Addendum No. 1
Senior JAVA Engineer Analyst & Senior JAVA Architect Resources
K23-0003-29

3/11/2022

The purpose of this addendum is to amend and clarify certain portions of the above-referenced solicitation with all prospective bidders/offerors.

Questions:

Q1. Is there an incumbent?
A1. Yes.

Q2. What is the anticipated start date?
A2. July 1, 2022

Q3. If the process completes before the start date, will the engagement start early?
A3. No.

Q4. What is the place of performance of the candidate?
A4. Please refer to Section III.F of the RFP.

Q5. Please confirm if we can get the proposals or pricing of the incumbents.
A5. K18-0003-29C awarded at $1,248,00.00 and K18-0003-29G awarded at $1,256,320.00.

Q6. If there is an incumbent, are they eligible to submit a proposal again?
A6. The RFP is posted publicly, and prospective Offerors are encouraged to submit a proposal. The AOC will review proposals in accordance with the RFP.

Q7. Are there any pain points or issues with the current vendor(s)?
A7. No.

Q8. Can you please provide an estimate budget or NTE allocated for the contract?
A8. The Judiciary does not share budgetary information.

Q9. Do we need to submit the actual resumes for the proposed candidates, or can we submit the sample resumes?
A9. Offerors shall submit resume(s) for proposed candidate(s) in accordance with Section IV.C.2.f.(2) of the RFP.

Q10. Will the interview be in person or virtual?
A10. Virtual.

Q11. Are hourly rate ranges acceptable for the proposed personnel?
A11. No. Please refer to Section IV.D, and Attachment E.

Q12. How many people are currently working onsite and offsite?
A12. This is not relevant to the scope.

Q13. Are there any mandated Paid Time Off, Vacation, etc.?
A13. No.

Q14. Could you please share the previous spending on the contract, if any?
Q14. K18-0003-29C awarded at $1,248,00.00 and K18-0003-29G awarded at $1,256,320.00.

Q15. Is this an entirely onsite work or can it be done remotely?
A15. Refer to Section III.F of the RFP.

Q16. Can you provide the list of holidays?
A16. The Maryland Judiciary’s holidays are listed at https://www.courts.state.md.us/administration/holidays

Q17. Is there any mandatory subcontracting requirement for this contract? If yes, are there any specific goal for the subcontracting?
A17. Refer to section II.N of the RFP.

Q18. If a proposed candidate is not available at the time of award, will the AOC allow replacement personnel with similar or more skill set?
A18. No.

Q19. Is this a re-compete or new requirement?
A19. Refer to Q1 of this addendum.

Q20. What is the total number of resources who are currently working on this project and their position name and hourly rate?
A20. One (1) resource per position. The position is JAVA Engineer Analyst and JAVA Engineer Architect. In accordance with the Judiciary Procurement Policy, line-item pricing is not disclosed.

Q21. In section O.4.d of the RFP, the Cyber Liability & Data Breach Insurance states $10,000,000 per occurrence for any service offering hosted by the Successful Offeror. Could you please confirm if its $10,000,000 only?
A21. Yes.

Q22. Can the Offeror obtain insurance post award? or need to hold during submission of response?
A22. Refer to Section IV.C.2.k.(2). of the RFP. Only the Successful Offeror will be required to provide a COI meeting the insurance requirements of the RFP.

Q23. Do you have a local preference?
A23. No.

Q24. In Section I, K, Verification of taxation and payment. Can offerors register with SDAT post award within 30 days?
A24. Refer to Section I.K of the RFP. The Offeror recommended for award is required to be registered with SDAT prior to contract execution. The AOC will allow five (5) business days to complete registration after the Offeror has been notified of recommendation for award. We strongly encourage potential Offerors complete the registration prior to the close date for receipt of proposals.

Q25. What are the expiring contract numbers?

Q26. Why is there no MBE goal?
A26. The solicitation does not include subcontracting opportunities for an MBE goal. MBEs are encouraged to respond to the RFP as a Prime Contractor.

Q27. Please confirm the anticipated number of awards.
A27. Please refer to Section II.C of the RFP.

Q28. Can we submit resources who are on C2C or do you prefer employees who are working on our W2 payroll?
A28. The relationship of the Offeror proposed resource to the Offeror is not known by the AOC.
Q29. What do we fill in “Name of client Organization” on Attachment J1?
A29. The name of the client organization. For example, if your proposed resource worked for ABC Inc. for a prior project the name of the client organization is ABC Inc.

Q30. Can you share the current rate and percentage fee being charged by the current vendor?
A30. Please refer to question Q20 of this Addendum.

