

1. What provisions will be allowed for the price escalation of permanent materials?
None. The Task Orders will be issued within the nine months after the Contract is awarded with the Contract completion by twenty-four months after Contract Award.
2. What assurance does the contractor have that the time for completion of individual task orders is reasonable? **Although they are accelerated schedules, both our A-E and the Government will verify that the time frame is reasonable using multiple crews, extended hours of construction, and other reasonable means.**
3. What will be the liquidated damages if a task is not completed within the required time? **The individual Task Orders will include the Liquidated Damages. These will be computed based upon the Government's estimated costs for supervision and administration of the contract outside the required completion date**
4. When piles are driven through a stratified soil, will several pay items be used for a single pile? **These Bidding Schedule Items have been deleted and new Bidding Schedule Line Items based on linear foot of the piling driven (only for those we have quantities for) have been added. Typical soil borings, pile length ranges, types, batters, etc will be furnished for preparing the Unit Price. The pile types which are labeled "TBD" will be paid under a generic pile driving Bidding Schedule Item and is labeled "TBD".**
5. Reference Section 00700 page 26 – 52.219.4 Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HubZone Small Business Concerns: It is our understanding that following the Small Business Administration Program HubZone 8(a) contractor can form a joint venture with a large business with whom they have an SBA Approved Mentor-Protégé Agreement. Joint Ventures which are formed outside of this program are considered large businesses. Question: Is this consistent with the Corps policy with respect to the SBA affiliation rules and therefore the 10% cost advantage provided to HubZone small business firms? **There is no such thing as a HUBZone 8(a) contract. It is either a HUBZone contract or an 8(a) contract. If it is a HUBZone contract, there is no Mentor-Protégé Program involved and the HUBZone firm must joint venture with another HUBZone firm in which case the 10% PEP would be in effect. If it is an 8(a) contract and there is a MP joint venture, there is no 10% PEP on 8(a) projects.**
6. Reference Standard Form 1442, Box 10: PROPOSALS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 50 PAGES. Question: Does the 50-page limitation apply only to the non-cost factors? **Yes. Are 11 X 17 pages allowed, and if yes are they considered as one page? No. Standard 8.5 X 11 pages only.**
7. Reference Standard Form 1442, Box 10: PROPOSALS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 50 PAGES. Question: Are 11 X 17 pages allowed, and if yes are they considered as one page? **11 X 17 pages are not allowed.**
8. Are the buildings available for demolition in the government cleared rights-of-way?
Yes.

9. What components should be included in our unit rates? Would these rates include indirect job-site costs, G&A, and profit? This would ensure comparative pricing among all bidders. All components applicable to that unit price should be included in the unit price. These rates should include all direct costs. Indirect costs are to be distributed among the existing bid items where appropriate. See response to Comment 10 for more information.

10. How should items such as construction quality control be allocated per unit rates? Section 01451 states that Quality Control is to be included in the bid items. Any other item that is not already specifically covered in one or more of the Bid Items is usually specified as being distributed throughout the Bid Items to which it applies to.

11. Reference Section 00010 – Bidding Schedule, The majority of items have a quantity of one (1); it is difficult to provide unit costs without a reasonable range of quantity. Should we consider Contract 1 drawings as the basis of our estimate, or will the Corps provide a range of quantities? This would allow similar cost basis among all bidders. The drawings attached to this solicitation are for information only. These drawings are representative of the work that may be performed under this Contract. The actual Construction Drawings for each project will be included in the individual Task Orders. Estimated quantities have been inserted into the Bidding Schedule to give a better indication of the quantities required. However, these quantities are not guaranteed.

12. If the Corps wants us to use Contract 1 for the basis of estimate, then there are some line items for which the drawings do not provide accurate quantities for achieving economies of scale. How does the Corps wish us to estimate the cost of these items? See the response to Comment 11.

13. Can the Government provide the anticipated expenditure by fiscal year for the anticipated duration of the contract? If not, how should we determine indirect rates and escalation of materials? No, but the Task Orders will be issued within the first nine months after Contract Award. Escalation shall be built into the bid items. See response to Comment 1 for more details.

14. When does the Corps anticipate the first Notice to Proceed for the first task order? The current schedule has a November 2006 time frame for the first Task Order. This time frame may slip due to possible design changes and right-of-way availability.

15. What is the anticipated average duration of task orders, so that we may price time-dependent items, such as line item 0003 – Government Inspector Trailers? A general description of the possible contract task orders with a rough order of magnitude is being provided per amendment in Section 01100, paragraph 32. The unit for the Government Inspection Trailers was revised to a unit of “Per Month” for each trailer.

