

Addendum No. 1 to Solicitation No. JYC-572393

May 23, 2003

Except as specifically modified herein, this solicitation remains unchanged. Proposers are reminded that receipt of this Addendum must be acknowledged on Attachment A-1 or A-5 to the solicitation.

Proposers are reminded that the issuance of any subcontract resulting from this solicitation is subject to the Terms and Conditions of JPL's Prime Contract with NASA.

1. The following modification has been made to this solicitation:

All words referenced as "RFP" or "Request for Proposal" in the Cover Letter, Proposal Instructions, and Mailing Label will be deleted and substituted with the word "Solicitation."

2. The following are questions and answers provided to make clarifications to this solicitation:

Question 1:

Can commercial firms respond to this solicitation?

Answer 1:

The TPF Project's Acquisition Strategy is to compete technology development as much as practicable. The plan includes requests for proposals (RFPs) for areas of technology at various Technology Readiness Levels (TRL). Some RFPs are directed at industry based on their unique capabilities. Technology Announcements are issued to a broad set of potential suppliers such as industry, FFRDCs, educational institutions, NASA centers, and other government organizations. This solicitation is targeting educational institutions and non-profit organizations, as they are considered best suited for research and development in the low TRLs.

Although this solicitation is intended to solicit technology concepts from Educational Institutions and Non-Profit Organizations, JPL has determined that industry cannot be precluded from proposing. **However, commercial firms considering proposing to this solicitation should give careful consideration to their competitiveness with Educational Institutions and Non-Profit Organizations, particularly with respect to the qualifications and historical performance for technology development of their proposed Principle Investigator and their overall cost competitiveness as highlighted in the Source Selection and Evaluation Criteria.**

Question 2:

What is the smallest acceptable font size for submitting the text portion of this proposal? For tables and graphics?

Answer 2:

For the purpose of the recommended page limitation, the following rules should apply:

- A. All text must be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
- B. A minimum of single spacing is required. Page margins shall be no less than 1/2" inch at the top, bottom, and sides.
- C. Type font size for the text portion shall be no smaller than 12-point character height and 10-point for text in graphs and tables.
- D. Drawings will be considered as part of the page count. Fold out drawings will be counted proportionally as additional pages (e.g. 11" x 17" will be counted as two pages, etc.).
- E. A page is defined as each face of a piece of paper containing substantive evaluable information.
- F. Text printed double-sided are encouraged and each page will count as two.