



### Today's Agenda

#### Acquisition Terminology Review

- Acquisition methods & thresholds
- Acquisition types (Quote vs. Proposal)
- Contract Types
- Uniform Contract Format (UCF)

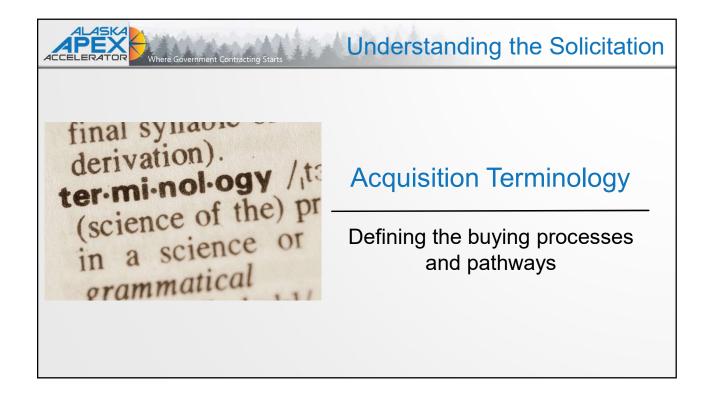
#### Components of a Solicitation

- Need Statement Types
- · Compliance Requirements
- Rules (Clauses & Provisions)
- Directions for Proposal Submittal (Instruction to Bidders)
- Evaluation & Award

#### Proposal Elements

- Price, Technical & Administrative
- Building a Bid Matrix







### Federal Acquisition Thresholds

Micro-Purchase	Simplified Acquisition Request for Quotation (RFQ)	Commercial Buy (Combined Synopsis/ Solicitation)	Sealed Bidding Acquisition Invitation For Bid (IFB)	Negotiated Acquisition Request for Proposal (RFP)
Purchase Card	Under \$250K	Under \$6.5 M	Above \$250K	Above \$250K
\$10,000	Informal	Informal	Formal	Formal
Supplies	Simplified (SAP)	Formal	Sealed Bid	Negotiated
Services*	Supplies	Supplies	Price Only	Best Value
Construction*	Services	Services	Supplies	Supplies
	Construction		Services	Services
*Exceptions when	FAR Part 13	FAR Part 12	Construction	Construction
impacted by Wage Determinations	SF 18, 1449 or	FAR Part 13	FAR Part 14	FAR Part 15



### Micro-Purchase Exceptions

Micro-purchase threshold means \$10,000, except it means—

- (1) For acquisitions of construction subject to 40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV, Wage Rate Requirements (Construction), \$2.000;
- (2) For acquisitions of services subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 67, Service Contract Labor Standards, \$2,500;
- (3) For acquisitions of supplies or services that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support a contingency operation; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2292 et seq.; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster (42 U.S.C. 5122), as described in 13.201(g)(1), except for construction subject to 40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV, Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) (41 U.S.C. 1903)—
  - (i) \$20,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the United States; and
  - (ii) \$35,000 in the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States; and
- (4) For acquisitions of supplies or services from institutions of higher education (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) or related or affiliated nonprofit entities, or from nonprofit research organizations or independent research institutes—
  - (i) \$10,000; or
  - (ii) A higher threshold, as determined appropriate by the head of the agency and consistent with clean audit findings under 31 U.S.C. chapter 75, Requirements for Single Audits; an internal institutional risk assessment; or State law.

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-48/chapter-1/subchapter-A/part-2/subpart-2.

ALASKA APEX ACCELERATOR	Where Government Contra	Federal Solicitation Term	ninology
	Pre-Solicitation Notice	Advance Notice that a solicitation is forthcoming. This is posted 15 days prior to the solicitation being available. Used in formal acquisition (RFP & IFB)	
	Solicitation	Announcement of Government procurement. Solicitation documents are added as attachments.	
	Combined Synopsis/ Solicitation	Informal/Formal solicitation used for commercial items/buys. Complete scope of work/specification provided in the announcement. Solicitation copy is provided. Evaluation – price alone and/or other factors. Response time: 10-30 days.	
	Sources Sought	Gathering information/Market Research. No solicitation available. Agency will make a determination on procurement based on information received (i.e., set aside or full/open)	
	Special Notice	Used for Information purposes only, sources sought, notice of a sole source procurement, or award under IDIQ. Required for all Recovery Act (ARRA) funds awarded under existing contract vehicle.	
	Award	Notice of award and information pertaining to the award above \$3.5 million (with exceptions at 5.303(a)). Awards are only posted on formal solicitations and all Recovery Act (ARRA) funded projects.	
	Cancellation	Announcement/solicitation has been canceled	
	Amendment	Changes to the Pre-solicitation or Solicitation	