Q31. Please clarify the resource responsibility listed on top of page 19. “Provide analysis on deriving business logic and lower-level algorithms to transform and route data between systems utilizing several protocols?”
A31. This resource will need to be able to analyze and reroute data using algorithms that could require custom codes and difficult analysis mand dig into Legacy applications that may not have any support.

Q32. Please clarify the maximum submissions a vendor can do for each profile.
A32. Please refer to Section III.A of the RFP.

Q33. Can you please clarify that TKG stands for Tanzu Kubernetes Grid or is it something else?
A33. Yes.

Q34. Is there an archives link for contracts awarded prior to 2020?
A34. No.

Q35. As mentioned on page 21 of the RFP, “Total hours may not exceed 2,040 hours per year. Could you please share the number of hours for each position required by the county?”
A35. Please refer to Section III.H.2 of the RFP. The total hours are per position.

Q36. Will the county compensate the resource for said expenses listed in Section III.I.1 of the RFP?
A36. Please refer to Section III.I.2 of the RFP.

Q37. In reference to Attachment J1, if the proposed resource has worked as a subcontractor consultant for the client/customer and the requested information is confidential of the prime contractor, is it mandatory to provide the type of contract, total value, and duration of the contract?
A37. The type of contract and total value are not mandatory, but failure to provide may result in a less favorable evaluation in accordance with Section V.B.2. The duration of the contract is used to determine whether the Offeror meets the requirements of Section IV.C.2.g, including number of required references, and that required references are within the past five (5) years. The AOC will attempt to confirm information via the POC provided on Attachment J1.

Q38. Can we submit our proposal through e-mail or portal?
A38. Please refer to Section II.F.3 of the RFP.

Q39. What type of work authorization(s) will be considered for the proposed candidates? Is it limited to only U.S. Citizens and degree card holders or candidates holding Employment Authorization Document (EAD) will be considered?
A39. The AOC does not provide sponsorship. The resource must be authorized to work in the U.S.

Q40. Is this contract being used for future procurement of IT staffing?
A40. No.

Q41. Will off-site/remote work be allowed for the completion of project services?
A41. Please refer to Section III.F of the RFP.

Q42. Would it be acceptable to submit candidates who are not degreed, as long as they meet the equivalency standard?
A42. No. Offeror proposed resources shall meet the minimum qualifications as listed in Section III.C.2. of the RFP.

Q43. Do you have any specific format for the references needed?
A43. Refer to Section IV.C.2.g. of the RFP. References shall be submitted on the Attachment J1, duplicating as necessary.

Q44. As mentioned on page 21, Section J: ASSUMPTIONS, resources will be provided a two (2) to four (4) week training period. Will the AOC pay the resources for that period of training time?
A44. Yes.

Q45. Can you explain “Type of Contract” and “Total Value of Contract” on Attachment J1? Are you requiring the contract with the resource and the vendor or the type and value of the project?
A45. The type of contract is the type of contract (e.g., fixed price, time, and materials, etc.). The total value of the contract is the lump sum amount of the contract. For example, a proposed resource may have been contracted for a fixed per contract in the total amount of $1.2m for a contract duration of five (5) years.

Q46. Can you clarify Section IV.C.2: Address each requirement in Section III? Do you want us to list each requirement and write “Yes” next to each?
A46. Refer to Section IV.C.2.e.(1). of the RFP.

Q47. How many temporaries are currently working under this contract?
A47. There are two (2) contracts, and each contract has two (2) to three (3) resources. RFP K23-0003-29 is for two positions.

Q48. Can the awarded Offeror make transition of all current temporaries who project is ongoing? If yes, how, and when will the transition take place to the awarded Offeror?
A48. If a transition is necessary, it when take place after award.

Q49. Do consulting firms typically uses their own W2 employees or will they subcontract to an individual?
A49. The relationship of the Offeror proposed resource to the Offeror is not known by the AOC.

Q50. Can the contract number and award amount of the expiring contracts be provided?
A50. K18-0003-29C awarded at $1,248,00.00 and K18-0003-29G awarded at $1,256,320.00.

Q51. Who are the incumbents?
A51. Mansai Corporation and Datapower

All addenda will be incorporated into the final contract documents and will be binding on all bidders/offerors responding to this solicitation. Each bidder/offeror submitting a bid/proposal must acknowledge receipt of all addenda by completing and forwarding Attachment H (included in bid/proposal package) with the bid/proposal response; failure to acknowledge addenda may result in the bid/proposal rejection.

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