly, Section 5.b.v states that installation staff will provide EPA, regional, state, and local installation compliance requirements or citations. What recourse will the contractor have if the government or installation staff does not provide such materials in a timely manner?	Historically, delays caused by government tardiness in providing existing documents are managed by a no-cost extension of the period of performance.
Written 106	Sample Task Order 01	Section 5.a.i of the STO 1, SOW states that the contractor will produce a health and safety (H&S) plan. Are installation-specific H&S plans required or should the plan be generic to all six locations?	Assume one task-specific health and safety plan that addresses the health and safety risks of the activities necessary to complete the task.
Written 107	Sample Task Order 01	Based on Section 5.c, it appears that the STO 1 SOW is indicating that a single site visit should be conducted to gather information necessary to identify and document air emission sources and new or modified SPCCP compliance sites and identify drinking water distribution systems for each installation. What recourse will the contractor have if the necessary installation personnel are not available or a secured facility can not be accessed during a single time period such that data gathering can be accomplished during a single site visit?	In proposals responding to the sample task orders, offerors should identify risks and propose how these risks will be managed. For example, if the offeror identifies a risk that personnel, facilities, or records are not accessible during the site visit, the offeror should briefly state the risk and propose to manage that risk by a follow-up site visit, or by phone calls to subject matter experts, or by requesting the installation environmental staff to inspect the facility or provide records, or by some combination of these and other management approaches.

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Written 108	Sample Task Order 01	Section 5.c.vii lists assumptions for a number of new air emission sources, new or modified SPCCP compliance sites, and drinking water systems per installation. What recourse will the contractor have if the actual number of new emission sources, new or modified SPCCP compliance sites, or drinking water systems exceeds the numbers stated in this section?	In proposals responding to the sample task orders, offerors should identify risks and propose how these risks will be managed. For example, if the offeror identifies a risk that personnel, facilities, or records are not accessible during the site visit, the offeror should briefly state the risk and propose to manage that risk by a follow-up site visit, or by phone calls to subject matter experts, or by requesting the installation environmental staff to inspect the facility or provide records, or by some combination of these and other management approaches.
Written 109	Sample Task Order 01	Sections 5.d, 5.e, and 5.f state that the contractor will produce a draft and final report or plan. Is it correct to assume that installation-specific reports or plans are required for each of the six installations?	Yes. Each installation will require separate reports and plans.
Written 110	Sample Task Order 01	Section 5.e.i states that the contractor will calculate installation oil storage capacity against thresholds for preparing a SPCCP, a streamlined SPCCP, and a Facility Response Plan (FRP). If inclusion of the new or modified SPCCP compliance site capacities causes a threshold to be exceeded such that a FRP is required for an installation and the installation does not have such a plan, is it correct to assume that the preparation of an FRP would be considered out-of-scope for this STO?	Yes. Assume that preparation or revision of FRP is out-of-scope.
Written 111	Sample Task Order 01	Is it correct to assume that any required revisions to an installation's existing FRP based on information related to the new or modified SPCCP compliance sites would be considered out-of-scope for this STO?	Yes. Assume that preparation or revision of FRP is out-of-scope.
Written 112	Sample Task Order 01	Sections 5.d.vi.2, 5.e.v.1, and 5.f.iv.1 states that the government will provide comments within one month of receiving the draft deliverables. What recourse will the contractor have if the government does not provide comments within the stated time frame?	See answer to question # Written 105.
Written 113	Sample Task Order 01	In formulating the technical approach to STO 1, what role will AEC have in the interaction between the contractor and the six installations? Will AEC provide or clarify Army policies or conduct oversight of the contractor during task order execution?	AEC personnel will serve as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and will provide DOD or Army policy or guidance relevant to the STO as appropriate.
Written 114	Sample Task Order 02	In formulating the technical approach to STO 2, what role will AEC have in the interaction between the contractor and installations? Will the Army provide Army approved remediation estimating tools, policies, guidance and oversight?	AEC personnel will serve as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and will provide DOD or Army policy or guidance relevant to the STO as appropriate.
Written 115	Sample Task Order 02	Is there a preferred estimating tool (RACES), or is none such that RM Means, quotes, etc., could be used?	No DOD or Army software exists for estimating environmental closure liabilities for this STO.
Written 116	Sample Task Order 02	What is the purpose of requiring a discussion of cross training and cross utilization? Consultants have specialized resources at various geographical locations who work on their specialties on multiple projects simultaneously.	Draft RFP will be revised to remove this requirement.