16. Is the reference to the Hometown Plan and the New Orleans SMSA in lieu of the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wages? The Davis-Bacon Act is the minimum.

17. Reference Section 00010 page 17. There are two line items with the number 0173. Please confirm that the Item with Description “ 3/8” Neoprene Sheet” should be Item Number 0168 in lieu of Number 0173. **Yes. This is a typo. This item has been deleted though and shall be included in the Bidding Schedule Line Item for “Miscellaneous Hardware”. This Bidding Schedule Line Item will be negotiated with each Task Order if required.**

18. Reference Section 00010 page 18. Please confirm that for Item 0178 - Sluice Gates, Contractors are not required to provide a Unit Price nor Estimated Amount, even though the referenced Table does not contain “XXX” in the boxes. **The Sluice Gates will be negotiated with each Task Order, if required, therefore no price shall be shown at this time.**

19. Reference Line Item Number 0074 - Dolphin Structure Piles: Specification Section 02451 Paragraph 2.1 Materials states in part, “Dolphin piles shall be twenty-four (24) inches in diameter and 3/8-inch wall thickness. Plan sheet S-32 of 142 calls for 48-inch diameter and 3/4-inch wall thickness. Question: What is the desired diameter and wall thickness requirement for Line Item Number 0074 - Dolphin Structure Piles? **The Dolphin Piles will be 24-inch diameter, 3/8-inch wall thickness.**

20. Reference Plan Sheet S-20 and Line Items 0044 and 0049: Test Pile Schedule does not include pipe pile. Please identify the diameter, wall thickness, tip elevation, location and service load of the pipe test pile. **Bidding Schedule was revised to make these to be negotiated with each Task Order if required.**

21. Reference Plan Sheet S-20: In which bid item is the cost of the Shoreguard 550 PVC Sheet Pile to be included. **Vinyl sheet pile will not be used in the project.**

22. Reference Plan Sheet S-71 and Line Items 0057a, 0057c and 0057d: Please provide details for the manufacture of the 12-inch, 16-inch and 24-inch pre-cast, pre-stressed concrete pile. **Details for the 12 and 16 inch piles are attached to the rear of Section 02365. 24-inch pile will be deleted.**

23. Reference Plan Sheet S-71 and Line Items 0058d, g, k, n, r, u, y, and ab: Please provide details and the Line Item for splicing concrete pile which exceed the maximum casting length. **Concrete piles are not spliced per Section 02365.**

24. Reference Plan Sheet S-71 and Line Items 0075a through 0075e: Please provide details for splicing pipe pile. **Section 02451 states the criteria the splice has to meet and that the splice shall be submitted with the shop drawings.**

25. Reference Plan Sheet S-71 and Line Items 0077a through 0077e: Please provide details for pipe pile tension connectors. **A detail for the Dolphin Piles tension connectors (“24-IN Tension Pile Connection) will be attached to the end of Section 02451. The other tension details will be negotiated with each Task Order if required.**

- 26.** Please define the phrase “via a Rapid Response Program” as used in the Description and Magnitude of Work. **This phrase will be deleted.**
- 27.** Plans accompanying this solicitation are labeled “Contract I”. Is this the first task order in this solicitation? **No. See response to comment 11.**
- 28.** The Technical Approach section of the proposal requires that we quantify crews and equipment to complete the construction. In order to determine this, we need a duration or completion date for the work (Contract / Task Order 1). Please provide this information. **See response to Comment 15.**
- 29.** If no contract time or completion date is to be specified, please advise if Contractor is to figure normal work days and hours? Will any required escalation / acceleration be handled on a “TBD” basis? **See response to Comment 2. Project completion data will be specified in each Task Order and it is anticipated that extended hours and weekends will be required.**
- 30.** Is it acceptable for proposals to be submitted electronically? **No.**
- 31.** Specification Section 0100-5 (f) (9) – Please explain “a cost realism analysis” process. **When evaluating the proposals, our Source Selection Board will decide if the costs that you submit are “realistic and responsive” for the time and schedule submitted.**
- 32.** Many of the items listed in the Bid Schedule are “TBD”. What is the basis of negotiation for determining these costs after contract award (i.e. will these be priced and negotiated prior to beginning individual task orders, etc.)? **Yes, these will be negotiated after the award of the Contract, but before the Task Order award. Each Task Order will definitize which items are required for the work specified and their quantities (for those with unit prices) or details (for those which are Lump Sum) in order for the Contractor to prepare his estimate.**
- 33.** Are there any requirements / guidelines regarding proposal format? (i.e. font and spacing limitations). **The Proposal shall be limited to 50 pages not including cost information and “Boiler Plate” information. See responses to Comments 6 and 7 for other information. Text shall be no smaller than 10pt.**
- 34.** Bid Items 0061, 0062, 0063, and 0064 call for bidding PPC Tension Pile Connections for 12 - inch, 14 - inch, 16 - inch, and 24 - inch Precast Concrete Piles. The drawings only provide details for 14 - inch Precast Piles. Please provide details for Tension Connection for these piles (12 - inch, 16 - inch, and 24 - inch). **See response to comment 22.**
- 35.** Bid Items 0077a to 0077e (5 bid items) call for bidding 12 - inch to 48 - inch Pipe Tension Pile Connections. There are no drawings or details for these Pipe Pile Tension Connectors. Please, provide details. **See response to Comment 25.**

