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A second installment of Draft RFP Questions and Answers will be forthcoming.

Question No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Can the Government confirm that the draft CTS PWS as issued in June, 2010 remains an operative reference for definition of the required performance requirements? Does the Government anticipate updating, enhancing, or otherwise modifying this document? If yes, will a revised PWS be released prior to issuance of the final RFP? (Referencing Executive Summary/Page 1/Paragraph 1)	No significant changes have been made to the PWS since June 2010. However, the PWS is subject to change. The Government will evaluate any changes and if warranted, will disseminate a draft PWS to industry.
2	The referenced section of the PWS (3.1.6, page 12) states “Non-Developmental Items (NDI) and Commercial-Off-The Shelf (COTS) products shall be used to the maximum extent practicable.” Will the Government consider adding FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items (June 2010) in Section I of the solicitation for the support of NDI and COTS products and services?	No.
3	Is the required web site identified in Sect A defined by PWS 4.3 Central Data Repository?	Yes.
4	Do the topics required for T&M Orders apply to CR Orders as well? CR Order TEP requirements are not listed. (PWS 3.2.3.2, page 14)	Yes. The PWS will be updated to reflect CR orders.
5	Will each RTEP have individual Evaluation Criteria? (PWS 3.2.4, page 14)	Yes.
6	This paragraph does not include the CR contract type. (PWS 3.3, page 16)	The PWS will be updated to reflect CR orders.
7	The note in Sec 5.23g of the PWS indicates Contractor shall receive DP and HDP on the first 40 billable hours with no markups, while next paragraph “h” has no limitation on hours, please clarify.	The PWS will be updated as it pertains to DP and HDP.
8	Recommend deletion of the limitation of mark-ups on DP and HDP and have contractors comply with their disclosure statements. (PWS 5.23g, page 41)	The PWS will be updated as it pertains to DP and HDP.

9	Will the Government please confirm which period of performance is correct? (DRFP page 2, paragraph 2 vs. PWS 1.2, page 5)	The proposed contract will result in a multiple award, five (5) year Indefinite-Delivery-Indefinite-Quantity type contract.
10	Is there a more appropriate NAICS code that aligns with draft PWS, Attachment 00001, paragraph 1.1 extracted below, vice a manufacturing code?	The government has reviewed the NAICS code and determined that 334220 is the most appropriate for this procurement.
11	Is the Draft PWS that was provided with the RFP, (Attachment0001.pdf) the Sample Task as specified in the Section L, paragraph 1.5.1 (extracted above)? If not, when will the Sample Task be released?	No. The sample task will be provided with final RFP.
12	Note: Contractor personnel shall receive DP and HDP on the first 40 billable hours with no markups (overhead, G&A, or fee) included IAW U.S. State Department guidelines. All DP and HDP costs shall be charged to the Government as an ODC line item and shall be tracked and invoiced by the contractor as a separate invoice line item to include additional FICA expenses. Unless authorized by the COR, the contractor shall use a maximum 72 hour work week for those personnel deployed. Any premium overtime requires prior approval in writing of the Contracting Officer. (PWS paragraph 5.23g) h. Contractor personnel shall receive DP and HDP on all billable hours with no markups (overhead, G&A, or fee) included. All DP and HDP costs shall be charged to the Government as an ODC line item and shall be tracked and invoiced by the Contractor as a separate invoice line item. Unless authorized by the Government the Contractor shall use a 72 hour work week for those personnel deployed. (PWS paragraph 5.23h) Clarification request: Please clarify this discrepancy between the two paragraphs concerning the basis of DP and HDP as either first 40 billable hours or all billable hours.	The PWS will be updated as it pertains to DP and HDP to reflect their applicability to just the first 40 billable hours.
13	DRAFT Performance Work Statement for the Communication and Transmission Systems (CTS) Program,(Attachment0001.pdf), Paragraph 3.2.3, Page 13 Within two (2) business days of receipt of the RTEP, the Contractor shall submit "Intent to Respond" to the TEP to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall submit a TEP in accordance with the Government's request. The following information shall be provided: Action: Considering the importance of Small Business participation and experience on R2 & S3, more time is needed to assemble a team to respond to RTEPs. Request 4 days to submit an "Intent to Respond."	The government will consider this request.

