

**Draft Solicitations W52P1J-09-R-0156 & W52P1J-09-R-0163**  
**Questions and Answers from PMPTS Industry Day**  
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Question 1. Will all phase documents be required to be submitted at one time or will a phase II or III, etc., be required after a lower phase has been accepted; i.e., submit phase II after phase I is accepted or III after II is accepted.

**Answer 1. All phases must be submitted at the same time.**

Question 2. Reference page 61 (slide 61 of Industry Day Briefing) section M.3.3, will the USG make the standardize checklist available as an attachment to the solicitation?

**Answer 2. PCO will issue prior to the site visit.**

Question 3. Explain variable data collection on GO/NO GO gages. Isn't it either GO or NO GO – there is no variable data?

**Answer 3. For instance you have an inside diameter with a tolerance range of 1.000" to 1.025" for a FAT requiring 10 parts and have submitted and received approval to address this characteristic with an appropriate "GO/NO GO" gage. At FAT the USG has the contractual right to request the 10 parts be measured for that characteristic.**

**Reference Solicitation clause 52.209-4512, para (e), First Article Test (Contractor Testing) "...to include all measurements,..."**

Question 4. Is having a critical characteristic control plan for each CLIN which contains the CPOA for each characteristic acceptable?

**Answer 4. A CCCP is a required deliverable per solicitation clause 52.246-4553 para (g) and CDRL A003. A CPOA is separate and distinct from the required CCCP. The CPOA as referenced in solicitation clause 52.246-4553, Critical Characteristics (Six Sigma), is voluntary and expected to address identified failure modes.**

Question 5. Is the calculated critical nonconformance escape risk for each CLIN?

**Answer 5. Per solicitation clause 52.246-4553, Critical Characteristics (Six Sigma), para (c)1 "...1 in a million (.000001) items delivered. OR...."**

Question 6. Could a small business' Manufacturing Maturity Plan be based upon the contingency of an award? To clarify, I can tell you what CNC machines or other essential equipment I will add if awarded an IDIQ contract, but I won't necessarily add them prior to being award a contract.

Answer 6. The Manufacturing Maturity Plan must address all requirements of section L.3.2.2 and M.3.2.2 to include an IMS to deliver and qualify the equipment by FAT and identifying approved funding to purchase equipment.

Question 7. For MRL 9, does low rate production mean being able to meet the minimum monthly production rate shown on page 21 (slide 21 of Industry Day Briefing) of the presentation?

Answer 7. Yes.

Question 8. Please define “Low Rate Production” for MRL 9.

Answer 8. See the answer for #7 above.

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Question 9. For the M1, is the lifting plug GFM or does the contractor need to provide the lifting plug?

Answer 9. There is no GFM for the M1. Additionally, the M1 does not require a lifting plug, it requires a closure cap which is contractor furnished.

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Question 10. What GFM is available for these solicitations?

Answer 10. See Attachment 0008 of -0156. See Attachment 0009 of -0163.

Question 11. What is the potential of this contract to be a small business hold back (set-aside)?

Answer 11. If you mean a small business set-aside (SBSA), no, the solicitations are not SBSA. They are restricted to offerors within the NTIB (United States and Canada).

Question 12. Please describe the progress billing for these solicitations – what is the process and limitations?

Answer 12. Refer to FAR 52.232-16, Progress Payments (ALT III) for specific information on progress payments.

Question 13. Will the RFP include and incorporate all ECPs/Changes/etc.?

Answer 13. Yes, the USG intends to incorporate all approved ECPs or changes into the respective solicitations.

Question 14. Will the questions and answers be posted on the website for download?

Answer 14. Yes.

Question 15. Will contract award be equally divided among contractors?

Answer 15. It depends on USG need.

Each contractor receiving a basic contract award will also be awarded a delivery order for the guaranteed minimum of a process map.

The contemplation letter for future delivery orders will specify whether the USG intends to make a single award or multiple awards to fulfill the requirement.

Question 16. Request: Since Font Size is 12, page count should be higher.

Answer 16. Per L.2.2.2, the Font Size shall not be less than 12 point. There will be no change to the page count for each phase.

Question 17. Page 25, slide 50, fourth bullet, are foreign companies eligible to submit proposals for these items? (We thought it was US and Canada only.)

Answer 17. These solicitations are limited to the National Technology Industrial Base (NTIB) – US and Canada. “Foreign firms” refer to Canada. (Reference L.3.3.1)

Question 18. Will the USG consider a 30 day turnaround on the ordering period contemplation periods? This will allow for getting material quotations and adequate review to ensure the best price is provided.

Answer 18. The USG will consider a 30-day turnaround on the ordering period contemplation letters on a case-by-case basis.

Question 19. Will the pricing matrix come out as a spreadsheet for entry? In the past, they have come out as either a word doc or pdf.

Answer 19. The Price Matrix will be released as an Excel spreadsheet.

Question 20. How will you assure bidders that there is a fair and equitable analysis of Government Owned facilities and equipment if the offeror does the analysis?

Answer 20. The pricing branch will recalculate submission to insure calculation is accurate and in accordance with FAR 52.245-9 (Use and Charges). The calculation will also be reviewed by the ACO.