36. Many items on the Bid Schedule have a unit of 1. Unit prices will be greatly affected by quantity, and a unit of 1 will be extremely uneconomical, as it will contain all overhead costs. Can a more accurate unit quantity be provided, or can these items be handled on a “TBD” basis or separately priced? **See response to Comment 11.** Further, the Bid Schedule does not make provision for Other Direct Costs. How should the ODC’s be reflected in the bid? **Section 01451 states that Quality Control is to be included in the bid items. Any other item that is not already specifically covered in one or more of the Bid Items is usually specified as being distributed throughout the Bid Items to which it applies to.**

37. Specification 0700, Page 14, FAR 52.211-12 reads “CALENDAR DAYS SHALL BE AS SPECIFIED IN EACH TASK ORDER”. Should this actually state “LIQUIDATED DAMAGES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INDIVIDUAL TASK ORDERS”? **Yes.**

38. If contract option years are exercised will unit prices be renegotiated to allow for increases in material and labor costs? If not, how should the bidders address wage and price inflation over a three year period? **The Task Orders will be issued within the first nine months after Contract Award. Escalation shall be built into the bid items.**

39. Many of the items included in the Bid Schedule are not shown in the drawings, e.g., 0137 Reinforced Concrete Multi Floor Slab. Please, advise what criteria Contractors are to base the development of these unit prices on. **This item will be deleted from the Bidding Schedule.**

40. Specification 01100-1 states that adverse weather days will be provided for separate task orders. No adverse weather days are provided for the purpose of pricing this proposal. Is it the intent of the USACE that the pricing to be provided with this proposal is not to take weather days into account? **Section 01100 was revised to add the typical Adverse Weather days.**

41. Per 52.211-15, this is a “rated order.” How many other programs have a similar or higher rating than the DO rating assigned to this program? **This is the only one from this District for now. All DO Rated programs have the same priority. The only higher priority are DX Rated Programs (Highest National Defense Urgency). More information can be found @ www.dpas.dod.mil.**

42. How many copies of the proposal are to be submitted to the government and in what format, e.g., electronic, paper? **(SF 1442, No. 13 a. Change original and 1 copy to “original and 4 copies”.)**

43. Since this is an FFP contract, is 55.215-1 (f) (8) applicable? **Yes, it should be a realistic price.**

44. At 00130-1, §1.3, it says that, “All non-price...are approximately equal to price.” At 00130-2, §1.5, it says’ “...technical factors being more important than price.” Which is

correct? 00130-2 1.5 should read: “Selection will be based on the following criteria, which is listed in descending order of importance.”

45. At 00130-1, §1.4, the Solicitation says, “The government will evaluate each of the four non-cost factors...” However, 00130-2, §1.5 identifies six (6) non-cost factors. Will the government evaluate all six (6), and if not, which four (4) will be evaluated? 00130-1 1.4 should read: “The government will evaluate each of the six non-cost factors.”

46. Page 00010-19 – Bidding Schedule has the following phrase, “TBD – Amount to be determined by the individual Task Order”. Is pricing expected with the Bidding Schedule for items shown in the Contract 1 Drawings but listed as TBD? Is pricing expected for the TBD work at Hero Pump Station for which drawings have been furnished but are not part of Contract 1? Is pricing expected for any TBD items in the bid form for items in other contracts for which no information has been furnished? Information for TBD items shall be furnished and the cost shall be determined with each Task Order. See response to comment 11 for more information.

47. Page 00700-43, 52.222-23 (b) says see attached for Goals. This schedule is not attached. Please furnish. Schedule will be furnished.

48. Page 0770-102, Top of page. “***TASK ORDER SHALL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CONTRACT.” What is this phrase related to? This phrase goes with 252.236-7001 CONTRACT DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS (AUG 2000).

49. FAR Clause 52-216-19 (Ordering) contains a reference to FAR Clause 52-216-21 (Requirements), which seems irrelevant to this solicitation. Should Clause 52-216-21 have been revised to delete that reference? If not, how is the Requirements clause relevant to this solicitation? This is not a requirements contract, so 52.216-21 does not apply.