14	Does the Government anticipate using all areas of the draft PWS for the Sample Task Orders in the final RFP or will they be broken into Lots? If so, how many Lots and what will be the technical areas for each Lot?	The sample task will require an integrated solution for many important requirements in the PWS. The Sample Task will be issued with the final RFP.
15	PWS paragraph 1.2 added Cost Reimbursement but it was not added to paragraph 3.0 and 3.3 in the PWS. We recommend that the PWS be updated.	The PWS will be updated to include CR in all appropriate areas.
16	Paragraph 3.2.3 "Submission of a Task Execution Plan (TEP)" does not address the Cost Reimbursement (CR) unique topics that are to be addressed in a CR TEP. (PWS 3.2.3)	The PWS will be updated to include CR in all appropriate areas.
17	CTS Draft PWS paragraph heading "3.3.1.11 Local Area Networks" does appear when the Draft PWS is printed.	The PWS will be updated to correct the numbering.
18	CTS Draft PWS paragraph heading 3.3.2.9 is missing.	The PWS will be updated to correct this.
19	Clarification whether the Government will provide the test criteria and test report format or will the Government accept the contractor's test criteria and report format (PWS 3.3.1, second paragraph of page 18).	Details of test criteria and test report format will be specified in individual task/delivery orders.
20	Further, the use of Help Desks (plural) suggests that there may be differing requirements, depending on the nature of the system(s) being monitored under a given TO/DO. Would the Government please confirm that specific Help Desk requirements will be specified at the TO/DO level (PWS 3.3.2.3)	Yes. Specific Help Desk requirements will be specified at the TO/DO level
21	PWS 3.3.2.9, Paragraph N/A, Page 27: Can it be assumed that the draft PWs had a numbering mistake in that there is no section intended for 3.3.2.9 and that Section 3.3.2.10 should become 3.3.2.9?	The PWS has a numbering error. The PWS will be corrected.
22	Reference PWS page 11, Section 3.1.5, when will the labor categories for the T&M orders be released?	Labor categories for T&M orders will be released at the time of issuing a Request for Task Execution Plan.
23	PWS 3.2 12/13 When does the contractor facility in Ft Belvoir need to be in place? At proposal submission or within a certain number of days post-award?	This requirement is being removed from the PWS.

24	PWS 3.2 12/13 Does the facility in Ft Belvoir need to be cleared? At what level?	The requirement for a facility located in or around Ft. Belvoir is being deleted from the PWS.
25	What is the minimum number of past performance citations required to ensure a “rated” evaluation, there was a maximum but no minimum stated in section L?	No minimum is stated in Section L. All Offerors will be evaluated and rated as defined in Section M 3.2 Performance Risk Factor Evaluation Approach page 98 and page 99 of the solicitation.
26	Is the prime contractor required to have a TS facility clearance at time of award and is there any size minimum or location requirements for this facility? Is a SCIF also required, saw this addressed in the Q&A but not in section L or M of the Draft.	Yes, the Prime Contractor shall possess a TOP SECRET facility clearance with TOP SECRET safeguarding capability at time of proposal submission. This requirement will be a Go / No Go factor at the time of proposal submission. Sections L&M of the RFP will be revised to include this factor. A SCIF is not required at the time of proposal submission. Nonetheless, the Government believes there is a probability that the use of a SCIF will be required during performance of a Delivery Order. Size and location of storage facilities shall be in accordance with the National Industrial Security Manual DoD 5220.22-M, DTD February 28, 2006.
27	Section L, paragraph 1.5.1.3.1, page 92—If bidding as a small business, is a DCAA/DCMA approved Cost Accounting System required?	No. Reference FAR Appendix B 9903.201-1(b)(3).

28	The written proposal instructions provided in L.1.4.2.1 state, in part, "All information pertaining to a particular volume shall be confined to that volume." Section L.1.5.3 is Volume 3 Small Business Utilization. Although a matrix of all businesses expected to provide subcontracting opportunities will be provided in compliance with Volume 3, the instructions in L.1.5.5 instructs Offerors to include Corporate Agreements (such as Teaming Agreements, Letters of Intent) in Volume V. The strength and breadth of those corporate commitments shown in Volume 3 can only be found in Volume V. Will the Government consider moving the Certifications, Letters of Intent, Teaming Agreements and Corporate Commitments to Volume 3 in order to assist the Government evaluators?	No.
29	The format of the proposal files in paragraph L.1.3.1.1 state, in part, "All pages of each volume shall be appropriately numbered and identified by the complete company name, date and solicitation number in the header and/or footer." The solicitation sections in L.1.5.5 (Sections A, G, I, K and all solicitation amendments) are to be completed "without modification to the file". Will the Government exclude the solicitation documents in Volume V from the instructions in L.1.3.1.1?	Yes. This requirement does not apply to Volume 5. The RFP will be revised to reflect this.
30	Section L Paragraph 1.5.1.1. Page 91 – Executive Summary – This section appears to combine two distinct proposal elements namely – Executive Summary and Technical Approach. Recommend separation into two subparagraphs.	The Government will correct this in Sections L&M. The Executive Summary and Technical Approach are two, distinct proposal elements.
31	Section L Paragraph 1.5.4 – Price – The Draft RFP pricing requirements do not provide detailed pricing instructions. Does the Government intend to limit the RFP pricing requirements to Sample Problem pricing or does the Government intend to include additional pricing requirements (e.g. labor rates, etc.)?	The Government intends to limit the RFP pricing requirements to the Sample Task.
32	The Table that identifies page count limits and electronic filenames refers to a "Performance Capability and Resources" file to be titled V1A2. The format for this submission is not currently defined in the CTS Draft RFP. Also, Section L pp 1.5.1.2 refers to "Table 1, Corporate Capability Resources at Appendix A" of the Draft RFP. There is no Appendix A to the Draft RFP. When will the "Performance Capability and Resources" and "Corporate Capability Resources" submission formats be provided? (DRFP page 90-91, table 1.3.2)	References to this table are being removed from the respective sections of the RFP.

