

NOTICE: The answers provided below are for information purposes only and are not binding on the Government. All terms and conditions shall be established in the final solicitation.

Question No.	QUESTION	Answers
1	<p>Given the depth and breadth of the previously provided PWS and the corresponding and anticipated requirements, the successful offeror will require a fully coordinated and cohesive team capable of executing the overall IDIQ and the subsequent task orders, all the while utilizing a comprehensive teaming arrangement. As such, we respectfully request that the Government provide the anticipated percentage of SB utilization in aggregate as well as any specific percentage of classification(s) of SB (i.e., SDB, Hub Zone, SDVOSB, etc.) so that the offerors can prepare a fully compliant team that will meet the needs of PM DCATS and its customers.</p>	<p>The Government places a strong emphasis supporting Small Business. For every Small Business Participation (SBP) Evaluation (both for the basic award, and for award of all delivery orders), the goal in order to get the highest rating (Outstanding) is 25% of total obligated dollars. For SBP evaluations, there are no specific goals for the subcategories. In addition, all large businesses offerors are required to submit a Small Business Subcontracting Plan.</p>
2	<p>The referenced section of the PWS states, in part, "It is the Government's intent to issue RTEP that reflect a Performance-Based Contracting Approach IAW FAR Part 2.101." Will the Government also add to section I FAR 52.232-32 Performance Based Payments (Aug 2010) for performance based orders?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
3	<p>Will the Government provide a copy of the DD254 referenced in the PWS, section 3.1.3?</p>	<p>The government will provide a DD254 with the final RFP.</p>
4	<p>With facility upgrade services as a PWS requirement, recommend the inclusion of the following labor category description to insure appropriate skills are included in offerors pricing volumes for this particular paragraph requirement.*(see below for detailed Labor Category Descriptions)</p>	<p>Within Section L - Pricing of the draft solicitation, offerors are required to submit a detailed cost proposal IAW FAR 15.403-5 Table at 15-2, which provides the instructions for submission of a contract pricing proposal. Labor Category descriptions will only be included in T&M delivery orders and will not be included in the RFP.</p>

5	<p>The referenced paragraph (PWS page 8, paragraph 3.1.3) states “The Contractor shall possess a TOP SECRET facility clearance with TOP SECRET safeguarding capability at time of proposal submission.” During the “one-on-one” meetings with potential bidders, the Contracting Officer stated that a DD Form 254 for this procurement had not yet been issued and that this requirement could possibly be changed. One suggested change was to require contractors to possess a TOP SECRET facility clearance with SECRET safeguarding capability at the time of proposal submission. Because of the exorbitant cost required to build and maintain a facility that is approved to store TOP SECRET items coupled with the fact that very few small businesses can meet this requirement, this offeror recommends that this requirement be changed to TOP SECRET facility clearance with SECRET safeguarding capability.</p>	<p>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 Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (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.</p>
6	<p>Clarification (or an example) of what the Government means by the term “upgrade path” in the context used in the PWS (3.3.1, last sentence on page 17 regarding power sources).</p>	<p>Upgrade path enables “pieces, components, Software, and interfaces” of systems to be upgraded or replaced without replacing the entire system to allow future military and commercial requirements and technologies to be incorporated.</p>
7	<p>Sec. 1.5.2.2 indicates the scope of references is inclusive of Government and/or commercial contracts, and PWS Sec 3.0 requires all activities performed in the CTS shall be performed IAW best commercial practices and Government standards, regulations, as described herein and within each Order. Sec. 1.5.2.4 appears to show a preference over Military Past Performance qualifications with the statement “Particularly relevant contracts are those that support DoD...”</p>	<p>The government sees no inconsistency between the draft RFP Past Performance Requirements and the PWS in this instance. Many DoD contracts use best commercial practices.</p>
8	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Government will provide a generic format for this BOE. Sections L&M will be updated with the details of the format.</p>

