

Addendum NO. 2

Question # 1

The SGI and SUN equipment list includes "DataRam" third party memory not OEM Memory. Is JPL open to other "OEM Certified" third party Memory Manufacturers as well? Can these items be submitted as "unsolicited options"?

Answer

No. At this time JPL is requesting that bidders only provided pricing on items listed in Exhibit I Sections A and B.

Question # 2

How many companies have responded with the intent to bid on this opportunity?

Answer

JPL cannot disclose how many Supplier have responded to this procurement opportunity.

Question # 3

If you are permitted can you disclose the company names?

Answer

No. JPL is not permitted to disclose the names of proposer, the identity, the content of other proposals, the ranking, or the evaluation of another proposer.

Question #4

If a vendor can provide a quote for a majority of the Sun equipment; will JPL still buy from that vendor if that company has the best price?

Answer

No. This procurement opportunity is not based on "best price" but best over all value.

Question # 5

If some of the hardware is only available refurbished or used and not new, can it be quoted refurbished?

Answer

No. Please quote all hardware as new. If the product is no longer available new please contact Sun for the exact replacement product, which has the form, fit and function. If there is no replace product please indicate that on the spreadsheet by typing in "product no longer new from Sun no

replacement."

Question # 6

This vendor noticed that you only mentioned UNIX Scientific and Engineering Workstations from Sun and SGI. There are technically equivalent (and in some cases, technically superior) solutions from other OEMs that will satisfy your requirements. Please confirm that we can propose solutions from another OEM.

Answer

No, you cannot propose solutions from other OEMs. Please provide pricing on SUN, SGI, and Dataram products only.

Question # 7

Please specify your anticipated award date.

Answer

The anticipated award date is April 2004. The anticipated start date of the Subcontract is May 1, 2004.

Question # 8

How many Subcontracts do you expect award as a result of this solicitation?

Answer

JPL will award two (2) Subcontracts as a result of this solicitation. This is stated in the General Instructions of the RFP, Section 3.0 titled "Proposal Requirement."

Question # 9

This vendor noticed that you included software and storage in your Letter of Interest / draft RFP released in May 2003. However, there is no mention of software and storage in the instant solicitation. Please verify that you would like software and storage items to be included with this requirement.

Answer

At this time JPL is only soliciting SUN, SGI, and Dataram products. No other products will be considered at this time.

Question # 10

Instructions to Price/Cost Volume Section 2.7 states no partial payments allowed. Does that mean all orders are to ship complete? What if a system is available and fully usable but the order is awaiting a minor component i.e. 1 piece of software...would JPL prefer the contractor to hold

the entire order until that one part arrives? If the answer is no ...ship the system. Then would JPL partial pay?

Answer

Orders must be complete. Each Material Release (MR) must be shipped to JPL in full quantities. The JIT System will not accept partial deliveries and no partial payments will be made.

Question # 11

In regards to that Sun quote, there are some requirements for DataRam memory for the Sun systems; I would rather if possible quote Sun memory. It will not void the Sun warranty, and we can get it cheaper than DataRAM. Is that possible?

Answer

Yes. If you prefer to provide pricing for both Sun and DataRam memory it will be considered.

Approved:

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