

OFFICE OF ACQUISITIONS
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER: N02CO07005-65

Amendment No.: 1

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The above numbered Request For Proposal (RFP) is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers remains unchanged.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERORS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.

This Amendment provides responses to questions received in response to the RFP.

1. The RFP requires delivery of a "hard copy of sequence data." Due to the amount of paper and the logistics of this requirements, we assume this requirement is in error. Can you please confirm.

RESPONSE: This is an error; successful offeror's will not have to deliver a hard copy of the data.

2. In the sequencing section (page 50) #7d requests all SOPs for template preparations. This would include a huge number of pages. Could we include one SOP for this process with a note that states all others may be furnished upon request.

RESPONSE: This approach is acceptable; providing one SOP and stating that all other SOPs will be furnished upon request is satisfactory.

3. The technical attachment requests "direct costs only" which makes us very apprehensive. Our sequencing costs include embedded indirects and are subject to institutional indirects. Can you provide guidance on this issue?

RESPONSE: NCI will use total costs for the sequencing data generated. That said, when looking at the "direct costs only" the offerors should provide a detailed explanation of their costs along with their "direct-only" budget.

4. There appears to be a discrepancy between Section B.2. and the Statement of Work regarding the number of sequencing quantities.

RESPONSE: In submitting your proposal, please propose on the quantities identified under Section B.2.

5. What is the Government estimate on this project?

RESPONSE: The Independent Government Cost Estimate is not releasable.

6. Is there a page limitation for the technical proposal?

RESPONSE: The RFP did not establish a page limitation; however, your technical proposal should be concise, thorough and should address all the requirements outlined in Section L. of the RFP.

7. With regards to prices/costs, should we fill in the table that starts on page 4 of the solicitation?

RESPONSE: No, cost/price information must comply with the requirements outlined in Section L. of the RFP.

8. The intent to submit sheet, this solicitation does not appear.

RESPONSE: Please send me an e-mail if you intend to submit a proposal.

9. It appears that the project is an ongoing one from 2007; are you soliciting additional companies to participate in this project under the recovery grant?

RESPONSE: The project from 2007 was the pilot study; this project is to solicit offerors for continuing this effort.

10. Do we need to provide everything in page 34 of the RFP?

RESPONSE: Offerors will need to complete and provide with their proposals the attachments under Technical Proposal and Business Proposal. The Informational Attachments would be documents including in any contract that may be awarded.

NOTHING FOLLOWS.