

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES 1 2
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 1	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 4/7/00	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. APPQHQS-0002-0		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY USDA, APHIS, MBS 100 North Sixth Street Butler Square 5th Floor Minneapolis, MN 55403		CODE 6395	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE 6395	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP code)			9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. 36-M-APHIS-00	
			9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 1/7/2000	
			10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE		

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 2 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the statement of work for the effort and request final revised proposals.

The following information is the clarified statement of work as well as some observations which identify areas of general misunderstanding.

Final revised proposals are due by 2:30 pm local time on April 28, 2000.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Kathryn Linde	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

The following text replaces the sentence in the Requirements section starting “The contractor will examine the consequences of each.....the cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact statement.” Replace with: “The contractor will examine the biological efficacy of treatment methods and determine the biological impact of treatment methods and alternatives to SWPM on the frequency of entry, survival and potential for establishment. The contractor need not consider the biological or economic impacts of establishment of pests or pathogens on U.S. Forests and ecosystems, or human health. The contractor will examine the rate of noncompliance and offer options to combat it. The only training that might be necessary would be instruction on systems created by the contractor to track or model data involved in determining the PPRRA out come.”

Under Government Responsibility, add the following text: APHIS will identify approximately 6 broad categories of pests and pathogen for inclusion in the PPRRA.

The following areas have been identified that may need to be revised because of the clarification of the statement of work.

1. Address whether subject matter experts/consultants be included in technical reviews of draft documents for quality assurance or if they will be involved in actual production of the documents. Address what time commitments have been assured. Experts/consultants should be identified from all disciplines necessary including entomology, microbiology, forest pathology and wood treatment technologies. This would include experts of microbial pathogens, mycology, and/or bacteriology.
 2. Provide the means or methodology to assure consistency of technical information between PRA and PPRRA documents, e.g. cross-checking similar information; consulting with APHIS on any potential contradictions uncovered.
 3. Need to focus work plans on risk reduction analysis aspects and avoid duplicating work of EIS and Economic Analysis teams (clarified in revised statement of work), and adjust cost estimate accordingly.
 4. Include performance dates and monetary value of the examples presented to assist in determining the scope of the projects.
 5. Address the proposed staff plan and proposed schedule. Assure that information is provided on specific staff assignments and percent of staff member's time allocated to this project and to the sections of the project.
 6. Commitment letters and allocated time for outside experts/consultants were not included. These should be provided.
 7. Include any other information that you would like for us to consider in this final revised proposal process. Our identification of areas to be revised is not necessarily all inclusive. The bidder is responsible for assuring the proposal addresses all areas of the solicitation.
 8. Assure the proposed price is “Firm Fixed Price” and includes all costs.
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