9	<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. The term “or cancelled” will be deleted from this section.</p>
10	<p>Draft RFP, Page 88, 1.2.1.1 – Though hyperlinks are prohibited, is it permissible to enter a web address or URL?</p>	<p>No. All information in response to the proposal should be contained in the narrative of the proposal unless otherwise excepted under the terms found in Section L of the RFP.</p>
11	<p>Draft RFP, Page 91, Para 1.4.2.3 – It is stated that no price info shall be presented in any part of the proposal except Volume 3 and Volume 4. However, price info is generally provided in Section B, Volume 5 of the proposal. Please confirm that price info should not be presented in Section B of Volume 5.</p>	<p>No pricing information should be contained in Volume 5. Unless otherwise noted, there will be no pricing provided in Section B of the RFP. The Contractor Manpower Reporting CLIN will be deleted from the RFP and included only in delivery orders that are predominately services with incidental hardware. All other pricing information shall be within Volume 4 of the Offeror’s proposal.</p>
12	<p>Would the Government provide additional clarification on what it expects as a “Letters of Intent”? (DRFP page 91, L1.5.1.2)</p>	<p>Section L will be updated in this area that will clarify “letters of Intent” as well as joint venture agreements. Generically, a letter of intent is between a prime and its major subcontractors detailing the agreement between the organizations on who will be performing what portions of the requirements under the contract and stating how the companies will work together.</p>
13	<p>The supplied matrix does not match the text provided. Would the prime offeror be permitted to generate its own format that would be compliant with the paragraph. If not, it is suggested that the format be adjusted to include a column for % for each subcontractor.</p> <p>Secondly, would the Government clarify that it wants the matrix constructed based on full estimated value and not an estimated capture value developed by the Prime. If the former, would the Government please provide the number to be used in the calculation. (DRFP page 94, L1.5.3.1.4.1)</p>	<p>The Subcontracting Matrix will be updated to match the language in the RFP. The proposed value will be based on the offeror’s proposed cost for the Sample Task. In other words, the total subcontracting dollars and percentages will be based on the offeror’s proposed cost of performing the Sample Task. Sections L&M will be changed to reflect this requirement.</p>

14	It appears from the reference that the Help Desk requirement is at the TO/DO level. (DRFP page 91, L1.5.1.2)	The Help Desk requirement will be specified in delivery orders that require it.
15	The first sentence references the Sample Task solution as Attachment I; whereas the Volume/Attachment Title refers to this attachment as Attachment 1. Please change "I" to "1". (DRFP page 91, paragraph L1.5.1.1)	The RFP will be updated changing the "I" to the respective attachment number in Section J. The final RFP will reflect this change.
16	We recommend the Government state a definition of "anticipated contract value" for the purposes of making a determination of which subcontractors will perform "...in excess of 20% of the anticipated contract value..." A suggested approach for "anticipated contract value" is to make it equal to 1/10 of the CTS IDIQ Contract ceiling value of \$10.5 B anticipating 10 awards based upon each awardee achieving an identical cumulative sum of Task Order contract values? In order to ensure consistent treatment of estimated contract value across all CTS offerors, we recommend the Government pick an estimated contract value dollar amount to be used in completing RFP Attachment 0003 cell (d). Our current interpretation of Attachment 0003 is that each proposing contractor can define his own estimated contract value (without realism) which will make comparison among proposals difficult for the Government's evaluation team. (DRFP page 93, paragraph L1.5.2.7)	The "anticipated contract value" language will be deleted and changed to "offeror's proposed cost of the Sample Task."
17	Can the submission of the Production Progress Report be made later than two days after the end of the reporting period? Gathering the information and formatting it for submission requires more than two days – particularly with overseas work locations. The minimum should be 10 days after the end of each reporting period. (DRFP Provision H-3, paragraph b)	The government will take this comment into consideration.
18	Can the Small Business Utilization report be changed to semi-annual vice monthly so that it aligns with the FAR small business reporting requirement of FAR 52.219-9?(DRFP Provision H-11)	The requirement for submission of the Small Business Utilization Report will be changed to semi-annual. The RFP will have revised language to this effect.
19	Draft RFP, Page 33, section H-14 - Would all original awardees be replaced and would each original awardee need to re-compete in order to remain a CTS contractor?	Clause H-14 "RECOMPETE OF IDIQ CONTRACTS" will be removed from the final RFP. The intent of the Government is to add to the pool of contractors that currently hold a CTS IDIQ contract. The Government cannot indiscriminately remove a contractor or force them to re-compete for a contract if they currently have a CTS contract.