50. On page 00100-7 the IFB states that the Government “contemplates award of a firm fixed price contract”. However, numerous items are designated “TBD”. To-be-determined items cannot be priced on a “firm” basis or otherwise. How should a bidder treat these items? These will be negotiated after the award of the Contract, but before the Task Order award. Also, the IFB does not appear to allow price adjustments based on our cost experience in performing the contract. Is this reading correct? If so, would the government consider allowing cost-based price adjustments? For example, FAR Clause 52.211-18 allows unit prices to be renegotiated if the quantity increases or decreases by 15% or more. Would the government consider incorporating this FAR clause in the contract? See response to Comment 1 for more detail. Escalation shall be built into the bid items.

51. Per Clause 52.236-27, page 00100-9, we are requesting that Mr. Hunter contact us to make arrangements for a Site Visit. Mr. Hunter will be revised to Kenny Crumholt. He may be contacted at 862-2489.

52. Clause 52.236-3, § (a), page 00700-83 requires that “The contractor acknowledges (sic) that it has taken steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work...” Per that Clause, please, provide maps and other documentation which will identify the walls to be built and/or other related work beyond Contract 1. Such documentation should also include any other relevant information relating to either the work to be performed or the work site conditions which the government possesses or for which access can be provided to the bidders. **The location of a large portion of this work will be on the Harvey Canal from the Closure Structure near the Lapalco Bridge to the Hero Pumping Station. Other locations may be added at a later date. A “DESCRIPTION OF WORK” paragraph was added at the end of Section 01100. See response to Comment 1 for more details.**

53. Per Clause 42.236-4, § (a), page 00700-84, we are requesting that CEMVN-ED grant us access to the Physical Data. **Information shall be provided with each Task Order.**

54. Per Clause 42.236-4, § (e), page 00700-84, we are requesting that Ms. Gele’ provide us with copies of the “quantity estimates” and any other related information. . **Information shall be provided with each Task Order. See response to Comment 11 for more information.**

55. Bid items 0078, 0133, 0134, & 0137 are not detailed or shown in the drawings. Should these items be marked “TBD”? If not, please furnish detail drawings. **Sections 02633 and 03301 state what is included in these items and also where other items are included. The gate monoliths have been separated into base and column or pilaster. Item 137 (Reinforced Concrete Multi-Floor Slab) will be deleted.**

56. Prevailing Wage Rates do not include a rate for Rodbusters. Please provide this information. **The Department of Labor does not include this rate in the Prevailing Wage Rates.**

57. Will it be acceptable for the Small Business Plan be included as an attachment to the proposal so as not to be part of the 50 page limit? **Yes, this is part of the “Boiler Plate” items.**

58. Will it be acceptable for the OSHA logs be included as an attachment to the proposal so as not to be part of the 50 page limit? **If the Bidder chooses to use OSHA logs for evaluation in the “Technical Submittals”, it is part of the 50 page limit.**

59. How does the USACE want fixed direct costs (i.e. supervision, management, etc.) to be allocated in the Bid Schedule? **See response to Comment 10.**

60. We have found several conflicts between Job Specifications & Reference Plans such as vinyl sheets shown on plans, but only steel sheets listed on Bid Schedule. Are plans considered part of this project’s documents or strictly for reference? **See response to Comment 11. Vinyl sheet pile will not be used in the project.**

H-Piles (Bid Items 0024 or through 0029)

61. What is the Estimated Pile Length? Lengths are not provided in Plans or Specifications. **Lengths shall be supplied in each Task Order. However, the amendment provides information on expected pile lengths and driving conditions.**

62. What % of Estimated Quantity is coated as per specifications? (Sect. 02315). **A Bidding Schedule Line Item for the painting of the piles has been added.**

63. Do the lengths listed in descriptions (Bid Items 0025a thru 0025n, etc.) indicate “Pile Length” or “Soil Strata Thickness”? If “Pile Length” How will we be reimbursed if we drive in multiple strata’s? **See response to Comment 4.**

64. Please provide definitions of “Silt”, “Sand”, “Clay” (ex. Bid Item 0025n). In regards to the Bid Items referenced above, how will we know what type of soil we are driving in each pile location? **See response to Comment 4.**

65. Please confirm how the Contractor will be reimbursed for battered piles. Will line item for battered piles be added to line item for same vertical piles? Or will it stand alone? Please provide example. **These items were deleted from the Bidding Schedule. See response to Comment 4 for more information.**

66. Please provide an exact pile splice detail. **Details are attached at the end of Section 02315.**

Test Piles (0042-0056)

