

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: W911KB-24-2-0004

Industry Question(s) and Government Response(s) as of 26 July 2024

Industry Question 1.) Is it possible to arrange a pre-proposal discussion?

Government Response 1.) No. The Government cannot accommodate this request, at this time, as this is an active solicitation.

Industry Question 2.) Upon award, we would want to get started on monitoring right away so that an entire season (2024) isn't missed, but we are concerned that the next calendar year (2025) period of performance will end partway through the nesting season. This means we may be unable to collect data and produce reports for complete nesting seasons. The current proposed period of performance doesn't align with the known biological needs, so there is risk of losing this year's data and/or not being able to complete the work required for a year under this (and possibly future) periods of performance. Please review and provide additional guidance and/or clarification.

Government Response 2.) Acknowledged. The Government has adjusted the period of performance for the base period and optional periods of performance to 18 months each. If the award is in August, that will allow monitoring to continue through late December when seabird fallout ends and provide a report by February. The Government has annual reporting requirement to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) in February of each calendar year. Thus, annual reporting is a requirement of the pending action.

Industry Question 3.) Will applications that propose costs that exceed the Award Ceiling/Project Cost Ceiling of \$252,000.00 be evaluated and considered for this Funding Opportunity?

Government Response 3.) All applications received will be reviewed and evaluated. The subsequent award cannot exceed the stated Award Ceiling/Project Cost Ceiling of \$252,000.00 because that is the amount of available funding to support this requirement.

Industry Question 4.) Will applications that do not completely fulfill the stated scope be evaluated and considered for this Funding Opportunity?

Government Response 4.) All applications will be reviewed and evaluated. The Government's intent is to award a cooperative agreement to the Offeror whose submission will completely satisfy the requirement and is deemed the best value to the Government.

Industry Question 5.) If an application cannot fully meet the stated parameters, is the Government able to provide any guidance or suggestions to address these concerns? For example, is it more appropriate to meet the budget limitations but propose a reduced scope or shortened timeline, or should an applicant present the true cost to complete all work stated even if it exceeds the Award Ceiling/Project Cost Ceiling of \$252,000.00?

Government Response 5.) All applications received will be reviewed and evaluated. The subsequent award cannot exceed the stated Award Ceiling/Project Cost Ceiling of \$252,000.00 because that is the amount of available funding to support this requirement. Application information should be complete and accurate to support the contents outlined in the Funding Opportunity Announcement.