Written 117	Sample Task Order 02	Is there a preferred estimating tool, (is it RACES?), or is there none, such that RM Means quotes, etc. could be used?	See answer to question # Written 115.
Written 118	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, Inventories/Plans SOW. c.vii.5. The assumptions indicate the level of distribution system information that is likely available, primarily with regard to distribution system maps, models, and model calibration. Will the contractor be expected to update installation maps, models, and model calibration as part of developing the installation standard monitoring plan for Stage 2 disinfectant?	Other than as specified in the sample task order, preparing the disinfection byproducts Standard Monitoring Plan does not require updating installation maps or models.
Written 119	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, Inventories/Plans SOW. 3. b. Are referenced emissions from stationary sources?	Yes.
Written 120	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Will an electronic version (in Word and Excel) of previous air emission inventories be provided to use for the preparation of an updated inventory? In other words, can we assume that the preparation of an updated inventory will not include the creation of a "ground up" emissions inventory and will merely build upon the existing inventory?	Assume that each installation will provide an Excel version of prior emission inventory calculations for update. However, installation data formats will differ due to different state requirements and because no Army standard format exists.
Written 121	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Should applicable documents for air emission inventories also include manufacturer NTE emission factor, a current tank inventory, and permit applications if source already installed/operated but not yet rolled into Title V permit?	The sample task order 1 Applicable Documents section (paragraph 4) cites only those documents that provide DOD, Army, or Federal regulatory requirements or interpretive guidance applicable to the task. Each installation may have other relevant documents, including manufacturer's emission factors, tank inventories, permit applications, or be subject to more stringent state or regional guidance.
Written 122	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, Inventories/Plans SOW. Task 3: Site Visit. May we assume that installation's previous AEI contains accurate info about size of units etc – i.e., is a building by building ground truthing survey necessary? Trying to assess the degree of necessary facility inspections.	See answer to question # Written 108.
Written 123	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, Inventories/Plans SOW. Assumptions. Recommend addition of the following assumptions: Assume all relevant docs will be sent to Contractor prior to site visit to allow for full preparation. Assume the use of the same electronic format as the previous AEI. Assume limited QA/QC of previous AEI will be necessary and contractor will alert installation immediately of any mistakes found.	See answer to question # Written 108.
Written 124	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Is field verification of all existing sources necessary?	See answer to question # Written 108.
Written 125	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Will the documents provided by facility personnel (permits, permit applications, inventories) include all of the new sources to be added to the updated air emission inventory?	No. Surveys of new buildings or sources will be necessary.
Written 126	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. May the Contractor contact facility environmental and shop personnel directly after the site visit to finalize the data used in the air emission inventory?	For responding to these Sample Task Orders, do not contact facility personnel. While executing future task orders, contractors should expect to be able to follow up with facility personnel directly after appropriate coordination and with permission.
Written 127	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. For the purposes of this emission inventory, does the term "regulated pollutant" include greenhouse gases?	Regulated pollutants are as defined by relevant Federal, state, regional, or local law and regulation.
Written 128	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Is it correct to assume that the air emission inventory does not include a compliance assessment?	Yes. No compliance assessment required.
Written 129	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Is it correct to assume that only Excel worksheets will be used to quantify emissions; no data entry into software (i.e., APIMS, etc) will be completed?	Yes.
Written 130	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. Are we to follow Army guidelines for preparing an AEI or follow the format of AEI previously submitted by each installation (i.e., start from scratch or update previous AEI)?	Assume update the previous installation air emission inventory in whatever form the installation specifies. No Army standard format exists.

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Written 131	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3 Inventories/Plans SOW. SOW states contractor is to calculate actual emissions from each source. Should we also address potential to emit (PTE)?	Actual emissions only. Do not address potential emissions.
Written 132	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, ECL SOW. 5.c. Task 3: Site Visit. Will all Units be recorded (ECL and non-ECL) as they are found at the installation? Some DoD components records both OEL and non-OEL Units in case a policy change occurs and previously determined non-OEL Units become OEL Units. A record of the new OEL Unit will exist and require minimal effort to generate a cost estimate.	Record only those sites and facilities with an environmental closure liability.
Written 133	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, ECL SOW. 5.c. Task 3: Site Visit. When recording ECL Units, will photos of the Units and sub-3 meter accuracy GPS readings be required?	No photos or GPS readings are required.