67. (Section 02355) Specifications require that bid items 0042, 0043, & 0044 include purchasing & driving test piles. Please provide exact pile type, size, & length required. **See response to Comment 20.**

Pre-cast Piles (0057 – 0064)

68. (Bid Item 0057D) Please provide a pile detail for 24” pile. **See response to Comment 22.**

69. (Bid Items 0057A – 0057D) Please provide estimated pile lengths per each. The individual pile lengths affects transportation costs & driving costs, and pile cut off costs greatly. **See response to Comment 61.**

70. Refer to question 63 on Driving H-Piles: i.e. soil strata, length (4-7). **See Response to Comment 4.**

71. Refer to question 64 on Driving H-Piles **See Response to Comment 4.**

72. Refer to question 65 on Driving H-Piles **See Response to Comment 4.**

73. Refer to question 66 on Driving H-Piles **See Response to Comment 4.**

74. (Bid Item 0059) No detail is given, please furnish detail. **This item will be revised to be “TBD” and the cost shall be determined with each Task Order if required.**

75. (Bid Item 0064) No detail is given, please furnish detail. **See response to comment 22.**

76. How will Contractor be reimbursed for Pile Cut-offs? **This will be covered in the Task Order.**

Steel Sheet Piles (0069 – 0071)

77. (Specs. 02411) As per specs the following items are to be included in our sheet pile unit prices: All “Nelson Studs”, Coating, Special Concerns/Transition Pieces, Etc. Please confirm this requirement and if correct please provide a ratio of each SF of sheet pile which will contain these items: Nelson Studs, Coating & Special Fabricated Pieces. **Bidding Schedule was revised add “Fabricated Piles, Rolled Corners and Cover Plates” to make these to be negotiated on a Task Order basis if required.**

78. Please provide a typical length of each sheet pile type for a basis of bid. **The sheet piles were broken down to 65 foot and less and Over 65 foot Bidding Schedule Line Items.**

79. Please specify what “Marine Grade” sheet piles are. Will coating be required for these piles? **Marine Grade Piles have been deleted. Bidding Schedule was revised to add painting as a separate item.**

Pipe Piles (0072 – 0077E)

80. Refer to question 63 on Driving H-Piles: i.e. soil strata, length (4-7) **See response to Comment 4.**

81. Refer to question 64 on Driving H-Piles. **See response to Comment 4.**

82. Refer to question 65 on Driving H-Piles. **See response to Comment 4.**

83. Refer to question 66 on Driving H-Piles. **See response to Comment 4.**

84. What % of estimated quantities are to be coated? **See response to Comment 62.**

85. Please provide a splice details for bid items (0075A – 0075E) **See response to Comment 24.**

86. There are no pipe pile details given: please provide details for: 12”, 16”, 18”, 24”, 48” Pipe Piles. **Pipe piles are specified in Section 02451.**

87. Will top of piles be filled with concrete or sand after driven? **No.**

88. Please provide more detail on the evaluation of the proposal and price. We have performed an extensive quantity take off, of the plans provided to us, and it is apparent that the quantities provided in the bid schedule do not even closely match the drawings for the task provided. Answering these next few questions as clearly as possible will help us to more understand your intent and be the basis to establish the best unit prices for quantities provides. Are we to submit prices for all items no matter what the quantity, and should we establish the unit prices based on our takeoff quantity of the item, even though the bid quantity may be substantially different. For instance the concrete piling quantity shown in the plans provided is a substantial quantity, but the bid quantity is to supply and install 1 lf. Our intention is to bid that unit based on the quantity that we have establish from our take off process as the base for our unit. Assuming that our take off quantity is more accurate of what the actual quantity will be when the work is completed. Is this a correct assumption? **See response to Comment 11.**

89. What is your intention on the items that have a TBD for a Quantity? Will these quantities be changed in the addendum to reflect what is in the plans? **The Task Orders shall contain enough information in order to bid on these items for each Task Order and the cost of them will be negotiated before the Task Order is awarded.**

90. Is it your intention that the cost of all Supervision, mobilizations, G&A, quality control, office buildings and other fixed indirect costs be included or spread throughout the unit prices? The result of not having a bid item for mobilization, quality control, or other lump sum items, means these costs will be included in the unit costs for each item and quantity. This will inflate the unit costs for the items and may make them unrealistic, or is it your intention to bid the items straight up without these indirect costs? Indirect, supervision, mobilization, fixed plant, and quality control costs are schedule based, it will be very difficult to estimate these costs without some time frame and volumes per month to base these costs on. **See response to Comment 9.**

91. Should we include any escalation in our units for materials, labor, and fuel for work that happens after September 2007. **See response to Comment 1.**