Federal Contract Types  Where Government Contracting Starts						
Fixed Price	Under a fixed-price contract, the contractor guarantees performance and must perform within any ceiling price. Final price to the government is either fixed at the outset or subject to the same contingencies.					
Firm Fixed Price	Lump Sum – one price for entire statement of work, usually one line item for cost schedule. Used when acquiring commercial items or their supplies or services on the basis of reasonably definite functional or detailed requirements.					
Fixed Price with Economic Price Adjustment (EPA)	Fixed price contract with an identified condition that allows for volatile price increases or decreases beyond the contractors control (i.e., fuel, steel, etc.).					
Time & Material (T&M) or Labor Hour	Not to Exceed labor hours and fixed material cost line items. Contractor bills exact hours spent and material costs are pass through plus OH and Fee. These contracts are used only when it is not possible at the time of placing the contract to estimate accurately the extent or duration of the work or to anticipate costs with any reasonable degree of confidence. Includes a contract ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.					
Cost Contracts	Under a cost-reimbursement contract, the contractor merely agrees to exert its best efforts to perform within the estimated costs. Actual costs incurred are subject to audit: all allowable costs are reimbursed.					
Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF)	Cost reimbursement contract that provides for payment to the contractor a negotiated fee that is fixed at the inception of the contract. FAR 16.306					



### Understanding the Regulations

#### Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)

- Part 2 Definitions of Words and Terms
- Part 8 Required Sources of Supplies and Services
- Part 9 Contractor Qualifications
- Part 12 Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services
- Part 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP)
- Part 14 Sealed Bidding (formal)
- Part 15 Contracting by Negotiation (formal)
- Part 16 Types of Contracts
- Part 19 Small Business Programs
- Part 52 Clauses and Provisions

https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

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REGULATION



### Understanding the Regulations

#### CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. It is divided into 50 titles that represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation.

## Title 48 :: Federal Acquisition Regulations System

Last Amended November 25, 2024

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### Understanding the Regulations

DTAR - Dept. of Treasury

### Other agency sub-part acquisition regulations:

DFAR - Defense

VAAR - Veterans Administration AGAR – Agriculture

HSAR - Homeland Security TAR – Transportation

CPAR - Commerce DOLAR - Dept. of Labor

JAR - Justice EDAR - Education DEAR – Energy DIAR - Interior

HHSAR - Health & Human Services

**HUDAR – Housing & Urban Development** 

AMS – FAA Acquisition Management System

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Chapter 99 (CAS)



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### Clauses vs. Provisions

### **Clauses** = Laws/statutes that apply to the contract action.

#### 52.203-3 Gratuities.

As prescribed in 3.202, insert the following clause: Gratuities (Apr 1984)

- (a) The right of the Contractor to proceed may be terminated by written notice if, after notice and hearing, the agency head or a designee determines that the Contractor, its agent, or another representative—
  - (1) Offered or gave a gratuity (e.g., an entertainment or gift) to an officer, official, or employee of the Government; and
  - (2) Intended, by the gratuity, to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.
- (b) The facts supporting this determination may be reviewed by any court having lawful jurisdiction.
- (c) If this contract is terminated under paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government is entitled—
  - (1) To pursue the same remedies as in a breach of the contract; and
  - (2) In addition to any other damages provided by law, to exemplary damages of not less than 3 nor more than 10 times the cost incurred by the Contractor in giving gratuities to the person concerned, as determined by the agency head or a designee. (This paragraph (c)(2) is applicable only if this contract uses money appropriated to the Department of Defense.)
- (d) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

(End of clause)



