



**Department of Energy  
Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office  
900 Commerce East  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123**

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TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

SOLICITATION DE-FB96-01PO92119, CONTROL ROOM UPGRADES AT BAYOU CHOCTAW, BIG HILL, BRYAN MOUND, AND WEST HACKBERRY –  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following are questions and answers to the subject solicitation:

Question 1: What is the existing candle power in the control room?

Answer 1: Level 3 Design Criteria is 50-foot candle power.

Question 2: Would it be possible to work evenings to minimize interference with operations?

Answer 2: The operations in the Control Room is a 24-hour operation; working different shifts or off-peak days will not change the interferences in this area. At this time, the standard work schedule is to be adhered to. If special circumstances arise during construction, the issue will be addressed on an as-needed basis.

Question 3: Contractor is to provide 8-hour training. For how many work shifts?

Answer 3: One (1).

Question 4: Can shutdowns for halon and sprinkler systems run concurrently?

Answer 4: No, refer to the special conditions in Section J, Attachment No. J.3.

Question 5: HVAC - Can existing air handlers produce flow rates specified?

Answer 5: Yes.

Question 6: Furniture - Do you have a list of possible manufacturers that can meet the specifications?

Answer 6: No.

Question 7: Will design criteria for the halon and sprinkler systems be provided for engineering the modifications on these projects?

Answer 7: The halon and sprinkler systems are not to be redesigned, only the coverage area due to the installation of the new wall is to be evaluated and corrected. No additional information will be provided; the fire protection engineer will have to field evaluation the system to determine accurate measurements and head, nozzle condition, and system parameters.

Question 8: Will hard copy drawings be provided for this solicitation?

Answer 8: No hard copy of drawings will be provided with this solicitation.

Question 9: Section H, Page H-28, Paragraph 10.1 states that DM is not authorized to settle any claim or dispute arising under the contract. Will DM personnel be used to analyze or review claims or cost proposals under the contract?

Answer 9: DM Construction Management personnel may be utilized to review claims or proposals received during construction of the task.

Question 10: If bidder is low on Bid Items 1 and 2, can he expect identical Notice to Proceed dates?

Answer 10: Yes, assuming that adequate performance and payment bonds are received.

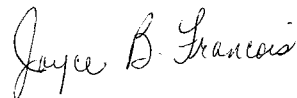
Question 11: If successful bidder is awarded work on all sites, will bidder be required to have four separate Quality Control Managers?

Answer 11: Refer to Section E, Paragraph 2.3.1, Quality Control Organization. It states "One Quality Control Professional whose sole duty and responsibility is to ensure compliance with the contract plans and specifications....This person will be employed on this contract work only, will be physically on the project site for the duration of the contract work, and will be in charge of the Quality Control Organization."

If award is made to one contractor for Bid Item Nos. 1 and 2, a separate Quality Control Professional is required for the Louisiana sites and the Texas sites. The period of performances for the Louisiana and the Texas sites have adequate time for the work to be performed consecutively. However, if the contractor chooses to do all four sites concurrently, a separate Quality Control Professional will then be required for each job site.

Bear in mind in the event of conflict between the questions and answers and the solicitation, the solicitation and its amendments prevail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce B. Francois".

Joyce B. Francois  
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