33	Section L states: "Offeror shall include BOEs with sufficient detail that explains the methodology, rationale, and assumptions used to estimate the direct resources (labor, material, travel & ODC)." Section M states: "BOEs will be evaluated to determine offeror's understanding of the problems and the feasibility of approach." Please provide a Government preferred BOE template for consistency purposes.	The Government will not provide a template for this BOE.
34	The explanation for completing the "Subcontracting Matrix" Attachment 0003 references "estimated contract value. Is this value the same as is used in Section L, paragraph 1.5.2.7 "anticipated contract value"?	The "anticipated" and "estimated" are the same and will be revised to read estimated for "1.5.2.7 Subcontractor Performance References: If the Offeror intends to subcontract in excess of 20% of the "anticipated contract value" to a single contractor or if a subcontractor is considered critical to performance of the contract, the Offeror shall identify the proposed subcontractor(s); and for "Volume 3 Small Business Utilization Subcontracting Matrix of attachment 0003."
35	There is a reference to FAR clause 52.219-8. This FAR clause is not listed at the beginning of Section L. Should it be? Should it also be included in the list appearing in Section I - Contract Clauses?	Clause 52.219-8 is included in full text in Section I on page 67 of the RFP.

36	<p>Will the Government please clarify that the total # of contract references that can be submitted from each Offeror, assuming Offeror is defined as the prime and all proposed major subcontractors? Is it no more than 8 total, or no more than 8 from the prime and no more than 5 from each major subcontractor?</p> <p>a. Reference: RFP Section L, Paragraph 1.5.2.2, Page 92: "Contract References: The Offeror shall submit with its initial proposal contract references representing their recent, relevant performance under Government (Federal, state, local) and/or commercial contracts. The Offeror shall submit no more than eight (8) contract references."</p> <p>b. Reference: RFP Section L, Paragraph 1.5.2.7, Page 93: "Subcontractor Performance References: If the Offeror intends to subcontract in excess of 20% of the anticipated contract value to a single contractor or if a subcontractor is considered critical to performance of the contract, the Offeror shall identify the proposed subcontractor(s). For each identified subcontractor, submit no more than five (5) recent and relevant contract references. The contract as required for the Offeror's contract references shall also be provided for the subcontractor contract references."</p> <p>c. Reference: RFP Section M, Paragraph: 3.2.2, Page 98: "Offeror refers to the prime contractor and all proposed major subcontractors. A major subcontractor is defined as one which the Offeror intends to subcontract in excess of 20% of the anticipated contract value or is considered critical to performance of the contract. The prime contractor and proposed major subcontractors will be assessed individually and the results will then be assessed in their totality to determine the Offeror's Performance Risk rating."</p>	<p>No more than (8) relevant contract references for the Offeror as instructed in Section L paragraph 1.5.2.2; and no more than (5) relevant contract references for each major/critical subcontractor as identified by the Offeror and as instructed in Section L, paragraph 1.5.2.7 on page 88 of the solicitation.</p>
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37	<p>In the reference below, is the term Offeror defined as the prime contractor and all proposed major subcontractors? Also, will the government please clarify “experienced any performance problems”? Is this limited to contracts that received terminations for default or cause?</p> <p>a. Reference: RFP Section L, Paragraph 1.5.2.9 Page 93: “Other Contracts: In addition to the above contract references, the Offeror shall identify every contract it was awarded that experienced any performance problems related to deliverables or services; and every recent contract that was terminated, or cancelled for any reason, in whole or in part within the past three (3) years of issuance of this Request for Proposal (RFP).”</p>	<p>The term “offeror” refers to the prime and its major subcontractors. Past performance for both the prime and major subcontractors will be evaluated as defined in Section M, 3.2.2, page 98 to determine an Offeror's performance risk rating.</p> <p>No, “performance problems” are defined in Section L, page 93 and 94, paragraphs 1.5.2.9 Other Contract to include paragraphs 1.5.2.10; and 1.5.2.11</p>
38	<p>This comment, “the contract information to be provided with each contract reference is on the attached Contract Performance Questionnaire (L.1.5.2.6)” suggests that Volume 2 (Performance Risk) should consist mainly of the Attachment 0002 template, with Part I completed for each reference. However, the information required for all contact references (L.1.5.2.5) is different from and exceeds the information on the questionnaire? It appears that the Government’s intent is for two documents in Volume 2 per each reference (i.e., the material required in L1.5.2.5 and the questionnaire in L.1.5.2.6. Are we interpreting the Government’s intent correctly?</p>	<p>The interpretation is correct.</p>
39	<p>Would the Government please clarify if it wants this subcontractor release statement from:</p> <p>a) ALL subcontractors named in the prime’s proposal OR</p> <p>b) Only the subcontractors for whom the prime is submitting past performances (DRFP page 93, L1.5.2.8)</p>	<p>Only the subcontractors for whom the prime is submitting past performances.</p>
40	<p>Draft RFP, Page 2, Executive Summary, Para 2 – It is stated that the guaranteed minimum award will be a website for the CTS IDIQ contract. Will this website be maintained for the duration of the CTS IDIQ contract by the same contractor? If (via Section H-14 Re-compete clause) new contractors are selected for CTS, will the website management be assigned to a new contractor and possibly changed?</p>	<p>Each CTS prime contractor will maintain the website as long as their contract remains active.</p>