20	The word AMMO is in the title (RFP Page 29, paragraph 4). How is it used differently than Section H-3? Are the distributions to the Navy listed correctly?	H-4 will be removed from the RFP.
21	A) Does the Government intend to provide all of the types of support listed in this clause? (H-2- Government Furnished Contractor Support) B) If not, what support will be provided by the Government?	Details of Government Furnished Contractor Support will be defined in the DO. Language will be added in Section A as to the applicability of clauses used for OCONUS work.
22	Summary of Government Furnished Contractor Support has no services selected. Does this mean no Government Furnished services will be offered? (DRFP page 28, paragraph H-2)	Details of Government Furnished Contractor Support will be defined in the DO. Language will be added in Section A as to the applicability of clauses used for OCONUS work.
23	This report (DRFP page 28-29, paragraph H-3 and 4) appears to be for manufacturing of items for delivery to the Government. Or does this also pertain to services provided?	These clauses are referring to the manufacturing and production of supplies.
24	Please define the small business subcontracting requirements for this procurement. (DRFP page 32, paragraph H-11)	Small business subcontracting requirements will be specified in section M.
25	Are CLINS 0004-0009 separately priced or NSP?	CLINS 0004, 0005, 0007, 0008, and 0009 are NSP; CLIN 0006 will be removed from the contract and used only on delivery orders that are predominately services with incidental supplies..
26	The Solicitation has CLINS for multiple contract types, when does the Government anticipate the release of the pricing spreadsheets?	Pricing Spreadsheets will not be provided. Offerors will be required to submit a detailed cost proposal IAW FAR 15.403-5 Table at 15-2, which provides the instructions for submission of a contract cost proposal based on the Sample Task.

27	<p>Based on our review, the draft solicitation did not offer specific guidance for the preparation of Volume 4 Price or a detailed description of the sample task order. We understand that the awarded contract will encompass Time and Material, Cost Plus and Firm Fixed Price CLINS consistent with other acquisitions across AMC, however we would encourage the government to include in the price volume for evaluation purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·A labor category schedule for government and contractor site rates, inclusive of years experience and education requirements. As an example, representative labor categories are provided in the attached spreadsheet. ·Price model that corresponds to the anticipated T&M requirements for the contract. ·Performance based Sample task structure which allows offerors to develop a bottoms-up cost estimate consistent with their technical solution. The government should include a complete Basis of Estimate, Bill of Material, Work Breakdown Structure, etc. in the proposal submission requirements. <p>One recent example is the recent TEIS3 procurement (W9128Z-10-R-0002), which had a T&M, CPFF and FFP components in support of engineering services associated with base infrastructure. While not a one-to-one correlation, it serves as a good analog to CTS, given the integrated nature of the solutions required in a CTS sample task.</p>	<p>Within Section L - Pricing of the draft solicitation offerors are required to submit a detailed cost proposal IAW FAR 15.403-5 Table at 15-2, which provides the instructions for submission of a contract cost proposal based on the Sample Task. The Government will not provide labor categories in the RFP.</p>
28	<p>Would the Government consider a peer division within the same company holding TOP SECRET safeguarding capability as satisfying this requirement? A second CAGE code would be provided for verification of safeguarding capability.</p>	<p>No. Prime contractors must have a Top Secret Facility Clearance and a COMSEC account at the time of proposal submission.</p>
29	<p>Would the Government allow a prime contractor to utilize a subcontractor to satisfy the TOP SECRET safeguarding capability requirement, similar to the identified SCIF requirement, until such time as the Prime is certified by the Defense Security Service (DSS) for TOP SECRET safeguarding capability?</p>	<p>Prime contractors must have a Top Secret Facility Clearance and a COMSEC account at the time of proposal submission.</p>
30	<p>952.225-0003 indicates emergency medical services to be provided by the Government on a reimbursable basis; however, 952.225-0011 is blank, indicating no services (including resuscitative care) are provided. Are we correct in assuming that 952.225-0003 will take precedence with regard to emergency medical services?</p>	<p>Details of Government Furnished Contractor Support will be defined in the DO. Language will be added in Section A as to the applicability of clauses used for OCONUS work.</p>

