

1. Please confirm the Government wishes Past Performance customers to submit the Questionnaires directly to Teresa Kelley, and does not expect copies of Attachment 5 from the Past Performance customers to be part of the Proposal submission within the Past Performance section. **Reference:** L.3.3 Past Performance, SubSection a.: “The Past Performance statement shall not exceed five (5) pages, excluding Past Performance References (see Attachment 5).”

Answer: Confirmed.

2. Please confirm the submission deadline for Attachment 5 Past Performance Questionnaires is Thursday, July 12, 2007. **Reference:** Attachment 5, Page 3 of 3: “Please submit your completed survey via email or facsimile to the attention of Teresa Kelley by Monday, 12 July 2007 to:”

Answer: Attachment 5, Past Performance Questionnaire, has been corrected to read "Thursday, 12 July 2007."

3. Would it be possible for the Government to post a version of this Questionnaire in MS Word format in addition to .pdf, thereby enabling both offerors and our customers to fill in the Form within Word format, then once completed, customers could save it in .pdf format before emailing the file to the Government as specified? **Reference:** Attachment 5, Past Performance Questionnaire.

Answer: Attachment 5, Past Performance Questionnaire, has been posted in MS Word format.

4. Are smaller font sizes than 12 point permissible in tables and graphics within the page-limited sections of the Proposal? **Reference:** L.2.c, Proposal Preparation Instructions.

Answer: See Amendment 0002 to the RFP.

5. Please confirm that the Government seeks **either** hard copy submission (one original and three copies), **or** properly formatted CD/DVD submission, but not both. If the offeror selects the CD/DVD method, does the Government desire only a single copy of the proposal document? **Reference:** Proposal Preparation Instructions.

Answer: See Amendment 0002 to the RFP.

6. Is there a minimum paper requirement for 8 ½” x 14” paper? **Reference:** C.11.2 Supplies for Digital Photocopiers and Reader-Printers, Page 17.

Answer: No.

7. Is there a maximum first copy out time speed for 8 ½” x 11” paper copies? **Reference:** 8.4 and 9.4, Copy Speed.

Answer: See Section C.8.4B, C.9.1(12) and C.9.4B of the RFP for copy speed requirements.

8. Does the SOW require a dedicated Technician onsite? **Reference:** 10.2 Maintenance of Digital Photocopiers and Reader-Printers.

Answer: The USPTO cannot advise an offeror as to the content of its proposal or its approach to satisfying the requirements of the Statement of Work.

9. Can the incumbent contractor Optimus Corporation bid directly or through teaming?

Answer: Please contact Optimus Corporation. See Section L.5 of the RFP for Optimus Corporation's address.

10. Can we give two alternate proposals for Hardware?

Answer: See Section L.8 of the RFP.

11. Can our Hardware suppliers be considered Teaming Partners whose Past Performances for supplying and meeting the customer expectations can also be evaluated through the Past Performance Questionnaire?

Answer: Yes.

12. Does PTO want to retain the equipment after 5 years or the contractor has to take them back?

Answer: No. See Section C.16 of the RFP.

13. Once an award has been made, what is the delivery time customer expects?

Answer: See Section C.14 of the RFP.

14. Under Section C.8 – 8.1 general requirements does not specify the copier speed for each installing location. Can you clarify?

Answer: See Section C.8.4B, C.9.1(12) and C.9.4B of the RFP for copy speed requirements.

15. Under Section C.9 – 9.1 general requirements does not specify magnification settings; cartridge format; or microfiche requirements, if any. Please clarify.

Answer: Currently, the reader-printers have a 16-32X zoom lens. The cartridge format is in Section C.9.1(18). The areas serviced by this contract do not have microfiche.

16. For Microfilm Reader Printer - what brand and model# is the Government furnished DAC and what brand and Model # is the magnetic card reader they currently use?

Answer: For information on the Government furnished DAC equipment access units/magnetic card readers, please contact Digital Access Control (DAC), 14325 Willard Rd, Suite 101, Chantilly, VA 20151, (800) 633-9077 toll free, (703) 463-0113 local.

17. RFP states that 10 reader printers shall have bi-modal kits and 5 shall have motorized carriers. What about the other 5 units, what type of carriers are they to have?

Answer: See Sections C.9.1(16), C.9.1(19), and Amendment 0002 to the RFP.

18. Are the five that have motorized carriers part of the 10 reader printers or is the total number of reader printers 15?

Answer: See Section C.7.1.1 of the RFP.

19. What are the dimensions of the bound documents?

Answer: The dimensions of bound documents vary, but no bound document is larger than the minimum required platen size (See Section C.8.1(13)).

20. As the height of the photocopier is determined by the Type of the unit, is this critical?

Answer: Yes.

21. Does the client want a one-size fits all copier solution? Or, does the client want a solution tailored to fit the specific working environments in which the copiers would be placed? The reason for the question regards the high distribution of copy volume in the File Information Unit. There is a vast difference in volume between this location and all other locations; and, we believe it is in the client's best interest to vary the copier models based on usage if this is an option.

Answer: The USPTO cannot advise an offeror as to the content of its proposal or its approach to satisfying the requirements of the Statement of Work.

22. What is the brand and model of the current equipment access units being utilized in conjunction with the copiers in the client's environment?

Answer: See Question 16 above.

23. Please specify this requirement. By independent wireless meter reader, does the PTO mean separate from the Digital Copier, or will the internal counter suffice? What is the intended objective...the said purpose of this function?

Answer: The internal counter will not suffice. The purpose of the independent wireless meter reader is to collect meter readings electronically.

24. What are the requested pages per minute of the 48 copiers? Is it a mix of different units, or one size fits all?

Answer: See Question 7 above.