41	Due to the amount and complexity of required information to fully answer the Technical Management sub-factor would the Government increase the page limit for 10 pages to 15 pages for this response?	The government will take this comment into consideration.
42	To increase the clarity of responses and ease of evaluation would the Government consider a page limitation of 2 pages per past performance reference in Volume 2 – Performance Risk?	Page limitations for submitting past performance information is at the discretion of the Offeror as indicated by the Proposal Files, Section L 1.3.2.2; for Volume 2 Performance Risk V2 Max Number of Pages stated "As Required" on pages 89 and 90.
43	Please elaborate on required submission detail for CPFF task orders, since PWS section 1.2 states cost reimbursable tasks will be possible. (Draft PWS, Paragraph 3.2.3.2, Page 14)	Cost Reimbursable orders will require a certified cost proposal developed in accordance with FAR 15.403-5(b) Table at 15-2.
44	On other contracts the Government has allowed contractors to purchase DBA Insurance through sources outside of the Corps of Engineers as long as the rates for such insurance do not exceed that of the Corps of Engineers. Will the Government allow contractors to purchase DBA Insurance outside of the Corps of Engineers as long as the rate is equal to or lesser than the Corps of Engineers rate?	Yes.
45	Please add FAR 52.228-3 Workers' Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) and 52.228-4 Workers' Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas to the RFP in order to facilitate contractor insurance carrier coverage in the unlikely event of a claim.	These clauses will be added to the final RFP.
46	Does the Government intend to award the sample task, either with the vehicle award or at a later date?	The sample task will not be awarded.
47	Does the Government intend to award with negotiations?	In accordance with FAR 52.215-1 referenced on page 83 and Section L.1.2.11., the Government reserves the right to award without discussion with offerors. However, the Government also reserves the right to conduct discussions if determined necessary.
48	What type of sample task will it be, i.e. FFP, CR, or T&M?	Further details will be provided with final RFP.