Written 134	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, ECL SOW. 5.d. Task 4: Draft and Final Report. Does the Army require a standard practice/method for calculating environmental closure liabilities? Does the Army use a Verification, Validation, and Accreditation (VVA) system be used to generate the cost estimates or do they use engineers/cost estimators looking at each individual ECL Unit and developing a cost estimate using their professional judgment, area cost factors, and a software package such as RS Means?	See answer to question # Written 115.
Written 135	Sample Task Orders	Attachment 3, ECL SOW. 5.d. Task 4: Draft and Final Report. Will straight-line amortization for site closures and capacity for landfills be used?	Calculate the total liability without amortizing.
Written 136	Sample Task Orders	Section L.5.b.2. (1),p. 42. Does the statement "Provide your approach to satisfying each	Offerors should address each sample task order individually and then discuss risks and propose risk management and efficiencies possible in working and managing both task orders during the same time frame
Written 137	Small Business	Is it correct to assume that for the Small Business Subcontracting Plan (page 45), you would like prime contractors to estimate the dollar amount they will be awarded as a prime contractor using a percentage estimate of the overall \$130M IDIQ pool? And that you would then like contractors to estimate the amount of work that they anticipate subcontracting? And that you would then like contractors to present a percentage and dollar amount they anticipate subcontracting to the various socioeconomic groups?	Yes.
Written 138	Small Business	What will happen if a small business exceeds the \$7 million per year revenue threshold during the term of the contract? Will this exclude them from bidding for a small business set-aside TO? This actually seems more likely than not: thus AEC runs the risk of having no contractors on board who could bid on a proposed TO.	A concern that qualified as a small business at the time it receives a contract is considered a small business throughout the life of that contract. Where a concern grows to be other than small, the procuring agency may exercise options and still count the award as an award to a small business. Small business representation procedures are outlined in FAR 52.219-28.
Written 139	Small Business	Do the small business subcontractors have to meet the \$7M limit of the applicable NAICS code?	Any small businesses the offerors indicate in their proposal must meet the Small Business Administration thresholds of the applicable NAICS code.
Conference 1	General	Can you discuss in more detail the broad scope of the four contract RFPs to be advertised and how they relate to each other?	Army environmental programs break down into environmental cleanup and environmental quality. The clean up efforts are being handled through a separate contract mechanism in separate industry. The USAEC web site will announce future business opportunities for cleanup contracts. The four contract RFPs to be advertised address the environmental quality contract mechanisms, and today (during the 16 Dec 2008 Pre-Proposal Conference) we are talking about the environmental compliance RFP. The Environmental Compliance, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources contracts are product-oriented, output type contracts. The intended deliverables from these contracts are discrete studies, reports, permit applications, plans or surveys. The contractor will perform most of work under these contracts at sites other than the Army installations. The Management and Professional Services contract is to provide ongoing environmental services at the installation on a day-to-day basis. The contractor will perform most of work under these contracts at the Army installations.
Conference 2	General	If my intent is to provide staff augmentation and services, is the compliance contract the vehicle I need to focus on?	No. The Management and Professional Services contract will provide staff augmentation and services.
Conference 3	General	Regarding the Management and Professional Services (MPS) component, can you expound upon the "philosophical discussion" being shared between IMCOM and AEC, and explain how this may affect the MPS solicitation?	During FY09, IMCOM (which includes USAEC) will determine in accordance with Army policy which Army environmental tasks are governmental in nature and should be done by civil servants, which are not and may be done by contractors, and what the appropriate number of government employees and support contractors is. These decisions will affect the timing and contract capacity of the Management and Professional Services RFP.
Conference 4	General	As a follow up to the AEC/IMCOM views of the Advisory (Management and Professional Services) contracts, is AEC coming out with Advisory contracts? If not, this may affect a firm's desire to prime the environmental compliance contract. Do you think IMCOM will come out with separate advisory contracts?	The USAEC intends that the Management and Professional Services RFP come out in 3QFY09. At this time the USAEC does not foresee a separate IMCOM contract.
Conference 5	General	Ultimately when task orders are completed will task orders that have overlap (for example, assessment task orders that also require significant IT support or services) be competed as a part of compliance IDIQ or the professional services IDIQ?	Task orders for developing or modifying discrete products will be awarded under the environmental compliance contract. Follow on or routine day-to-day support may be awarded under the Management and Professional Services or other contract.
Conference 6	General	Does the draft solicitation include a list of the installations? In not, how do I research their locations?	Go to the URL http://www.imcom.army.mil/site/imcom/default.asp . Note that this contract does not apply to installations located in Europe, Japan, or Korea.