### Clauses vs. Provisions

#### Clause example of FAR and Sub-FAR clauses

#### FAR 52.252-6 Authorized Deviations in Clauses (NOV 2020)

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 4) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

(End of clause)

#### AGAR 452.204-70, Modification for Contract Closeout (DEVIATION JUNE 2024)

- Upon contract closeout for contracts utilizing Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) according to FAR 13:

  (a) If unobligated funds in the amount of \$1,000 or less remain on the contract, the Contracting Officer (CO) shall issue a unilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification but will not be required to provide a signature. The CO shall immediately proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.
- (b) If unobligated funds of more than \$1,000 remain on the contract, the CO shall issue a bilateral modification for deobligation. The contractor will receive a copy of the modification and will be required to provide a signature. (The CO may also request a Release of Claims be completed by the contractor, although not required for contract and orders using SAP procedures.) If the bilateral modification and Release of Claims are not returned to the CO within 60 days, the CO shall release the modification as unilateral and proceed with contract closeout upon completion of the period of performance, receipt and acceptance of supplies or services, and final payment.

(End of Instruction)



### Clauses vs. Provisions

**Provisions** = Items that require information/response from the Offeror.

#### 52.203-2 Certificate of Independent Price Determination.

As prescribed in 3.103-1, insert the following provision. Certificate of Independent Price Determination (Apr 1985)

- (a) The offeror certifies that-
  - (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to—
    - (i) Those prices;
    - (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
    - (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

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- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory—
  - (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; or
  - (2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision

[insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization];

(End of provision)



### **Uniform Contract Format (UCF)**

SF 33 -

Solicitation,

Offer and

**Award** 

#### PART I - THE SCHEDULE

- A Solicitation/Contract Form
- B Supplies or Service & Price/Cost
- C Description/Scope of Work/Statement of Work
- D Packaging & Marking
- E Inspection & Acceptance
- F Deliveries or Performance
- G Contract Admin Data
- H Special Contract Requirement

#### **PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES**

I - Contract Clauses (by referral and full clause)

#### PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

J – List of Attachments (Wage Determination, Pictures, Drawings, etc.)

#### **PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

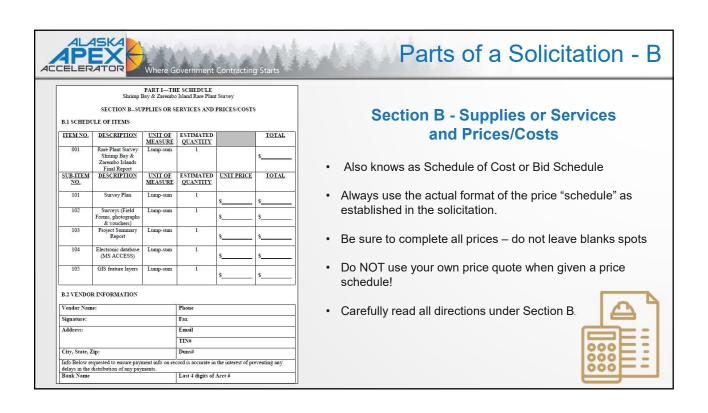
- K Representations, Certifications & Other Statements of Offerors
- L Instructions, Conditions & Notices to Offerors
- M Evaluation Factors for Award

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### Parts of a Solicitation - C

#### Section C - Scope of Work / Statement of Work / Performance Work Statement

A statement of work (SOW) is a formal document that captures and defines the work activities, deliverables and timeline a vendor will execute against in performance of specified work for a client.

- Description and performance parameters (purpose) of the agency's need
- Lists requirements
  - Labor, materials, equipment requirements
  - Applicable Standards
  - Acceptable Criteria
  - Timelines, due dates Deliverables
  - Period of Performance
- Describes need, but not always the process to meet said need

#### PART I - SECTION C

#### SCOPE OF WORK ANCHORAGE ARTCC SNOW REMOVAL

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, supplies, equipment and materials necessary to perform snow plowing, snow removal, sanding and related services at the FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center located at 700 N. Boniface Pkwy, Anchorage, Alaska, as described in this Scope of Work, the Schedule, and as shown on the Drawing (Attachment #1). Contractor shall be called out by an authorized FAA representative for all snow removal and related services.