49	If the Prime has a Contractor Purchasing System Review (CPSR) approved purchasing system will Contracting Officer consent be required to add new subcontractors and/or vendors post award?	See clause 52.244-2 Subcontracts on page 54 of the DRFP.
50	Due to the pace of technological change within the communications and information technology markets will the Government allow product vendors be added on an as needed basis to meet specific task order requirements?	Adding vendors generally does not require government approval. Adding subcontractors may require government approval; see FAR 52.244-2 Subcontracting Clause.
51	<p>Please consider adding the following clauses: Contractor employees may be deployed to hostile environments during the contract performance period given the changing nature of these countries' regimens. As such, the following clauses should be added to the RFP: 52.225-19 Contractor Personnel in a Designated Operational Area or Supporting a Diplomatic or Consular Mission Outside the United States 52.228-3, Workers' Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act) 52.228-4, Workers' Compensation and War Hazard Insurance Overseas 252.228-7000, Reimbursement for War-Hazard Losses 252.228-7003, Capture and Detention 252.225-7043, Antiterrorism/Force Protection Policy for Defense Contractors Outside of the United States 952.225-0010, Contractor Employee Legal Requirements Adding this clause allows the contractor to proposes fixed milestone payments using performance-based payments on the whole task order or on a deliverable item basis: 52.232-28 -- Invitation to Propose Performance Based Payments Due to the unanticipated physical conditions that would be encountered in hostile environments by a contractor at a project site the following clause should be included in the RFP: 52.236-2, Differing Site Conditions (Apr 1984) Please consider adding Alt I to Section I-50 so that it will cover any future R&D activities: I-50 FAR 52.227-1 Authorization and Consent (include Alt I)</p>	The RFP will be updated as appropriate.
52	Will the Government schedule one-on-one discussions on the DRFP comments and feedback?	At this time the Government does not anticipate additional one-on ones.
53	<p>A) Will the Government please confirm the cumulative contract maximum has changed from \$19.5 billion to \$10.5 billion? B) If it has changed, will the Government specify which requirements were removed to drive the reduction of the cumulative contract maximum from \$19.5 billion to \$10.5 billion?</p>	\$10.5 billion is correct. The change in the ceiling price was driven by the change in the contract period of performance.

54	Will the Government please confirm if this contract number reference should be W52P1J-11-R-0018 (-11 rather than -10 as given in the Draft RFP)?	W52P1J-11-R-0018 is correct.
55	Will the Government please confirm if "under the descriptions above" refers only to the descriptions in paragraph 1.5.2.9?	Yes, Section L page 93, paragraph 1.5.2.10 references "Other Contracts" as described in 1.5.2.9. This also includes the subparagraphs of 1.5.2.10.1 through 1.5.2.10.5 as well as paragraph 1.5.2.11 that also addresses 1.5.2.9 for "Other Contracts".
56	Will the Government specify the time period "within the past three (3) years of issuance of this Request for Proposal (RFP)" or a similar time limit for the contracts described in 1.5.2.11 and 1.5.2.12?	Section L page 92 paragraph 1.5.2.3 defines the time limitation for Section L. 1.5.2 Volume 2 Performance Risk to include paragraphs 1.5.2.11 and 1.5.2.12.
57	The Contractor shall ensure all deployed personnel fully understand that they are being compensated as outlined in: Supplemental Compensation/ Billing /Working Conditions/ Travel Information for Contractor Support for Deployed Contingency, Military Exercises/Operations, and War Section 4.3.24, based on their work in a hostile area. Clarification request: It appears that this reference to Section 4.3.24 should now refer to Section 5.23.	The PWS will be updated and move this paragraph to 5.23.
58	Section L 27, Page 87 – Disclosure of Unit Prices – It is not clear how either the Government or industry would benefit from the release of unit pricing as envisioned by this clause. The disclosure of unit price information to all ten awardees would likely tend to dampen competition rather than increase competition. How does the Government expect the release of unit price information to promote the interests of Government or industry?	As stated in the clause, if the offeror has an objection to disclosing unit prices the objection must be submitted in writing, providing a detailed explanation of how release of the awarded unit price would result in a substantial competitive harm to the contractor. Objections will be reviewed to determine whether harm has been substantiated.
59	In evaluating proposals on Best Value, how will the Government evaluate the pricing proposals for the variety of products and their associated lifecycle costs from each of the Prime Contractors?	Please refer to Section M of the solicitation.
60	Does the Government want a separate CD containing only one volume (therefore, total of 5 CDs) or does the Government want all five volumes on each CD?	One CD per Volume.

61	Are the five past performances for Subcontractor Performance in addition to the eight Past Performances of the Offeror?	Yes.
62	Will the Government provide clarification on intended target fees by award type (i.e., FFP and CR)? (DRFP page 40, paragraph 159)	This will be determined at the Task Order level.
63	Will small businesses need to be recertified every year? (DRFP page 94, paragraph 1.5.3)	Recertification shall be in accordance with FAR 52.219-28.
64	We believe there is a typo for this FAR clause: "52.219\ac-8".	Will be corrected in Final RFP.
65	There is a reference to FAR Clause "52.219-9". This FAR clause does not appear in the list of FAR clauses at the beginning of Section L. Should it be? It is listed in Section I - Contract Clauses.	Section L refers to 52.219-9. Section I is the appropriate place for this clause.
66	Draft RFP, Page 94, Para 1.5.4.1 – This paragraph opens by stating that, "In response to the Sample Task, the Offeror.....". Should this same statement be included at the beginning of the first sentence at Para 1.5.3.1; i.e., "In response to the Sample Task, all Offerors (small, large and foreign) are required to identify the extent to which....."	The government will take this comment into consideration.
67	Draft RFP, Page 100 - During Industry Day, it was announced that the sample task would not be priced. Section M, Paragraph 3.4.1of the Draft RFP indicates that the sample task will be priced. Please verify that the sample task will be priced.	The sample task will be priced.
68	CTS One-on-One Questions: #36. When will the Government reconsider the Industry Day statement that a prime contractor cannot bid as a subcontractor to another prime?	A Prime can bid as a subcontractor to another Prime.
69	Combating Trafficking in Persons, subparagraph (c) - the draft RFP inadvertently dropped the line (c)"(1) Notify its employees of-"	This will be corrected in the Final RFP.
70	Since the fee withhold is discretionary and not mandatory will the Contracting Officer consider lesser withholding amounts where the contractor has satisfactorily met all other requirements of the contract and any delays in final vouchers or indirect rate proposal submission are due to no fault of the contractor. Is a maximum target fee to be established by the Government or may each contractor propose a target fee for CPIF and FPIF task orders based on the nature of the work effort? (DRFP Provision I-159, FAR 52.216-10, Incentive Fee, subparagraph (b)(2))	Fee will be discussed at the Task Order level.