92. It is our understanding that each task order may be different, as in schedule, difficulty, access, quantities, scope, etc. Will the unit prices submitted be used throughout all task orders, or will there be a chance to negotiate these unit prices if any of these things such as schedule, difficulty, scope, or quantities change dramatically? **Unit prices will be used throughout the contract. However, any significant changes will be handled with a change order and will be negotiated at that time.** Is it your intention that we clarify or qualify our unit prices in the proposal? Do we need to address this issue in the 50-page proposal and explain how we developed our unit prices, so that you may be able to analyze the unit price differences between proposals? There could be substantial

differences in units developed by each contractor, depending on how each contractor looks at and prices each item. Another benefit of clarifying and qualifying the bid unit prices is this could also develop the foundation for unit pricing changes if the scope, quantity, schedule, or difficulty changes from task to task. **We cannot tell you how to write your technical approach, that will be your call.**

93. Is the unit extension and the total price of the project based on the given units going to be analyzed? Or are the units going to be analyzed only for reasonableness? **This is not a “sample bid”. You will be held to prices proposed, unless there is a change.**

94. Please provide plan sheets C42 and C43 of 142 and S-70. **The Details for C42 and C43 are attached at the end of Section 02722. S-70 was not used.**

95. From the information we have gathered, we are assuming that there may be as many as 5 tasks included in this IDIQ. Can you provide us with any information on the scope, magnitude, location, and schedule of the other tasks? Any information that you can provide, would help us in the evaluation of our bid and proposal. Can you provide at a minimum plan sheets with preliminary drawings? **See response to Comment 52.** Please provide a general time frame for the NTP, and a scheduled duration for each task. The schedule time for completion will greatly affect the unit prices provided. Is it the government’s intent to have all tasks completed by September of 2007? If not what is a realistic time frame for completion of this IDIQ. **See responses to Comment 1, Comment 2 and Comment 15.**

96. Please clarify the utility modifications and relocations, is it the contractor’s responsibility for these relocations, and who pays for these modifications and relocations. What costs and units should be carried for item 18 modifications to existing utilities. Is it the contractor’s responsibility to coordinate, schedule, excavate, and provide sleeves through the sheet pile for these utilities? **The work required for the utilities shall be specified in each Task Order and the cost of such work will be negotiated before the Task Order is awarded.**

97. A large part of the job schedule will be affected by the utility companies willingness and ability to cooperate with the contractor and provide crews as needed to achieve the schedule. We have been trying to contact these companies, without much success. We do not think they will give us any commitments prior to the proposal due date. Should we assume that the utility companies will coordinate with us and supply us with as many crews as needed when we need them for unit pricing purposes? **See response to Comment 96.**

98. Is there an addendum coming? If so when do you think it will be released and what changes can we expect to see in this addendum? Will the bid schedule quantities be changes and will the TBD quantities be changed to actual quantities? Will the bid quantities be more representative of the plans provided? **See response to Comment 11.**

99. Will the bid items for the pump station work be clarified or changed from TBD. Is the pump station floodwall, piling, misc metals, and saddle concrete incidental to the items provided or will they be paid for in the other bid items provided? Will the cost for the electrical be included in these items? **These items are Task Order specific and the cost of such work shall be negotiated before the Task Order is awarded.**

100. Section 1352 of the specifications clearly makes a distinction between contractor waste (waste generated by contractor) and unknown site related material (existing hazardous/regulated waste not generated by the contractor, not shown on the plans or drawings, and not specified in the specifications). There are not any discussions in the plans or specs about any “known pre-existing hazardous/regulated” site material. Section 1352.3.5 clearly makes disposal of non-regulated debris a contractor responsibility and section 1352.3.6.1 directs the contractor to sign hazardous and non hazardous waste manifests as generator for “any” hazardous or “any” solid waste. Does this apply to “any” waste (as in known site related waste vs. unknown site related waste) or does it apply to only contractor generated waste. The way we interpret the specification is for any unknown hazardous/non hazardous or regulated waste (other than contractor generated) some other entity (other than the contractor) will become the generator and sign the manifests. This would also be considered a changed condition and the contractor will have all rights due to him under the changed condition clause. **Paragraph 01352-1.4.2 states that if non-Contractor generated waste is found, the “Changes” Clause will allow for equitable adjustment.**

101. There are no Liquidated Damages specified in the bid documents, please address the magnitude of the liquidated damages that will be assessed per task. **See response to Comment 3.**

102. Is the 50 page count proposal to be divided into sections such as past performance, technical approach, etc. And will you allow us to include an appendix for items like resume’s not included in the page count. Will a schedule need to be supplied in the proposal, and if so what do we base our schedule time frame on? **See responses to Comment 2 and Comment 15.**