### Parts of a Solicitation - D

#### SECTION D--PACKAGING AND MARKING

#### **D.1 Project Labeling for Official Correspondence**

The Government singularly identifies each project with a contract number at time of Award. The contract number is a unique identifier to purposely and permanently represent an awarded project. The Government issued contract number is to be referenced on all official communication starting upon notice of award.

#### D.2 Project Labeling for Delivery and Submittals

The packing of the materials will be such as to prevent materials from becoming separated from the package inadvertently. Binding may be any of the following; three-ring binder, spiral binding, comb binding, thermal binding, or glue binding.

Hard copies of the final submittals required in Section B will be submitted on standard 8.5 inch by 11 inch white copy paper. Maps included in the documentation will be on 11 inch by 17 inch white copy paper as foldouts.

All documents (hard copies and electronic) shall include the project name and contract number.

Note: This section can be used for both packaging of the solicitation or referring to packaging of the deliverables.



### Parts of a Solicitation - E

#### **SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

**E.1** All work hereunder shall be subject to review by the Government.

#### E.2 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at these addresses: <a href="https://www.acquisition.gov/far/">https://www.acquisition.gov/far/</a> (the Official General Services Administration (GSA) Site of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR));

(End of Clause)

E.3 52.246-5 Inspection of Services - Cost-Reimbursement (APR 1984)

E.4 52.246-9 Inspection of Research and Development (Short Form) (APR 1984)

**E.5** 52.246-16 Responsibility for Supplies (Apr 1984)





Note: This section may have requirements that impact the cost proposal, it will most definitely have areas to address in the technical proposal.



### Parts of a Solicitation - F

#### SECTION F--DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

#### FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.211-11 Liquidated Damages (SEPT 2000)

52.242-15 Stop Work Order (AUG 1989)

52.242-17 Government Delay of Work (APR 1984

#### AGAR 452.211-74 Period of Performance (FEB 1988)

The period of performance of this contract is from the date of award through February 28, 2013





Note: This section may have requirements that impact the cost proposal and the technical proposal. This area may also list the deliverables schedule, if not listed in the work statement / scope.



### Parts of a Solicitation - G

#### SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

#### This section may list:

- COR/COTR information
- Invoicing and Payment Data Progress Payments
- · Cost Reimbursement information
- Monthly Progress Reporting Requirements
- · Government Furnished Property
- · Post Award Conference information
- Subcontractor notification and approval processes/requirements
- · Key Personnel requirements



#### SECTION G--CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

#### G.1 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

The Contracting Officer will designate a representative hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Officer's Representative or COR who will provide on-the-ground administration for the Government. The COR will be designated in writing and a copy of the designation will be furnished to the Contractor before or at the pre-work conference. The Contractor is cautioned to carefully read the COR designation because certain authority under the contract is reserved solely for the Contracting Officer.



### Parts of a Solicitation - H

#### **SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

#### H.1 SOURCE CODE FOR SOFTWARE

#### **H.2 NON-PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

### H.3 TAR 1252.239-70 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (APR 2005)

(a) The Contractor shall be responsible for Information Technology security for all systems connected to a Department of Transportation (DOT) network or operated by the Contractor for DOT, regardless of location. This clause is applicable to all or any part of the contract that includes information technology resources or services in which the Contractor has physical or electronic access to DOT's sensitive information that directly supports the mission of DOT. The term "information technology", as used in this clause, means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, including telecommunications equipment, that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. This includes both major applications and general support systems as defined by OMB Circular A-130. Examples of tasks that require security provisions include:



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### Parts of a Solicitation - I

## PART II--CONTRACT CLAUSES SECTION I--CONTRACT CLAUSES

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

52.204-7 System for Award Management.

52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest when Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (Nov 2021)



Note: Always read ALL of the clauses and provisions – fill in the blank provisions should be returned with the bid package.





### Parts of a Solicitation - J

# PART III--LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS SECTION J--LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- · Wage Determination
- Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
- · Drawings and floor plans
- Maps
- Photos
- Experience and Capability Questionnaire-Past Performance Questionnaires
- · Glossary of Terms
- Additional supporting document
- · Government Reports
- · List of Government Furnished Property





Note: at a minimum – there should always be a wage determination for any service or construction solicitation.