71	References Table 1.1 for maximum page count under each volume. It indicates a 50 max number of pages for Sample task. Is this for one sample task or is it the total number of pages for all the sample tasks (assuming up to 3 sample tasks will be requested)?	Only One Sample Task will be provided.
72	This doesn't seem relevant and poses a question regarding how the Government would ensure full disclosure anyway. (DRFP page 94, paragraph 1.5.2.12)	Joint Ventures and other types of Business arrangements may be created in order to meet the Government's needs. This provides a way for those new entities to provide a response the Performance Risk Factor.
73	Please provide the page count limitation for Attachment 1 to Volume 1 and Attachment 1 to Volume 4.	This will be provided in the final RFP.
74	Paragraph 1.5.1.2 states supporting information such as Letters of Intent "shall be provided in Volume 5." However, the Volume 5 proposal instructions, which are described in paragraph 1.5.5, do not mention "Letters of Intent;" further this offeror was unable to locate any information on or any explanation of the words "Letters of Intent" in the draft RFP. Please provide offerors with additional information on the meaning of "Letters of Intent" and how they will be used in the proposal and the contract.	This area will be updated in the final RFP.
75	Will any of the final RFP documents be classified? If so, at what level?	No.
76	Does the \$10.5B ceiling include both the base period and option periods?	The \$10.5B includes the 5 year ordering period. There are no option periods.
77	How will the guaranteed minimum award of a web site be contracted?	The guaranteed minimum award will be issued as a fixed price Task Order.
78	Will the government issue a PMO task order independent of other task orders for the management of the ID/IQ contract?	No.
79	Will we need to meet the same small business goals for the STO? (RFP page 32, paragraph 11)	It is assumed that STO is an acronym for Sample Task Order. There are no small business goals identified in the Sample Task.
80	Please confirm any foreign licenses, taxes, registration costs, duties, tariff, fees or other similar charges ('Taxes') are reimbursable costs.	Yes, these may be reimbursable costs as long as they meet the requirements of FAR 31.205-41, Taxes.

81	References "Labor Category requirements currently on contract". How will "Labor Category requirements" be defined?	The RFP will be updated. Labor Categories will not be predefined.
82	Will labor categories and labor category rates be priced on the master ID/IQ contract?	No. Labor Categories will not be priced at the ID/IQ contract level.
83	Title "3.3.1.11 Local Area Networks" appears to be misplaced in text. In the event the contractor is required to export and import any protective clothing please add the following clause for the temporary import and export of Body Armor by contractor employees under ITAR exemption 22 CFR 126.4(a). "Body Armor Export Clause: Contractor shall temporarily import and export protective personnel equipment (e.g., body armor and/or gas masks) in support of this contract and pursuant to 22 CFR 126.4(a). Contractor will be prepared to temporarily import from, and temporarily export to, the following "fill in country name" (include all countries the person travels through)"	The PWS 3.3.1.11 will be revised. See Clause 952.225-0001, Arming Requirements and Procedures for Personal Security Services Contractors and for Requests for Personal Protection.
84	When will the Government provide an update to the anticipated schedule, to include the release of the final RFP, proposal due date, sample task due date, when the Army and Peer Review Process will be complete, and award date of the CTS contract vehicle?	The following dates are estimates: RFP Release: Sep 2011 Proposal Due Date: Nov 2011 Contract Award: Aug 2012
85	A) Will the Government allow a large business prime contractor to be a subcontractor on another large business prime contractor's team? B) Will the Government allow a large business prime contractor to be a subcontractor on a small business prime contractor's team?	A) Yes. B) Yes.
86	A) Following the Worldwide Satellite Systems (WWSS) Program contract expiration in August 2011, will all existing and ongoing WWSS requirements including legacy equipment be re-competed under CTS? B) If so, will this include contracts that are currently being managed by PM WIN-T?	It is possible that existing WWSS type requirements will be competed under CTS. Only those tasks managed by PM DCATS would be competed under CTS.
87	A) Will the Government release any additional requirements documents? B) If so, in what timeframe? C) Will the Government release any additional technical specifications as part of Section C? D) If so, in what timeframe?	Additional requirements documents and specifications will be released under specific DOs, as applicable.