Conference 7	General	What is the likelihood my small business with four offices east of the Mississippi River will be awarded a contract? Do I need to consider teaming with another business with offices west of the Mississippi River?	The location of the offeror's or the team's offices will not be a factor in source selection.
Conference 8	General	What role will AEC staff play in the task order management and execution at the installation: Coordination, Oversight, Technical involvement, Project Management?	USAEC staff will serve as Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for those tasks that are awarded by AEC and may serve as COR on other tasks if requested by the awarding entity, and will provide DOD and Army policy and guidance as appropriate.
Conference 9	General	If a company holding one of the full-open or small business awards sells work to an installation or garrison, will that work still need to be competed, or can the installation work with AEC to ensure the work goes to the company that sold the work?	Sole source procurements are allowed at the task order level. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 16.505(b) and DFARS 216.505-70, the TOCO will give all awardees a "fair opportunity" to be considered for each order, unless one of the conditions set forth therein applies. In accordance with FAR 16.5 and DFARS 216.505-70, when an exception to the fair opportunity exists, the task order may be processed as sole source procurement, including documentation of the exception to fair opportunity.
Conference 10	General	Will awards be based on geography (regional) or will they be national contracts?	Contracts will be awarded for national performance, not only for regional performance.
Conference 11	General	Will RFPs be solicited to the selected (10) contractors based on geographic location of the	Task orders will not be solicited or awarded based on the location of the installation(s).
Conference 12	General	The RFP states that task orders will be "performance based objectives." Please explain y	Performance based standards and measures that may be required in task orders include document accuracy, completeness, clarity, accessibility, and auditability; timeliness. Task orders will not require regulator acceptance of the final product as a task order performance standard.
Conference 13	General	Is a Joint Venture considered a preference for AEC?	No. AEC has no preference for how business teams.

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Conference 14	General	Does USAEC currently have incumbent contractors providing the services in the RFP?	No.
Conference 15	General	What was the NAICS code used to perform Market Research for the Environmental Com	The NAICS code utilized for market research and included in the draft RFP was 541620, Environmental Consulting Services.
Conference 16	General	How is a contract administrator different than contacting officer specialist?	A contract administrator is a person who administers the contract after it is awarded and oversees the day-to-day activities. Procuring contracting officers oversee the requirement from the acquisition planning stages through contract award. Administrative contracting oversees the contract after it is awarded.
Conference 17	General	Please clarify how many of the proposed ten awards made will be small and how many v	The Government anticipates awarding eight to ten awards. However, the Government reserves the right to make the maximum number of awards deemed necessary to satisfy the PWS and provide competition based on qualified offers. Until the Government knows the exact number of awards to be made, the total number awarded to small and the total number awarded to large cannot be determined. The Government plans to award 75% of the total contracts to be awarded to small business and 25% to other than small businesses.
Conference 18	General	Will there be a 10% percent credit for any prime contractors in the full and open compet	No.
Conference 19	General	Does the recent GAO really affect the necessity of small business submitting or not submit	No. The recent GAO Delex Systems decision affects competition as it relates to the socioeconomic requirements at the task order level.
Conference 20	General	How are individual task orders awarded? If eight of the ten teams receive awards, do th	Yes, all requirements exceeding \$3,000 must be competed at the task order level amongst all awardees unless an exception included at FAR 16.505(b) applies. The award dollars are not equally divided amongst awardees. One contractor may receive \$20M dollars of the contract ceiling whereas another receive \$45M. The evaluation criteria for each requirement at the task order level will be made by the task order contracting officer.
Conference 21	General	The subcontracting part that you are subcontracting, 50 percent of that small business, i	The subcontracting dollars do not include the total ceiling dollars (\$130M) but the total subcontracting dollars set aside for small businesses.
Conference 22	General	In a joint venture, are the collective gross revenue of the firms required to be below the	Yes, it my understanding that revenue from all entities are inclusive when determining size standards.
Conference 23	General	Is there a fee for using this contract vehicle?	At this time, there is no fee.
Conference 24	Past Performance	Will preference be given to teams that include past performance examples of projects where the team has worked together--as opposed to Past Performance examples that demonstrate experience of only one team member.	No.
Conference 25	PWS	Will the PWS read such that the contractors are not allowed any contact or discussions with local regulators regarding task orders? What is the division of responsibility regarding regulator contact and permitting?	The PWS will not prohibit contractors from contacting regulators to gain an understanding of regulatory requirements. Task orders typically prohibit contractors from representing the government before regulators and may impose other restrictions.
