

**Atlantic Government Services/ANL SEB
One-on-One Exchange
January 24, 2006**

One-on-One Meeting Summary

Pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 15.201, a One-on-One meeting was held on January 24, 2006 with Atlantic Government Services relating to the future management and operation of the Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). The themes and comments received as a result of the meeting are summarized below. DOE appreciates the efforts of all individuals who participated in the One-on-One meeting. All comments and issues raised during the meeting have been taken under advisement by the Source Evaluation Board (SEB). Initially, the ANL SEB summarized the purpose of the One-on-Ones as offering potential offerors the opportunity to present issues and/or concerns, regarding the draft RFP, to the SEB in an interactive setting so that DOE has the benefit of fully understanding the marketplaces concerns before finalizing the RFP.

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ATLANTIC TOPIC I – Subcontracting Opportunities

ATLANTIC:

Atlantic indicated that it was interested in participating in the ANL competition as a subcontractor and was seeking information on the best way to go about this.

ANL SEB:

Atlantic was advised that if they were interested in subcontracting opportunities a list of potential organizations interested in the ANL RFP was posted on the ANL RFP website with points of contact. They were also advised that subcontractors could participate two different ways under the RFP; one as a designated Subcontractor who would be part of the team who proposes and the other would be as a standard subcontractor. The fee arrangement depends on which of the two subcontracting relationships exist. If the Subcontractor is a Designated Subcontract the maximum fee proposed must be shared with all team members including designated subcontractors. If the relationship is that of a standard subcontract, the fee will be negotiated between the subcontractor and the prime and is reimbursable under the contract.

ATLANTIC TOPIC II – Separate Legal Entity:

ATLANTIC:

Contractor requested clarification of clause H.7. Does this clause allow the government to direct the prime M&O contractor to award a subcontract to a particular company? If so, who is the best contact regarding this issue?

ANL SEB:

No. The purpose of this clause is to help the Department achieve its subcontracting goals. This clause requires the contractor to identify subcontracting opportunities over \$5 million for possible extraction from the prime contract. The Site Office will ultimately make the final decision on whether to extract the work and award it as a prime or have the current contract assigned to the Department. Historically, subcontracted work identified for possible extraction has been in non-mission related areas, are less complex, and do not require a great deal of integration with respect to overall Laboratory work.

ATLANTIC TOPIC III – Radiological Assistance Program

ATLANTIC:

Page C-21, Section (b)(16) Radiological Assistance Program (RAP)– requested clarification on specific details in term of numbers of staff? and instrumentation?

ANL SEB:

RAP region 5 is based at Argonne. The RAP team is comprised of several federal team leaders and several dozen radiation specialists from the Laboratory. Due to the nature of the RAP mission, RAP is a part-time job for most of these individuals. RAP Region 5 has their own instrumentation.

ATLANTIC:

When contractor personnel are pulled away from their regular workload duties, how does Argonne backfill in their absence?

ANL SEB:

The Laboratory is responsible to backfill so the “regular” work is not left undone. One of the requirements of the contractor is that the M&O must continue to support the RAP program.

ATLANTIC:

Are there training requirements for the RAP Team.

ANL SEB:

Yes. Training requirements exist and will continue for the RAP team under the new contract.

ATLANTIC TOPIC IV – Separate Legal Entity

ATLANTIC:

Provide clarification on Separate Legal Entity

SEB:

The requirement for a Separate Legal Entity was designed to accomplish a number of things: one, to have an entity dedicated to the management of the Laboratory; and two, to potentially reduce the necessity for Home Office Expense. The legal entity must be established prior to submittal of the offer. The type of Legal entity and its organization is the choice of the contractor and is not specifically evaluated by the SEB except as how it may impact corporate involvement and to the extent that Past Performance of the parent companies is evaluated. It is possible for one company or one individual to be a member of more than one legal entity and/or team which is proposing.

ATLANTIC TOPIC V – General RFP Clarifications

ATLANTIC:

Section L.3 – requested clarification of the impact of the scenario in L.3.

ANL SEB:

This scenario was developed to require offeror(s) to demonstrate how they can make hard choices and does not indicate any actual future cut in funding.

ATLANTIC:

Are there strategic initiative/plans in place?

ANL SEB:

SC has two Strategic Planning documents. One document outlines the strategic plans for large scale scientific research facilities that serve users from all over the world in addition to those from our laboratories. The other document outlines the strategic plans for the scientific challenges underlying the Office of Science's and the Department's missions. These documents are available to the public and include general information regarding the laboratories. These documents are also utilized by Laboratory contractors to develop their own long term plans.

ATLANTIC:

Clarify purpose of Self-assessment process discussed on page C-22, Section c.4.(c).

ANL SEB:

The purpose of the annual appraisal is to evaluate how the Laboratory performed Science and also to evaluate Management and Operation of the Laboratory. Typically, the Program Offices evaluate the Science the Technical Measures and the Site Office evaluates Management and Operations. Recently, the Office of Science put a team together to take a look at the evaluation process. This team was tasked with developing a new evaluation process which was more robust and rigorous and provides some consistency in the evaluation of the ten Office of Science Laboratories. This new system will be fully implemented for the first time in FY06 Performance Evaluation Measurement Plans and evaluations.

ATLANTIC:

Are numbers available regarding the number of Contractor Employees/Laboratory Employees/Subcontractor Employees?

ANL SEB:

Approximately 2,600 Laboratory employees are employed by UofC. The RFP requires the offeror to retain the majority of the workforce and gives the offeror the option to replace those employees identified in the ANL Organization Chart. The number of Subcontractor employees is not available; however, ANL subcontracts approximately \$130 million annually.

ATLANTIC:

Provide clarification regarding Integrated Safety Management Programs?

ANL SEB:

Radiological Safety is included in the Integrated Safety Management Program. The M&O Contractor has to be aware of hazards and plan for managing them and how they will respond to external incident or threat and must have expertise in radiological management. We expect the M&O to operate the Laboratory in an environmentally safe manner. The Performance Evaluation Measurement Plan of the contract measures contractor performance in this area and it identifies several Office of Science goals for example TRC and DART rates and targets for radiological safety, exposure limits, accumulative exposure, etc.

ATLANTIC:

Clarify contract provisions regarding intellectual property

ANL SEB:

The nature of the entity initially determines the Contractor's intellectual property rights. Clauses I.116 and I.119 apply to Educational Institutions/Non-Profit Organizations/Small Business Firms and For-Profit/Large Business, respectively. In addition, the prime cannot obtain patent rights in a subcontractor's inventions as part of consideration for awarding a subcontract. See Clauses I.118(g)(1) and I.119(g)(1).