31	Executive Summary and Draft RFP Page 5 indicates task orders may be Firm-Fixed Price, Cost-Reimbursable, or Time & Materials; while Page 7 indicates task orders may be only Firm-Fixed Price or Time & Materials.	RFP and PWS will be updated to reflect all three contract types, Firm-Fixed Price, Cost-Reimbursable and Time & Materials.
32	The Draft PWS indicates that DBA insurance shall be billed to the Government as an ODC. If a prime or sub-contractor's standard, DCAA-approved practice is to include DBA insurance costs in their indirect rates, does the contractor still have to break out DBA as an ODC? (Draft PWS, 5.23 f., Page 40)	No, offerors should submit their cost proposal in compliance with their approved disclosure statement and internal accounting practices.
33	Both paragraphs L-19 and L-23 provide the requirement FAR 52.215-20 Requirements For Certified Cost Or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data. L-19 is the OCT 1997 version of this FAR clause. L-23 is the OCT 2010 version. Will the Government specify which clause the Offeror is required to follow?	The clause L-23 52.215-20 will be removed from the RFP.
34	Clauses L-19 and L-23 are nearly identical. Please clarify difference or remove redundancy.	The clause L-23 will be removed from the RFP.
35	<p>A) Will the Government please clarify its intent in including both size standards? (DRFP page 75, paragraph K-6(a)1-3)</p> <p>B) Will the small business size standard of 500 apply only to a company that is proposing to only furnish one or more products which it does not itself manufacture?</p> <p>C) If a small business proposes to furnish a variety of products under NAICS Code 334220 – some of which it manufactures, some of which it does not manufacture – will the 750 employee size standard apply?</p> <p>D) If a small business meets the 750 employee size standard when proposing in response to this ID/IQ solicitation to furnish a variety of products under NAICS Code 334220 – some of which it manufactures, some of which it does not manufacture – when responding to a specific RTEP with a proposal to supply only products it did not manufacture, will that small company still meet the small business size standard of 750 employees for NAICS Code 334220? If not, will the size standard of 500 apply for that specific RTEP?</p>	See attached Small Business Participation Under CTS supplemental.

36	It appears this link (see http://www.amc.army.mil/pa/PartneringForSuccess.pdf) does not lead to the full text of the document described. Will the Government please confirm the link leads to the intended document, or provide a new link? (DRFP page 85, paragraph L-22(e))	The "Partnering for Success" guide will be an attachment to the RFP.
37	If other than the information identified in paragraphs 1.5.2.2 through 1.5.2.12, will the Government please clarify what content is meant by "the Offerors proposed"?	The word "Proposed" will be deleted.
38	Does the Government prefer that this "description" be a brief summary, or a more detailed but concise narrative description? (DRFP page 93, paragraph 1.5.2.5.3)	Proposal shall conform to directions specified in Section L. Additional information will be provided in the Final RFP.
39	As stated in paragraph 1.2, Orders may be issued on a T&M and FFP basis. Clarification Request: Paragraph 1.2 also refers to cost reimbursable contract order award.	Will update in final RFP, DOs may be issued on a cost reimbursable basis.
40	Section L 19 and L23 Pages 83-85 – 52.215-20 Requirements For Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data – Paragraph L23 appears to be a duplication of Paragraph L19. Recommend removal of Paragraph L23.	The clause L-23 52.215-20 will be removed from the RFP.
41	The draft RFP appears to be missing major sections (for example, Section C). Does the Government intend to release another draft RFP with these missing sections prior to final release of the RFP?	The Government does intend on releasing an updated version of the Draft RFP in the future. Section C contains the Scope of Work for the contract. The first draft had the PWS separate. It is the intent of the Government to place the PWS in Section C vice having it as an attachment.
42	Is a Table of Contents required for Volume IV Price?	Within Section L - Pricing of the draft solicitation, offerors are required to submit a detailed cost proposal IAW FAR 15.403-5 Table at 15-2, which provides the instructions for submission of a contract cost proposal. A Table of Contents is not required but can be included as this volume does not contain a page-count limitation.
43	Please note that Section D is missing in the CTS Draft RFP.	A narrative for Section D will be added to the final RFP and will state that packaging and marking requirements will be defined in the individual DO's. For the initial contract award, there are no packaging or marking requirements.