Conference 26	PWS	The PWS (page 2) states that natural resources and cultural resources compliance are excluded; however, in II.1.b.iii, you are requesting technical assistance in determining NEPA mitigation monitoring and cumulative impacts tracking. Is this not an example of natural and cultural resources compliance and if so, is it the intent that the contractor also be able to show and provide this capability as part of the compliance contract effort?	The PWS requirement for NEPA mitigation monitoring and cumulative impacts tracking applies only to mitigation of impacts from air emissions, drinking water, waste and storm water, and hazardous and toxic substance management. Offerors should not discuss capabilities and past performance in natural and cultural resource management for this RFP.
Conference 27	RFP, Section H (OCI)	Any Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) issue for a company priming on both the professional/management and environmental cleanup contracts?	Possibly. Prime contractors with clean-up contracts must understand that there may be OCI issues if they prime on the management and professional requirement. The Government expects contractors to identify at the task order level OCI issues and to ask task order contracting officers if there is a conflict.
Conference 28	RFP, Section H	To reduce expense to small business, can the process be broken down into two steps, only submit information to address highly qualified, then if deem highly qualified, submit additional information.	The government is sensitive to the B&P costs to small business and has attempted to mitigate cost by conducting multiple industry days. However, in order to conduct our evaluation process, offerors entire packages must be presented by the RFP due date. A two-step process for this requirement will not be used.
Conference 29	RFP, Section H	You state that other direct costs are cost reimbursable, are you going to allow G&A for anything here on this, if so, where would you put that in the price proposal?	Yes, however, the task ordering officer will make the final determination. We are allowing the task ordering officer to add a cost-reimbursable CLIN at the task order level.
Conference 30	RFP, Section L	Are there page limitations to proposals?	Page limitations are specified in the draft RFP Section L.4, C through F.
Conference 31	RFP, Section L	Volume II page limit of 25 seems too short given necessity of responding to the IDIQ PWS for the 10 products as well as to the two sample task orders. Will it remain 25 pages or would you consider increasing to 50 pages?	Our intent was to get good writing, which is typically defined as terse writing, concise writing. Unless we hear more detailed explanations for why 25 pages is insufficient, the page limit will remain. Note that the government determined the 25 page limit as follows: One page each for ten critical products, five pages each for two Sample Task Orders, five more pages for discussions of management, risks, and innovation, and the page limit does not apply to a Quality Control plan and to others things specified in Section L of the RFP. Unless specified in the final RFP, offerors are not held to these page counts, only to the 25 page limitation.
Conference 32	RFP, Section L	Would you please reduce the font size from 12 to 11 point? This would assist in being able to respond to the criteria included in the RFP within the page limitation specified.	No.
Conference 33	RFP, Section L	Will there be any resume/key personnel requirement?	Not during the contract RFP, but possible for task order competition.
Conference 34	RFP, Section L	For small businesses who may not have corporate past performance, they rely on the qu	The Government does not intend to add key personnel. The Government cannot relate to how excluding key personnel would limit competition to small business since contractors are permitted to include a record of past performance to include subcontractor and/or teaming arrangement participants to demonstrate the ability to perform all task areas described within the draft RFP.
Conference 35	RFP, Section L	As a follow-up to the resume/key personnel question, for small business a good portion	See response to Question # Conference 34.
Conference 36	RFP, Section L	Will there be any project description or corporate goals requirement?	Corporate goals are not required. Projects that support technical capabilities should be addressed in Volume II, Technical Proposal.
Conference 37	RFP, Section L	Will there be any management plan requirement?	No.
Conference 38	RFP, Section L	Section L.4.b: The technical proposal does not include any information about several of the task areas of the PWS (program improvement, training and environmental awards, and environmental performance reviews). Is it the government's intent that our technical proposal not address these provisions of the PWS?	Yes, that is the government's intent.
Conference 39	RFP, Section M	How will you evaluate or consider horizontal generic capabilities such as IT services or support that are or might be applicable to more than one product in the compliance services and/or support?	The RFP does not ask for such capabilities and the government does not intend to evaluate these separately from those criteria that are in the RFP.
Conference 40	Sample Task Orders	Are the currently published Sample Task Orders draft or final?	Draft. The Sample Task Orders will be revised in the final RFP.
Conference 41	Sample Task Orders	Why are we requiring bidders to compete in price to facility level sample task orders, but not awarding these task orders?	Two reasons: (1) The timeline for executing FY09 projects did not mesh with the IDIQ award timeline. (2) The USAEC wrote the Sample Task Orders to be a clear and detailed as possible to assist the government in its evaluation of the responses to the Sample Task Orders.