ALASKA APEX  Where Government Contracting Starts	Parts of a Solicitation - K
Section K. Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Respondents	Example 1
K.1. 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (Dec 2014) PIID: HSHQDC-17-R-00006 16 December 2016	52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications.
(a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is \$41990.  (2) The small business size standard is \$15 million.  (3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.  (b) (1) If the provision at \$2.204-7 system for Award Management, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision applies.  (2) If the provision at \$2.204-7 system for Award Management, is included in the solicitation, paragraph (d) of this provision included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), and has completed the Representations and Certifications section of SAM electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (d) of this provision instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes.  (i) Paragraph (d) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.  (c) (1) The following representations or certifications in SAM are applicable to this solicitation as indicated:  (i) \$2.203-2. Certificate of Independent Price Determination. This provision applies to solicitations when a firm-fixed-price contract or fixed-price contract with economic price adjustment is contemplated, unless-  (A) The acquisition is to be made under the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 1.3:  (B) The solicitation is for utility services for which rates are set by law or	As prescribed in 4.1202(a), insert the following provision:  Annual Referentiations and Certifications (Mar 2024)  (a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is

ALAS APE ACCELERA	Parts of a	a Solicitation - K
	PART IV - SECTION K REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS  3.1-1 Clauses and Provisions Incorporated by reference (December 2005)	Example 2
	3.1-1 Clauses and Provisions Incorporated by reference (December 2005)  This screening information request (SIR) or contract, as applicable, incorporates by reference the provisions or clauses listed below with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make the full text available, or offerors and contractors may obtain the full text via Internet at:  http://conwrite.faa.gov (on this web page, select "Search and View Clauses").	
	3.2.2.3-10 Type of Business Organization (July 2004) By checking the applicable box, the offeror (you) represents that—  (a) You operate as [] a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of	
	(country) (End of provision)	
	3.2.2.3-15 Authorized Negotiators (July 2004)  The offeror states that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on your behalf with the FAA in connection with this offer:  Name: Title: Phone number:  (End of provision)	



### Parts of a Solicitation - L

#### SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

This section may list:

- FAR and sub-far clauses such as 52.215-1 Instructions to Offerors Competitive Acquisition
- Site Visit Information
- Pre-bid conference information
- · Instructions how to submit proposal/bid packages
  - o Can the proposal be emailed? Faxed?
  - How many copies should be provided
  - Should the price and technical be in separate envelopes
  - o Is security an issue if the proposal needs to be delivered
- Is there directions and limitations for technical proposals?
- Is there a requirement for product specs and engineering documents?
- Do you have to submit design data/drawings?
- Are management or QA proposals required?
- · What is the required proposal format?
- How is past performance to be handled?





Note: this is one area that many companies are deemed non-responsive and their bids are not considered for evaluation – all because they did not carefully read this section.



### Parts of a Solicitation - M

#### SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

#### M.1 GENERAL

In selecting an awardee, the Government will use the procedures described below in this Section M. When evaluating the competing Offerors, the Government will consider: (1) the written information provided by the Offerors; (2) the information provided by the Offerors during any site visit if conducted; and, (3) any other information obtained by the Government through its own research.

The Government anticipates that one contract award will result from this solicitation. However, based on the results of proposal evaluation and available resources, the Government reserves the right to make two contract awards under this solicitation if deemed in the Government's best interest.

#### **M.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

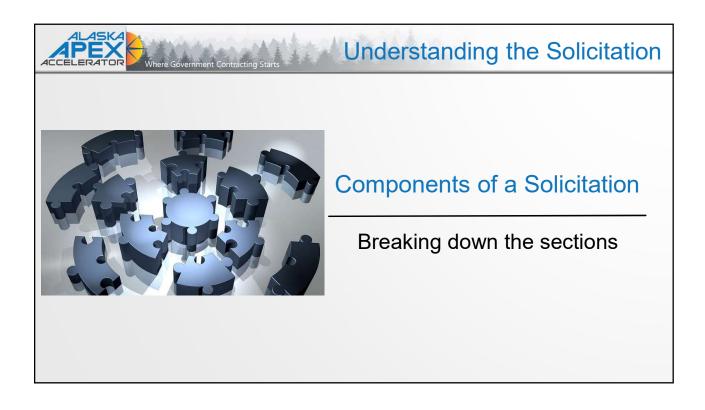
The Government will evaluate the competing offers on the basis of the following four factors listed in order of descending importance:

- (A) Technical;
- (B) Cost/Price;
- (C) Past Performance; and
- (D) Small Business (SB) / Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Participation.