44	<p>In Section K of the draft RFP, on page 75, this acquisition is assigned NAICS code 334220 with a 750 employee size standard for small business certification purposes. On this same page, however, the draft RFP states that the size standard is 500 employees for concerns that propose to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture. This provision is referencing the SBA's "non-manufacturer" rule. As reflected on page 2 of the draft RFP, this acquisition will also involve a significant amount of contractor-provided services including system integration, systems engineering and analysis, operations, maintenance, equipment and system installation, material procurement, facility and site preparation, outside plant trenching, software support, program management, logistics, technical field assistance, etc. The SBA's Office of Hearings and Appeals has explicitly held that "the non-manufacturer rule applies to procurements solely for manufactured products, and not to procurements which include services." See Size Appeal of Empire Home Medical, Inc., SBA No. 4291 (1998), at 5. Based on this ruling and the fact that this acquisition will be for both products and services, the "non-manufacturer" is not applicable and the language in subsection (a)(3) in Section K, page 75, of the draft RFP should be deleted.</p>	See attached Small Business Participation Under CTS supplemental.
45	<p>RFP Section 1.5, Paragraph 1.5.2.3, Page 92: The RFP currently defines recent contracts as being within the past three years (approximately). We suggest a firm time period of five (5) years.</p>	The definition of recency for this RFP will be 3 years from the date of the RFP.
46	<p>Draft RFP, section L-26 – On Page 86, the address specified for hand-delivery of the proposal (3rd Floor) is different than the address specified on Page 88 (2nd Floor) for delivery by courier. Please confirm that these different specified addresses are correct.</p>	The address within clause 52.214-4584 is for hand delivered bids, quotes and proposals. The address in paragraph L.1.2.1.2 is the mailing address for proposals.
47	<p>It appears this provision (Provision L-19)duplicated Provision L-23</p>	The clause L-23 52.215-20 will be removed from the RFP.
48	<p>Please confirm that ORCAs are acceptable and no paper copies are required.</p>	Yes.
49	<p>Can the Government define "within approximately three years" to remove potential ambiguity? (DRFP page 91, paragraph 1.5.2.3)</p>	The definition of recency for this RFP will be 3 years from the date of the RFP.

50	Paragraph 1.5.2.9 states that the offeror shall identify "...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)." Paragraphs 1.5.2.10 and 1.5.2.11 go on to require information on those contracts listed in response to paragraph 1.5.2.9 which is geared toward poor or non-performance issues. This offeror assumes that the government would not require information regarding contracts which were terminated for the convenience of the government and suggests that RFP request be limited to those contracts which have been terminated for cause or default.	The Government will update Section L to remove "cancelled for any reason". The intent of the Government is to look at contracts that were terminated for default and to exclude terminations for convenience. Additional language will be added to clarify this section.
51	Paragraph 1.5.2.2 requires no more than eight (8) contract references from the offeror. Paragraph 1.5.2.7 states that if the offerors intend 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 can submit no more than five recent and relevant references from such subcontractors. If the offeror has no subcontractors that meet the criteria of paragraph 1.5.2.7, it is our understanding that the offeror can still include recent and relevant references from its subcontractors as part of its eight references. Please confirm.	No, Offerors must follow guidance as provided in Section L. Submissions of subcontractor past performance is limited to just major subcontractors. The eight contract references are just for the prime contractor.
52	Paragraph 1.5.1.1.3 states the offeror shall include a Basis of Estimate (BOE) and that there is no page count limitation for the BOE. The file packaging table shown in paragraph 1.3.2 of the draft RFP is silent on the BOE. The offeror assumes that the BOE should be submitted as an attachment to the Sample Task and the pages of the BOE are excluded from the 50 page limit allocated for the Sample Task. It is recommended that the table in the file packaging paragraph be amended to show where the BOE should be submitted as part of the proposal.	The BOE is to be incorporated in Volume 1, Sample Task, Assumptions. Additional language will be added specifying the format of the un-priced BOE. The BOE will not be included in a page count. Section L will be updated to clarify this requirement.
53	Section L-19 provides the text for FAR 52.215-20 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA AND DATA OTHER THAN CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA (OCT 2010) – ALTERNATE II (OCT 1997) and Section L-23 provides the text for FAR 52.215-20 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA AND DATA OTHER THAN CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA (OCT 2010) without the ALT III inclusion. Please clarify if the basic provision or the provision with its ALT III applies to the solicitation.	The clause L-23 52.215-20 will be removed from the RFP.

