TIPSS

TIPSS-4 SMALL BUSINESS (SB) POST-AWARD CONFERENCE

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EVOLUTION OF TIPSS PRINCIPAL TASK AREAS

Section C

Several changes have been made to the TIPSS contracts over the years.

- TIPSS 7 functional task areas
  - Information Systems Services
  - Information Engineering Services Specialized
  - Telecommunications and Security Services Specialized
  - Technical Financial Services Specialized
  - Federal Information Processing Acquisition Services Specialized
  - Socio-Technical Services Specialized
  - Imaging Services Specialized

EVOLUTION OF TIPSS PRINCIPAL TASK AREAS

- TIPSS-2   4 functional task areas
    - Information Systems
    - Telecommunications Services
    - Organizational/Management
    - Operational Support
- TIPSS-3 3 functional task areas
    - Information Systems Services (ISS)
    - System Security Services (SSS)
    - Strategic Business Services (SBS)

EVOLUTION OF TIPSS PRINCIPAL TASK AREAS

- TIPSS-4 – One functional task area
  - Information Technology Services

The task area covers three major functions:

- Information Technology (IT) Development
- Information Technology (IT) Operations and Maintenance
- IT Security

- TIPSS-4 Small Business – Two functional task areas
- Management Business Operations Support Services (MBOSS)
- Cybersecurity (CS)

TIPSS-4 TECHNICAL SECTIONS OVERVIEW

Some differences from the T-3 to T-4

- Greater emphasis on evaluating more efficient use of the most efficient labor mix, from a technical and price perspective
- Greater emphasis on Performance-based requirements
- Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) resides at the contract level
- Earned Value Management Services (EVMS) resides at the contract level

SECTION C TASK ORDER LABOR CATEGORIES

- The Cybersecurity task area has 40 TIPSS-4 labor categories.

- The Management Business Operations Support Services (MBOSS) task area has 30 TIPSS-4 labor categories.

- All major labor categories such as IT Specialist, IT Technician, Security Specialist… are 3 tiered to allow the contractor more flexibility in providing a more realistic, efficient and cost effective proposal.

SECTION F TASK ORDER INVOICING

- Invoice forms 1034 and 1035 can be located in Section J

- Not using the proper invoice form will result in a delay of payment.

SECTION G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- Contractor PM's must work closely with their Government counterparts in order to ensure that milestone schedules are met; the proposed labor mix is effective; and that there are no cost over runs.

CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL INTEGRATION (CMMI) CS ONLY

- CMMI Version 1.2 development level 2 was chosen to mirror the MITS organization current level of CMMI.

- The CMMI monitoring process will now reside in the MITS organization.

- Monitoring will be conducted every 36 months in accordance to each TIPSS-4 contract.

- CMMI will only be used for Development Modernization and Enhancement (DME) requirements, also for future Cybersecurity functions in the IRS.

EARNED VALUE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EVMS)

The IRS is now using more EVMS in managing its contracts. It is a valuable cost accounting tool for both the contractor and the customer to use this tool to its fullest extent. Although there is an additional cost Associated with its use, it keeps milestones on track when used properly.

EVMS will be used on Development Modernization and Enhancement (DME) programs/projects

EVMS reporting requirements is used for Cost Plus Fixed Fee task orders. However, contractors should be using EVMS methods with fixed priced task orders as well, in order to control internal costs and manage time lines such as deliverable due dates.

SECTION 508

- Contractors: Please note that during the RTCP & RTPP process all customers are required to obtain section 508 approval prior to task order award. This requirement is processed through the IRS Information Resource Accessibility Program (IRAP)

Section G.9 Key Personnel

- Only key personnel identified in your proposals are acceptable. If there are key personnel changes, the contractor must first obtain approval from the Contract Level Contracting Officer.

Section G.9 Key Personnel cont.

- Each TIPSS-4 contractor will be asked to submit two names from your key personnel to be identified for badging.

- Key personnel already badged will need to request a new badge reflecting your new contract number.

Contractor Security Lifecycle Program (CSLP)

- After the Small Business post award conference the TIPSS-4 program will begin the MBI clearance process for contract level key personnel. The same process will be performed for task order personnel, once the contractor receives a task order award.

Contractor Security Lifecycle Program (CSLP) cont.

- Contractors with a valid MBI clearance memo will be asked to provide an electronic copy and expiration date upon request.

- All previously badged contractors will require new badging to reflect their new contract information.