88	Who are PM-DCAT's customers? What are their respective requirements for Satellite, Engineering, O&M, and ILS Services that would need to be address in the proposal?	Specific customer requirements do not need to be addressed in the proposal.
89	What certifications will be required in the final RFP (e.g., CMMI, PMP, ISP, Cisco, etc.)?	We don't anticipate making changes to the final RFP in this area.
90	What certifications for hardware components will be required in the final RFP? Who will pay for and/or sponsor these certifications (e.g., Military Specifications and Standards, ARSTRAT)? What percentage of COTS versus MIL SPEC products will be required for the final response?	Hardware component certifications are not required by the RFP. Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
91	Will there be requirements for environmental impact studies? If so, will these be part of the STOs?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs. Specific STO requirements will be released with the final RFP.
92	Will the STO(s) be evaluated on price? (DRFP page 97, paragraph 1)	Yes.
93	What areas for technical and management requirements does the Government anticipate adding to the final RFP? (DRFP pages 10-18)	The Government is continuing to refine the RFP and does not have specific changes in these sections at this time. Nonetheless, the RFP is subject to change.
94	Will past performance from subcontractors be evaluated for the STO? (DRFP page 97, paragraph1)	The STO evaluation criterion is under the Technical Factor. Please refer to Section M, Factor 2: Performance Risk for questions on evaluation of Past Performance.
95	Does the Government anticipate components and spares to be stored overseas in foreign depots?	It is possible. Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
96	What are the Government's small business goals for this solicitation?	Small business subcontracting requirements will be specified in section L.
97	Is Technical Volume 1 going to be broken up into Lots? If yes, what are they (for example, one lot may be terminals; another may be communication equipment; another may be power; etc.)?	No.
98	Will there be an STO for each Lot in the Technical Volume 1? If yes, what are they?	There will be one Sample Task for an integrated solution containing many of the requirements of the PWS.

99	Will contractors be able to select which Lot(s) they want to respond to in the Technical Volume 1 (for example, a contractor may respond to one or multiple Lots)?	The offerors must respond to the requirements of section L.
100	Due to the complexity and financial requirements to support and execute this contract, will the Government consider changing the NAIC to 517911, Telecommunications Resellers, 1500 employees?	No.
101	Will the equipment (terminals, communication, power, etc.) requirements be defined (for example, terminals that are .45m to 2m deployable or fixed, land earth station)? (DRFP 10-18, Section C)	Specific requirements will be provided in the DOs.
102	Would the Government consider changing the NAIC to 517919, All Other Telecommunications, \$25 M?	No.
103	Can a team member be on multiple Lots with multiple different companies?	Do not understand the question entirely. This solicitation does not contain "Lots" for the purpose of grouping supplies.
104	CLIN 0005 Contractors Progress, Status and Management Report states "This report is not applicable for Firm Fixed Price Task Orders." We recommend this statement apply to CLIN 0004 (Performance and Cost Report) instead.	The government will take this comment into consideration.
105	May a prime contractor use the Past Performance of its exclusive and non-exclusive teammates?	Yes, based on the relevancy criteria found in Section L.
106	May a company that submits a proposal as a small business prime contractor also be a subcontractor to other prime contractors?	Yes.
107	Does the minimum award website development represent a single award from among all contract awardees both large and small? Can the Government specify any more detail regarding website requirements?	The minimum award will be issued to all prime contractors. More details will be provided in the final RFP.