103. Reference Bid Item 0024 “Furnish Steel H-Piles” - The steel markets are (and have been since October 2003) volatile and prices fluctuate widely. How are we to handle escalation/decrease of steel pricing? **See response to Comment 1.** With the test pile program described pile lengths may not be available until 80 to 90 calendar days after installation and steel delivery may be as much as 50 days after order. This also applies to pipe and prestressed concrete piles. **If the test piles are required, the schedule will be adjusted to account for this delay. Currently, the plan is we will have the Test Pile Program completed and the information supplied to the Contractor.**

103. Reference Bid Item 0026 “Splicing H-Piling” - The cost of splicing the 14x73 and 14x89 beams are different. The bid has only one unit price. Please advise. **The difference between these piles is minimal. The flange width and thickness difference between the two are only 1/8-inch for both of them.**

104. Reference Bid Item 0027 “4V on 1H” (also 0028 and 0029) - How do you apply this factor? How do you extend these items? Can you give us an example? **These items were deleted from the Bidding Schedule and are included in the appropriate Driving Bid Item and the cost shall be negotiated with each Task Order.**

105. Reference Bid Item 0025g and 0025n – This appears to be intended for use with H-piles 80’ or greater in length-plumb without a splice. If we elect to splice the piles before installation, the cost and equipment required to drive piles 80’ to 120’ in length is different than piles 121’ to 140’ in length. Please clarify. **See response to Comment 104.**

106. The load test specification requires PDA first with re-striking at 21-days followed by a 21-day wait for static load testing. The load test will take approximately 5-days and then the C.O. has 30 days to supply pile lengths to the contractor. If move and installation of test and reaction piles takes 10 days then start of installation of production pile is approximately 3 months later. (10+21+21+5+30=87 days). Is this a realistic scenario? **See response to Comment 103.**

107. Is Spiral Weld Pipe allowed? Sub section 2.1 MATERIALS states, "Pipe piles shall be seamless or welded." **Spiral welded pipe will not be used. Section 02451 will be amended to state this.**

108. Is the contractor required to have a Louisiana State contractor’s license to bid and/or perform work under this contract? **No.**

109. FAR 52.215-20 appears to require the submission of cost and pricing data. Please explain whether cost and pricing data will be required and how it will be used for this contract. **Cost and pricing data will only be used if needed. For example, any modification over \$550,000.00 will need cost and pricing data).**

110. The plans call for shoreguard 550 pvc sheetpile, we are assuming this will be changed to PZ 22 Steel sheets, is this a correct assumption? **Although vinyl sheet pile will not be used, the assumption may not be correct. The quantities have been revised to better reflect the actual quantities required.**

111. Per spec top 10 feet of sheetpile needs to be coated, dose this mean all sheetpile cannot find for T-Wall sheetpile. **See response to Comment 11. A new Bidding Schedule Line Item has been added for painting the sheet piling.**

112. 14” PC Pile, do the pile tops get coated, cannot find on plans. **Precast piles do not get painted.**

113. Do we get paid for full length in the supply pile items, do cut offs get paid for if there are any cutoffs? **See responses to Comment 61 and Comment 69.**

114. H-P 14X73 do these pile get coated and how much gets coated? **A new Bidding Schedule Line Item has been added for painting the H-piling.**

115. Can we assume that any cofferdam and control of water needed to construct the Hero Pump Station work will get paid for in the temp retaining structure Item 23. **Cofferdam would be covered under “Temporary Retaining Structures”. The control of water would be included in “Construction Unwatering”.**

116. What item does the misc concrete at the pump station get paid. This misc concrete would include saddles, and siphon structure. **These items are covered under a new Bidding Schedule Line Item for, “Reinforced Concrete Cap” which will include the Dolphin Cap.**

117. Please provide information on each of the 5 tasks, major quantities, locations, anticipated NTP dates, and anticipated durations for each task. I realize you may still be engineering these tasks, but any information would help for us to analyze resources needed for all tasks. Understanding the amount of concurrent work in all tasks is very important for us to price accordingly. With resources being critical on this project and in New Orleans it is very critical for us to understand what resources (People, equipment, materials) will be needed for the total IDIQ just not one task. **See responses to Comment 2, Comment 11, Comment 15 and Comment 15.**

118. Division 2 section 02315 Steel H-Piling – page 71 of 319: For bid item 0028 and 0029 you ask for a “factor multiplied on the applicable unit price”. If, for example, we require 30% additional price for driving a specific batter should this factor be 0.3 (additional cost) or 1.3 (total unit cost applied to footage.). **See response to Comment 104.**