Note: The Evaluation Criteria is how the award will be won.







### Components of a Solicitation

#### **Need Statements**

#### Scope of Work (SoW)

- Typically used when the task is well-known and can be described in specific terms
- Prescriptive in nature, providing explicit statements of work direction for the contractor to follow along
- Defines performance timelines

#### Performance Work Statement (PWS) or Statement of Objectives (SOO)

- Performance Work Statement means a statement of work for <u>performance-based</u> acquisitions that describes the required results in clear, specific and objective terms with measurable outcomes. (FAR 2.101)
- · PWS says what needs to be done, but does not say how the work is to be accomplished
- · Establishes high-level outcomes and desired results
- · Defines measurable levels of acceptable performance

https://ncmahq.org/Web/Shared\_Content/CM-Magazine/CM-Magazine-February-2023/Know-What-You-re-Writing--SOW-PWS--or-SOO.aspx



### Components of a Solicitation

#### **Compliance Requirements**

- Listed in various areas within the solicitation package...
- Performance
  - Key Personnel requirements: training requirements, etc.
  - Document Submittal (progress reports, schedules, meeting minutes, product data, shop drawings, test data, product samples, warranties, and operations and maintenance (O&M) data

#### Contract Administration

- Reporting Requirements
  - SAM.gov
  - Certified Payroll
  - Subcontractor labor hour reporting
- Security Clearance requirements
- · Government Furnished property tracking





### Components of a Solicitation

#### **Rules & Regulations**

- FAR and supplemental agency FAR that defines the legal structure under which the contract will be completed
  - Clauses & Provisions
- Provides protections for both the government and the contractor
- Provides guidance and processes in which to:
  - Implement optional line items or option years
  - Resolve disputes
  - Contract Modifications
  - Termination for Convenience or Cause/Default
- Incorporates legal protections for employees & other "social agenda" laws
  - Wage Determinations and DOL requirements
  - Drug free workplace
  - OSHA requirements



### Components of a Solicitation

#### Instructions to Bidders

- Instructions on how to submit proposal/bid
  - Submittal requirements: via email, through specific website upload, via mail or inperson (physical copies required)
  - Submittal format: number of copies, size limitations, font usage, file formats, etc.
  - Required information: price schedule, technical, past performance data, key personnel data (resumes), product samples,





### Components of a Solicitation

#### **Evaluation**

- Described process of how the agency will determine the apparent awardee
  - Low Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA)
  - Trade-Off (Best Value)
- Evaluation Factors (order of descending importance usually defined)
  - Cost / Price
  - Technical Approach
  - Past Performance
  - Key Personnel
  - Small Business Subcontract Plans
- Evaluation Procedure
  - Weighted average
  - Pass/Fail
  - Color Coding