108	Please confirm how many sample tasks are anticipated in the final RFP. When might a draft sample task be provided for review? It would be beneficial if the Government were to publish its draft sample task(s) as it is certain that numerous questions will be raised by this portion of the RFP. If questions and comments are not solicited earlier, it may impede the Government's desired final RFP response period when a multitude of questions regarding the sample task definition and associated pricing presentation (paragraph 1.5.4 page 94) are raised.	There will be one sample task issued with the final RFP.
109	Please clarify if how the eight total past performances are to be divided among the prime contractor and its subcontractors? (DRFP page 92, paragraph 1.5.2.2)	The prime contract and "subcontract(s) in excess of 20%," are separate requirements. The Offeror may submit 8 references for the primes and 5 for each subcontractor. Refer to Section L, Volume 2 Performance Risk for specific requirements.
110	Can the Government provide any indication of the breakdown in terms of quantity and types of sample tasks anticipated that would help contractors determine subcontractor content relative to the 20% threshold requirement of this section? If more than one subcontractor is planned, is the total number of contract references to be no more than five for the entire group of subcontractors?	There will be one sample task issued with the final RFP. Subcontractor involvement is left to the discretion of the offeror. Performance Risk is a separate factor from the technical evaluation of the Sample Task Order.
111	Can the Government clarify what it means by "manage and control the applicable wideband satellites" in the context of this section? Are there any specific requirements to support a defined number of workstations and/or support staff?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
112	Please explain the relationship of CTS to GTACS	There is no relationship.
113	Please clarify the relationship of CTS to FCSA for COMSATCOM. For example, will the space segment for CTS solutions be leased under the FCSA contract?	There is no relationship between CTS and FCSA. Most likely space segment used to execute a task under CTS will be purchased under FCSA.
114	Can contractor acquired property under one order be transferred/cross-utilized between different orders under the CTS contract?	Yes, subject to government approval.
115	Network management software and network components are selected based on stated requirements. Will the government confirm each Task Order will identify specific "system" components requiring monitoring and control capabilities and the metrics expected to be displayed?	Yes.

116	Will the CTS systems typically be operating as independent systems or could these be integrated with host nation systems? If integrated with host nation, would these systems be required to utilize host nation digital video or cellular technologies?	CTS systems could be independent or integrated into other systems. Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
117	Clarification that, if the system was purchased by the Government separately, that the Government will be responsible for ensuring that the deployed satellite system is tested and test reports maintained and available to the contractor for full operation before being transported to the field.	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
118	Can the Government provide additional information or examples on what cellular technology requirements might be included? Does this include integration with host nation cellular carriers?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
119	Is there the potential for Top Secret information to be passed across CTS Wi-Fi networks?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
120	Will Network Management be for each network type (e.g., Sat, MW, SONET, LAN, ...) or an integrated end-to-end network management required?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
121	What is the network management staffing model? Will there be separate groups responsible for Radio Networks, Access Network, Core Network, Interconnect and Enterprise networks. How will the CTS teams be staffed – vertical or horizontal responsibilities?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
122	Is the contractor responsible for “Property Rights of Way” or the Government will provide required land passage?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
123	Please clarify the distances required in cabling distribution to outside Plant: will it be to an exterior Customer Premises Equipment (100s of meters), to carrier End Office (multiple kilometers) or the contractor is responsible for Facility to Facility routes (100s of kilometers) in some cases.	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
124	Will a contractor be appointed as the Information Assurance Manager (IAM) of the system or will the Government retain that role?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
125	What is the required response time for the Mobile team? Will each RTEP identify either ‘required response time’ for the MMTT or identify exact location where the MMTT’s will be deployed?	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
126	Will licensing fees for simulations software (e.g. CAD, Network Simulation) be an allowable costs for individual programs?	These costs may be allowable.

127	Can administrative resources required to support deployed personnel (human resources, local counsel, translator service, etc.) be billed against the contract?	These costs may be allowable.
128	Can contractor acquired property under one order be transferred/cross-utilized between different orders under the CTS contract?	Yes, subject to government approval.
129	Network management software and network components are selected based on stated requirements. Will the government confirm each Task Order will identify specific "system" components requiring monitoring and control capabilities and the metrics expected to be displayed?	Yes.
130	For what overseas theater is the contractor required to provide monthly employee census information (DRFP Provision C-6)?	This will be determined at the task order level.
131	Will the Government Furnished Property, to be provided to the contractor, be identified in the final RFP?	No. Specific GFP requirements will be identified in the DOs.
132	RFP Section 1.4.2.3 states, "No price information shall be presented in any part of the proposal except Volume 3 (Small Business Utilization and Volume 4 (Price)." RFP Section 1.5.1.1 states, "The offeror shall include a BOE with sufficient detail that explains the methodology, rationale and assumptions used to estimate the direct resources (labor, material, travel, and Other Direct Costs)." RFP Section 3.1.2 states, "The BOE will be evaluated in the technical rating and/or the most probably cost evaluation."	The RFP will be revised for clarification. All pricing information will be part of Volume 5. The reference to the BOE submitted with the Sample Task will be revised to read "un-priced BOE".
133	What is the Small Business Revenue Cap?	The small business size standard is 750 employees. There is no revenue standard.