



The solicitation is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Contract clauses 52.219-6 Notice of Total Small Business Set-aside and 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting are deleted in their entirety.
- (2) Contract clause 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan is hereby incorporated by reference.
- (3) Contract clause 52.219-16 Liquidated Damages – Subcontracting Plan is hereby incorporated by reference.
- (4) Contract clause 52.216-19 Order Limitations is replaced with the following:

**52.216-19 Order Limitations (OCT 1995).**

(a) *Minimum order.* When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$500,000, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.

(b) *Maximum order.* The Contractor is not obligated to honor—

(1) Any order for a single item in excess of the CLIN amount;

(2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of the sum of the CLIN amounts;

or

(3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within 30 days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

(c) If this is a requirements contract (*i.e.*, includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within 10 days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

(End of clause)

- (5) The period of performance of the indefinite quantity contract is date of award plus five Years or as otherwise specified. Option periods may be included at the task ordering level.
- (6) CLIN 4 tasks are not options or optional tasks that can be exercised; these tasks

fall within the scope of the contract and may be ordered at any time throughout the duration of the contract by issuance of separate task orders.

- (7) Line spacing for tables should be 1.0 lines.
- (8) The Governments response to the questions below are incorporated into the solicitation:

**Questions:**

We are confused by the IDIQ CLIN 4 and request clarification if possible. The title of CLIN 004.01 is "Process Evaluation of an SEBTC Demonstration" with a quantity of 25. However, the tasks refer to the continuation of the demonstration through 2013, including both impact and process evaluations for 15 sites (either continuations from 2012 or new sites) and all reports and documentation associated with an additional year. The only timeframe mentioned is 2013. What does FNS want priced, an additional demonstration year (both impact and process studies with new reports and documentation) or 25 process studies? If the latter, in what year should we assume the process studies are completed?

CLIN 004.02 appears to request prices for up to 10 POC Impact Studies to be added to the base contract with results incorporated into the base contract reports and documentation. Should we assume that these are added to the 2011 sites?

CLIN 004.03 appears to request prices for up to 20 Full Impact Studies to be added to the base contract with results incorporated into the base contract reports and documentation. Should we assume that these are added to the 2012 sites?

**Government Response:**

When the RFP was written a number of different possibilities were being considered. CLIN 004 was written to plan for as many of these contingencies as possible (see response on CLIN 004 in Amendment 2 to the RFP). The result, unfortunately, is a CLIN structure that is, indeed, confusing without more information.

The intent of CLIN 004 is to separate out the components of the overall evaluation – that is, the process component and the impact component – so that each could be ordered at different times in different combinations.

- **CLIN 004.001** is intended for the costs of a process evaluation only, not for an impact evaluation. The time frame in which CLIN 004.001 could be exercised is 2011, 2012, or 2013. If exercised in 2011 it would be a process evaluation of a proof-of-concept (POC) demonstration. If exercised in 2012 or 2013 it could be a process evaluation of either a POC or full demonstration.

In this CLIN we request offerors to price a process evaluation of one demonstration, not 25. If offerors want to give a separate price for each year in which the task could be exercised, FNS will support that. FNS does not believe the cost of a process evaluation will be affected by whether a demonstration is a full or POC one. If offerors believe otherwise, they should provide a price for a

process evaluation of a POC and a price for a process evaluation of a full demonstration, however both prices will then be evaluated as part of the total.

- **CLIN 004.002** is intended to cover the cost of an impact evaluation of a POC demonstration. If exercised, it is most likely to be exercised in 2011 but there is a small possibility that some new POC demonstrations may be started in 2012. CLIN 004.002 would provide for an impact evaluation in that situation.
- **CLIN 004.003** is intended to cover the cost of an impact evaluation of a full demonstration. It is possible, but unlikely, that it could be exercised in 2011. More likely, if exercised, it would be in either 2012 or 2013.

The following examples are intended to clarify this CLIN structure only and are not to be used as actual scenarios for pricing purposes:

- The base contract covers both process and impact evaluations of 5 POC demonstrations in 2011. If FNS decides to fund more than 5 POC demonstrations in 2011, then for each added demonstration FNS could exercise both CLIN 004.001 and CLIN 004.002 to get a complete evaluation of the added POC demonstrations. (FNS could also fund more than 5 POC demonstrations in 2011 but choose in its sole discretion to limit the evaluation to 5 and not exercise CLIN 004 at all.)
  - The base contract covers both process and impact evaluations of 15 full demonstrations in 2012
    - If FNS decides to fund more than 15 full demonstrations in 2012 then for each added demonstration FNS could exercise both CLIN 004.001 and CLIN 004.003 to get a complete evaluation of the added full demonstrations.<sup>1</sup>
    - It is conceivable that a new variant of the SEBTC models may be proposed. If so, FNS may wish to have a POC demonstration of it in 2012. In that case, FNS has the option to exercise both CLIN 004.001 and CLIN 004.002.
  - In 2013 FNS expects that the evaluation will be complete. However, demonstrations may continue. If something unique or interesting is proposed, there may be interest in how such a new demonstration is operating. While this scenario is unlikely, if it were to occur FNS might exercise CLIN 004.001 for a process evaluation with no associated impact evaluation.
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- Offerors are advised that the estimated quantities in CLIN 004 were set for the convenience of the government and are higher than FNS is likely to exercise.

[END OF AMENDMENT]