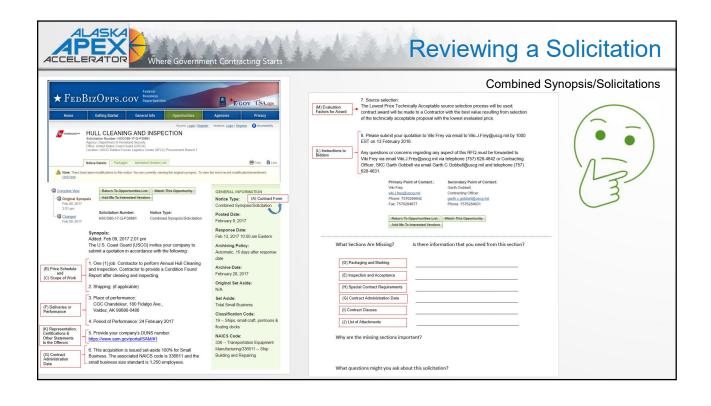


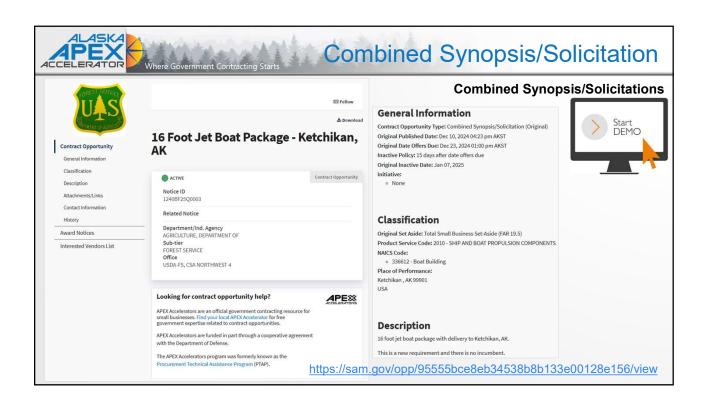
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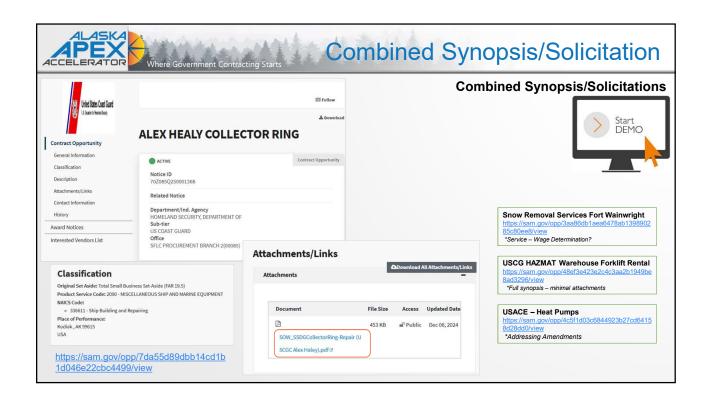
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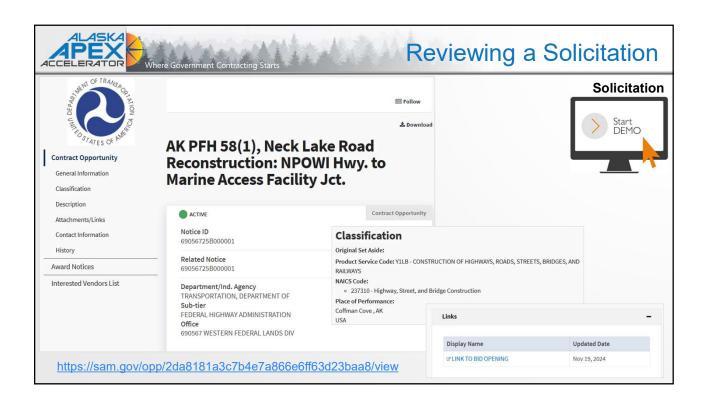
- Type of Contract
  - Firm Fixed Price
  - Cost Reimbursement
- Single Award or Multiple awardees
  - Purchase Order
  - Contract
  - Basic Ordering Agreement (BPA)
  - Requirements Contract
  - Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ)
  - Job Order Contract (JOC)
  - Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer (SABER)
  - Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC)

