

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES	
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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 11-Apr-2006	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY USACE, CONTRACTING DIVISION ATTN: CEMVN-CT, ROOM 172 7400 LEAKE AVE. NEW ORLEANS LA 70118-3651		CODE W912P8	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)			X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W912P8-06-T-0055	
			X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 17-Mar-2006	
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE			FACILITY CODE		
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended.					
Offer 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 _____ 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 date, 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 <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> 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 answer questions that have been asked about the Statement of Work and to extend the closing date for the solicitation to April 14, 2006 at 2:00pm CDT. "Questions and Answers 3" is attached.					
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)		
			TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
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 11-Apr-2006	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 1449 - CONTINUATION SHEET

SOLICITATION/CONTRACT FORM

The required response date/time has changed from 11-Apr-2006 02:00 PM to 14-Apr-2006 02:00 PM.

The following have been added by full text:

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Question: We read the SOW para 3.2 to require the delivery ('physical transfer') of all model executions to ERDC personnel via a minimum 256 Mb/sec bandwidth connection in addition to other media. We assume this means the respondent is responsible to provide telecommunications services with its bid for the stated physical delivery to the ERDC site. We asked which telecom carriers provide fiber based telecom services to the site, today? And, is contact information available for that(those) carrier(s).

Answer: We do not require the respondent to provide fiber based telecom services. We only require the respondent to provide enough bandwidth into and out of their site that will allow efficient secure transfer of the data.

Question: SOW para 2.3 'System access' states that access must be provided by "secure terminal connections and onsite workstations" and "secure file access and transfer is required." We interpret this to mean the ERDC personnel require remote access [supporting secure terminal connection and secure file access (from ERDC center to data center)] via an unspecified bandwidth connection in addition to onsite access. Is this a correct understanding of para 2.3.

Answer: Yes, correct interpretation as stated. However, please remind them that it is New Orleans District personnel too.

Question: Referring again to SOW 2.3: How many secure terminal connections must be supported? What bandwidth is required per connection? Is commercial industry security and encryption technologies appropriate or is something else?

Answer: At least 5 to 10 simultaneous secure terminal connections. I do not know the specifications for the bandwidth, so I think we will leave this unspecified. Yes, commercial industry security and encryption technologies are acceptable.

Question: Regarding Para 3.2 Deliverables: What is the typical file size of the completed model executions whose delivery must be completed with one (1) hour?

Answer: The typical file size of model results is about 20 Gbytes. I believe we can specify the hour limitation only for occasional urgent turnaround and it would most likely not have to be the entire 20 Gbytes, but only a subset of the results.

Question: We request some information about the switch you need and the firewall. Do you know how many ports on the switch would be needed? Do you have any comment on the firewall?

Answer: The system network switches and network system must be as stated as per the SOW: A high-speed interconnect network, either a Federation, Myrinet or equivalent. Gigabit ethernet or faster data transmission rates is mandatory. Total system performance must be equal or above 3.0 TFlops/s. Additionally, a minimum of 300Gb working disk space is required. We are not going to specify any switching speeds or minimum number of ports. The system must have appropriate fire walls but we are not going to specify which ones or how they are implemented.

(End of Summary of Changes)