

Date: November 20, 2003

THE RFP SUBMISSION DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC 2, 2003 at 3:00 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Question #1

HUBZone is not listed on the A1 Acknowledgement JPL Form. Does JPL wish us to write our HUBZone status in?

Answer

No, please check the options listed.

Question #2

How would a company respond to Question #6 on the A1 Acknowledgement JPL Form if they have never gone through an EEO audit?

Answer

Please choose the "has not" box on the Attachment A-1 form on question (6) six indicating that the "Offeror" has not successfully survived and EEO survey within two years of the anticipated award date.

Question #3

Is the Inovis Van a "push" or a "pull" system? Does Inovis hold the "850 or 860" waiting a 3rd party provider to "dial-in" to retrieve the document? Do they have the ability to pro-actively dial out to transmit the 850 or 860?

Answer

Inovis is a pull system; a Supplier must dial-in to retrieve a document. Please contract Inovis about their ability to automatically or "pro-actively dial out to transmit the 850 or 860.

Question #4

Under either scenario, can a Supplier access Inovis via the Internet using software capable of EDI over the Internet or can they (Inovis) transmit the 850 or 860 pro-actively over the Internet to a dedicated system capable of receiving EDI transactions?

Answer

This question should be posed to Inovis. Under Article 1 "Statement of Work" in the Specimen Subcontract JPL has chosen to use EDI through a VAN to transmit JIT UNIX orders.

Question #5

Is there a business or technical reason JPL has chosen to do VAN based EDI vs. EDI over the Internet?

Answer

For this procurement effort JPL has chosen to use EDI through a VAN to transmit JIT UNIX orders.

Question #6

Is or has JPL considered or currently capable of transmitting ANSI x.12 transaction sets using XML or XCBL protocol via the Internet?

Answer

Under Exhibit IV “Electric Data Interchange Trading Partner Agreement” of the RFP and Article 1 of the Statement of Work, JPL requests Suppliers to transmit orders using the technology outlined in this documents.

Question #7

Is the per order dollar threshold \$100k?

Answer

Please refer to Addendum No. 3 question number (5) five.

Question #8

Is the SUN or SGI reseller/JIT Contractor expected to perform Manufacturer Warranty Repair?

Answer

The Supplier is responsible for supplying a representative authorized to repair SUN or SGI equipment.

Question #9

Is on-site warranty repair/life cycle maintenance currently being done using civil servant, JIT or other contractor, or OEM personnel or their agents?

Answer

Under Article 1 Section 1.6.11 “Warranty Repair”. JPL is requesting only the manufacturer’s standard warranty. Extended warranties will not be covered by this procurement.

Question #10

The answer to question 10 of addendum 3 states: All systems must be fully configured prior to shipment. If several memory modules are ordered, how does JPL indicate to the Vendor, which memory modules are to be integrated into which systems and which items is "bulk" ordered?

Answer

JPL will indicate on all orders in the notes field, which memory modules are to be integrated, into which systems and which items are "bulk" ordered.

Question #11

Does JPL intend to allow an integration charge/CLIN?

Answer

No, please refer to the Specimen Subcontract Article 3 Price and Payment. The JPL price shall also include transportation, packaging, handling charges, all profit, overhead and all services required by Article 1 SOW.

Question #12

Is the contractor responsible for software loads, to meet the ship "fully configured" requirement?

Answer

Yes, for those software items that are necessary to make the system fully configured.

Question #13

With regard to the JPL requirement to ship systems fully integrated, is JPL prepared to adhere to SUN's policy of not allowing items to be returned if the system has been opened or removed from the original packaging?

Answer

Yes, there are no returns on the JIT UNIX Catalog unless JPL has received a damage product or incorrect product. Damaged or incorrect items received will be return whether opened or not. Under Article 1 Section 1.6.11 "Warranty Repair". JPL is requesting only the manufacturer's standard warranty and repair. Any failed item shall be repaired or replaced with a fully functional item in accordance with the manufacturer's repair policy.

Questions #14

Reference Addenda #3, question 9:

The Exhibit I, section B parts list contains three items that start with part number "FC". "FC" signifies FullCare warranty, which is beyond the manufacturer's standard warranty. Should we insert pricing values for those three items in our response?

Answer

No, please do not quote items with FullCare Warranty part numbers.

Question #15

We are a privately held company, and do not wish to submit copies of the annual financial statements for the past three years. However, we will list bank references and customer references...will this fulfill the requirements?

Answer

No, Suppliers must submit all financial statements as a requirement of the RFP. A proposal will be deemed unresponsive if financial statements are omitted from a Proposal. The Source Evaluation Team (SET) solely reviews proposal documents and treats those documents as Proprietary information. All documents are stored under lock and key. Please refer to the General Information Section 5.2 of the RFP which states: If the proposal contains data that either you or your subcontractors do not wish to be disclosed for any purpose other than proposal evaluation, you must mark the cover sheet of each volume per the instructions provided in Section 5.2.

Approved:

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