54	The contractor is required to have a TOP SECRET facility clearance with storage capability at time of submission. Can the storage requirement be fulfilled by a subcontractor if the prime contractor has a TOP SECRET facility clearance with no storage capability?	No. See response to question #5.
55	Post-Award will there be any small business “partial set-asides” or “class of acquisition” set-asides or will the small businesses have to compete with the large businesses for every task/delivery order? For example, has there been any thought given to letting a percentage (say 50%) of smaller task/delivery orders (say \$5M and under) be competed exclusively among the small business awardees?	All delivery orders will be competed in accordance with FAR 16.505(b) Fair Opportunity. There will be no set-asides or partial set-asides of delivery orders.
56	If bidding as a small business, is an approved purchasing system required?	Yes.
57	Will there be any further consideration for a Small Business Set Aside versus the Small Business Reserve?	No. The Government has determined that this acquisition is not suitable for a small business set-aside. See attachment for further guidance on small business participation under CTS.
58	Does this paragraph (RFP Page 2, Paragraph 2) imply that if the large businesses fulfill the Army SB goals, they will not resort to SB task or delivery order set-asides?	This requirement for a Task Order set-aside as stated in the draft RFP is no longer valid and has been removed from the RFP. See attached Small Business Participation Under CTS supplemental.
59	This (RFP Page 28, paragraph 3) appears to only apply to production contracts. How will it be used on CTS? If applied to every product delivered on CTS, this could be expensive to generate and maintain.	These clauses are referring to the manufacturing and production of supplies. This contract is considered a supply contract with incidental services. The application of this clause will be for complete “systems” delivered under the contract not for components or parts.
60	How will the small business goals be measured (i.e., by task order, per fiscal year or at contract completion)?	Instructions for measuring small business will be included in the description of the Small Business Participation Report – DI-MGMT-81642.
61	Will the government provide the AMC Partnering Process document referenced in the DRFP? The Government provided link currently shows the two title pages with no content. (RFP page 85, paragraph 22)	The “Partnering for Success” guide will be an attachment to the RFP.
62	Please provide excel formats for proposal submission to be provided via the DRFP cycle.	It is the offeror’s responsibility to create all necessary Excel spreadsheets.

63	A) Does the Government still intend to provide a draft of the Army's small business goals for the CTS Program? B) If so, in what timeframe?	Small business subcontracting requirements will be specified in section M.
64	For non-restricted tasks where all primes can compete, if a small business competes will the 51% rule apply?	The 51% rule is no longer valid for this acquisition. The RFP has been revised removing this language. See attached Small Business Participation Under CTS supplemental.
65	When does the Government anticipate providing the referenced Schedule for review? (DRFP page 44, paragraph I-163(a))	The Schedule refers to Section B. The specific schedule for supplies and services will be delineated at the Delivery Order level.
66	Does the Government anticipate that Task Orders solicited under the CTS contract will require the arming of contractors?	Delivery Orders may require arming of contractors. Specific requirements will be provided in individual Delivery Orders.
67	Does the Government expect that Task Orders will be solicited that will require offerors to enlist Private Security contractors while operating in Contingency Operational areas?	Delivery Orders may require Private Security. Specific requirements will be provided in individual Delivery Orders.
68	Is the Communication Plan generally required of deployed contractor teams, or only if armed or using PSC?	Communications Plan applies to all deployed contractors.
69	Paragraph (DRFP page 14, paragraph C-5(a)) requires a fitness to deploy re-evaluation every 12 months. Does that infer CRC attendance every year?	The fitness to deploy re-evaluation does not mean CRC attendance each year. The contractor must complete a physical examination and meet the criteria set forth in clause 952.225-0003.
70	Will the contract be used to procure ammunition?	No, ammunition will not be procured under this contract as a deliverable. However, it may be required if Private Security is required.
71	For a large company such as ours, the breadth of functionality of contracts awarded in the last three years is significantly more diverse than the anticipated scope of the CTS solicitation and the number of awards will be in the hundreds, government/military and commercial engagements. The requirements of paragraph 1.5.2.9, .10 and .11 appear to be unduly broad and may penalize contractors with high risk, high reward contracts with no credible direct association to the requirements of CTS. Request reconsideration of this requirement.	The requirement stands as stated.
72	We recommend the government include a requirement for an acronym list to be included that is not counted against the page allocation.	The government will take this comment into consideration.