119. For bid item 0028 and 0029 we don’t understand how to calculate the “total price”. Since the unit price is supposed to be a “factor” rather than a price then multiplying by 33.33 does not seem to make sense. Please clarify. **See response to Comment 104.**

120. Given that as of the morning of September 11, 2006 the USACE had provided no answers to questions that are required to prepare a responsive and responsible proposal, please extend the submission date by a minimum of two weeks. **Amendment was already issued.**

121. Ref. Pre-solicitation Notice and Clause 52.215-1 – Instructions to Offerors- Competitive Acquisition – (f) – Contract Award: The information on the pre-solicitation for this procurement process indicated that the Government would award the contract to one company to perform the work. Standard Clause 52.215-1 (f) indicates that the Government may make multiple awards. Please confirm the intent of the Government to make a single award. **Only one award will be made.**

122. There is a set of Stop Logs shown on drawings s-23 to s-27. There is not a bid item, nor a specific spec section for this item of work. Please provide this information. **The Stop Logs are no longer needed.**

123. Please furnish a specification reference for Bid Item 0170 - Miscellaneous Hardware. **This is a “Catch All” Bidding Schedule Line Item for miscellaneous items which are not included in existing Line Items. Since the designs were not completed, there may have been other items that would not fit into existing ones and we could included them in this one. This is why it is labeled “TBD” and the cost would be negotiated before the Task Order is awarded.**

124. No specifications are provided for Bulkhead Plates, Keeper Bars, and Ledger Plates shown on drawing S-28 other than a remark that it is an A - 852 material. This material is not specified in Division 5. Also this material does not fall under a Paint System in the Painting Schedule in section 09940. Please provide specifications for these items. **The bulkheads are no longer needed.**

125. Drawing S-28 calls for a Rubber Adhesive as specified in section 09940. There is no such item specified in section 09940. Please provide Specifications for Rubber Adhesive. **These details are no longer required.**

126. Which Bid Item is to be used for the 30 - inch diameter XS Pipe Brace(s) that connect the Dolphin Piles shown on drawings S - 1, 2, 3 and C - 10? **This will be covered under the Miscellaneous Metalwork – Carbon Steel”.**

127. Please provide enlarged versions of geotechnical plans/data. Some of those provided with the RFP are unreadable. **The Geotechnical Data shown is for reference only.**

128. Does the USACE intend to apply the provisions of the Stafford Act to the work subcontracted under this award? **No.**

129. Discharge pipe and fabricated wyes are specified to conform to ASTM A53 / A53M, Grade B with 24”, 30” and 36” diameter pipe to have a ¾” wall thickness. ASTM – A53 lists pipe sizes up to 26” diameter and the 24” pipe does not show a 0.750 wall thickness. Please clarify. **Specification was revised to clarify the material.**

130. In light of the fact that no Task Order is included with this RFP, and many Bid Items are “TBD”, please define Firm, Fixed Price for this contract. **Each Task Order will be Firm, Fixed Price.**

131. If all Task Orders are planned to be issued in year 1, what is the purpose of the option years, given the provisions of FAR 52.216-22? **We are changing this IDIQ from base year and two option periods to a 2 year contract.**

- 132.** What is the anticipated award date for this contract? **October or November 2006 depending upon the number of bids that have to be evaluated.**
- 133.** If this project is to be a Firm, Fixed Price Contract (FAR 52.216-1), how does 52.215-12 apply? **This is a competitive action, so at this time cost and pricing data is not needed.**
- 134.** What is the purpose of providing unit prices for all items on the Bid Schedule if this is to be a Firm, Fixed Price project? **This will limit the negotiations of the Task Order to those Bidding Schedule Line Items that do not have a unit price, thus decreasing the time between the receipt of the Proposal and Award of the Task Order.**
- 135.** If subcontract costs are included in the proposal, will 52.214-28 and 52.215-12 apply? **Does not apply.**
- 136.** Since this is to be a Firm, Fixed Price Contract, does 52.213-5000 apply? **No such clause.**
- 137.** Is it acceptable for the documentation required in 01100-30, #28 to be in digital format? **Since, this item shall be negotiated for each Task Order (if required), no decision will be made at this time.**
- 138.** Much of the information required in Page 1 of the proposal is included in the SF1442. Will it be acceptable to only provide this information on the SF1442 so as not to use a portion of the 50 page proposal limit for repetitive information? **Yes.**
- 139.** If the Physical Data (Per Clause 52.236-4, § (a), page 00700-84) and quantity estimates (Per Clause 52.236-4, § (e), page 00700-84) are to be provided in individual task orders, please advise as to how Contractor is to develop a firm, fixed price for this contract at this time without this information. **See response to Comment 11.**