



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: PCT SEARCH SERVICES RFP

RFP NO.: DOC52PAPT0601014

Notice to Prospective Offerors:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is pleased to release the subject solicitation. The purpose of this solicitation is to obtain comprehensive services to provide an international search report and a written opinion under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for international applications in which the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is the International Searching Authority (ISA).

The USPTO invites offerors to submit proposals in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the solicitation. Prospective offerors are cautioned to closely review the solicitation and complete all "offeror fill-ins" as they appear throughout the solicitation document. Also, prospective offerors are urged to carefully read Section L, Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Offerors. Failure to complete and submit all required submissions may result in your offer being determined non-responsive. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with Section M, entitled "Evaluation Factors for Award".

All offerors shall separately price the effort associated with CLIN 0009, IT Security Implementation. When preparing this pricing, USPTO contractors are directed to pay particular attention to Information Technology Security Clauses CAR 1352.239-73 'Security Requirements for Information Technology Resources', and CAR 1352.239-74 'Security Processing Requirements for Contractors/Subcontractors Personnel for Accessing USPTO Automated Information Systems', contained in Section H of this solicitation. USPTO contractors (in accordance with FISMA and DOC guidelines) must satisfy the quality, fiduciary, and security requirements of USPTO for their information, as well as for all assets. Contractors must also optimize the use of available resources including data, application systems, technology, facilities, and people. To discharge these responsibilities, as well as to achieve its objectives, contractors must establish an adequate system of internal control which satisfies their contractual requirements with the USPTO. Certification and Accreditation (C&A) of automated information support (AIS) systems and the facilities that house those systems is the USPTO, DOC, and FISMA mandated process by which these responsibilities are discharged and integrated into the management, operations, and technical organizations of every USPTO contractor.

Your complete proposal, signed by an official authorized to bind the offeror, shall be submitted not later than 2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, June 19, 2006. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.215-1(c)(3) sets forth strict guidance regarding late submissions of proposals, modifications, and withdrawals of proposals.

Depending on the mode of delivery, your proposal should be addressed as provided for in clause L.4.

Telegraphic or faxed offers are not authorized under this RFP and will not be accepted.

If an award is made to your firm as a result of this solicitation the contract will be subject to the Contract Clauses contained in the solicitation and all other clauses required by law and the Federal Acquisition Regulations as of the date of award.

No pre-proposal conference is planned for this acquisition.



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All communication/questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in accordance with Section L.5,"Questions and Responses". No information concerning this solicitation or requests for clarification will be provided in response to telephone calls from offerors.

It is the responsibility of each prospective offeror to check the project web-site <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/pctsearch3/pctsearch3hom.html> on a daily basis for solicitation amendments, questions and answers, and other pertinent information concerning the procurement. An offeror's failure to check the web-site on a daily basis will not be a justifiable excuse for requesting an extension in the proposal due date.

Regards,

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Contracting Officer