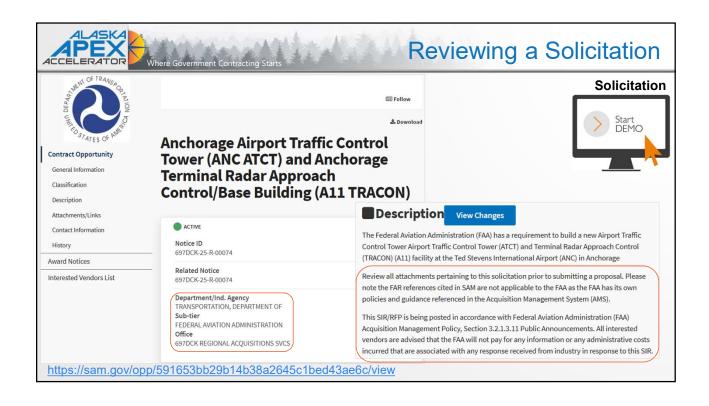


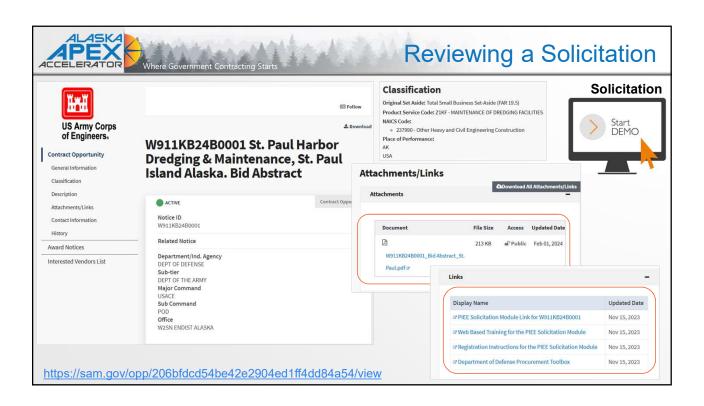














### **Understanding the Solicitation**

## **Proposal Elements**

Building your proposal or quote



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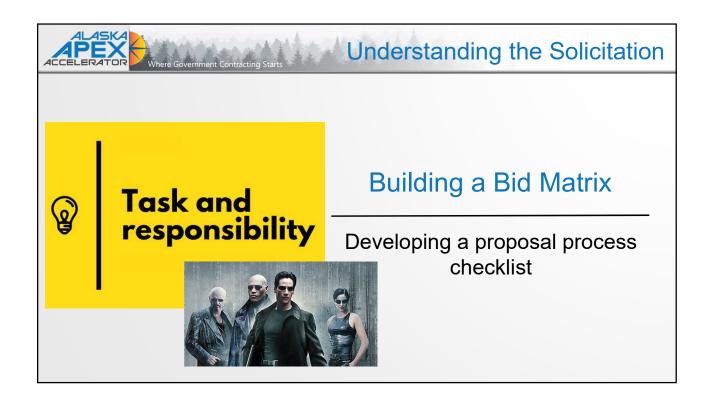
- Administrative
  - · Acknowledgement of amendments
  - SAM registration
  - Past Performance information

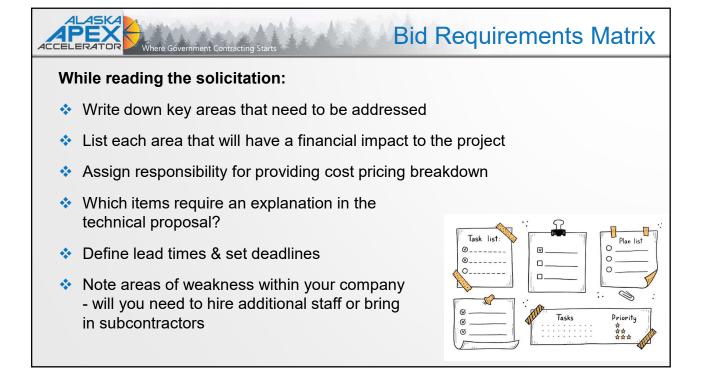
#### Price

Completed Price Sheet – Must use the price format provided in the solicitation

- Technical
  - Approach how will you meet the agency need?
  - · Quality Assurance
  - Project Time Line
  - Project Experience
  - Teamed approach
- Additional components as identified in the solicitation
  - Resumes or other required data









### **Summary**

- Don't be daunted by reading a solicitation! Once you understand the components that should be in a solicitation you can move forward with confidence.
- Read the <u>entire solicitation</u>, not just the Scope of Work or Performance Work Statement
- Follow the solicitation instructions!
- Know the cost of running your business understand what it will cost you to perform the contract. Where is your break even point? Are you really making a profit?
- Ask questions. Verify the requirements, don't make assumptions if the solicitation language has conflicts or is ambiguous.
- Ask yourself "What is missing?" What pieces of information are still needed? What information would you want to know if it was your money being spent?
- Develop a process to respond to solicitations be consistent. Develop a Bid matrix to ensure that you don't miss any details.



### **Questions?**

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