73	Please confirm the "Contract Performance Questionnaire" (Attachment XX) referred to in this section the same as Section J, Attachment 0002?	Yes.
74	Paragraph 3.1.5 states that the prime contractor shall ensure that all personnel used on T&M orders meet the labor category requirements currently on contract. Based on the documents that have been provided, this contractor has not found a labor category list or any labor category requirements. Will a labor category list and requirements be incorporated in the final RFP?	The PWS will be changed to clarify that this sentence applies to T&M Delivery Orders.
75	Could you provide a rough order of magnitude split of contract value between large and small business awardees?	There will be no split of delivery orders between small and large business. All delivery orders will be competed under FAR 16.505(b) Fair Opportunity. See attachment pertaining to small business participation under CTS.
76	Will satellite bandwidth services be procured under the PM-DCATS-CTS contract?	Yes, the provision exists under the contract.
77	Could the government provide a calculated example using the subcontracting matrix?	An example firm will be provided in the subcontracting matrix.
78	Could the government provide the cited resource of DI-MISC-80711A? (Exhibit D – Scientific and Technical Reports)	The Government will provide CDRLs in the final RFP.
79	Please clarify how the Basis of Estimate should be included in Volume 1 since it does not have a page count limit. Should it be an attachment or some other specifically identified section of Volume 1?	The BOE is to be incorporated in Volume 1, Sample Task, Assumptions. Additional language will be added specifying the format of the un-priced BOE. The BOE will not be included in a page count. Section L will be updated to clarify this requirement.
80	In this paragraph (DRFP page 93, paragraph 1.5.2.9) it is clear what constitutes a contract that was terminated or cancelled but it is unclear how to identify every contract that experienced "any performance problems related to deliverables or services." For example, for service contracts, would the existence of a single trouble ticket regarding performance require this contract to be reported even if the issue was promptly resolved according to standard procedures? Negative performance trends are useful evaluation tools for significant recurring performance issues if they resulted in significant schedule delays or cost overruns. However, it will be difficult for the Government to validate full disclosure and compare offers if one contractor truthfully reported contracts with performance problems and another who did not report any or only selected ones because of the ambiguity in the definition here. Even for cancelled or terminated contracts, how would full disclosure be verified for all offerors to ensure a fair evaluation in this area?	The Government will consider these comments.

81	This paragraph (DRFP page 93, paragraph 1.5.2.10) may provide a resolution to the issue raised in the previous paragraph. Defining problems as those that resulted in termination, receipt of a CDR or other letter of complaint is one way of more specifically defining “performance problems”. However, even with this definition, the issue of full disclosure still exists and fair evaluation may be raised here.	The Government will consider these comments.
82	Please provide a sample RTEP.	The Government will not issue a sample RTEP.
83	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.	Specific requirements will be identified in the DOs.
84	Is the only situation in which tasks are competed solely among small business awardees of the CTS contracts when the Program is not meeting the Army’s total small business goal, or is it possible tasks may be competed only among small business awardees whenever it is felt two or more small business primes may be able to perform the work?	All delivery orders will be competed under FAR 16.505(b) Fair Opportunity. See attachment pertaining to small business participation under CTS.
85	RFP Section 1.5, Paragraph 1.5.2.7, Page 93: The RFP requests that Subcontractor Past Performance references be included when that Subcontractor is expected to have 20% or more of overall contract value. Given the IDIQ and Task Order nature of the CTS contract, the Prime Contractor has difficulty in determining upfront what percent will be ultimately subcontracted. Should the Sample Task determine what percentages to utilize? If so, we recommend releasing the Sample Task draft in advance of final RFP posting or, alternatively, allow additional time for the overall RFP response (i.e. 45 days versus 30 days) to allow for appropriate inclusion/determination.	The 20% of contract value will be based on the offeror’s proposed cost for the Sample Task. In other words, the total subcontracting dollars and percentages will be based on the offeror’s proposed cost of performing the Sample Task. Sections L&M will be changed to reflect this requirement.
86	The RFP Executive Summary states “In order to be considered in the small business award reserve, small business concerns (including joint ventures) must either perform at least 51% of the work themselves”. Does this statement apply to the Small Business Reserve identified in section M paragraph 1.2 or the Small Business Reserve identified in H-12 Task Order Restricted Competition? Does it apply to both?	The 51% rule is no longer valid for this acquisition. The RFP has been revised removing this language. See attached Small Business Participation Under CTS supplemental.