

Questions (This file reflects questions received following release of Amendment 0009 to Solicitation N00024-00-R-6000. For earlier questions and answers, see q&a.doc at www.contracts.hq.navsea.navy.mil/nmci/ under the solicitation documents button.) Most recent question and answer is posted at the end.

159. Question: Please advise what the Government's plans are regarding continuation of current contracts for hardware that is in scope to NMCI.

Government Answer: It is our intention that the contract resulting from this solicitation provide complete end-to-end information technology services for the DoN. The Government guarantees, subject to the availability of funds, that it will procure at least the minimum quantities specified in Tables 1 and 2 of the solicitation from the NMCI contractor.

160. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): Please clarify if the Government personnel need to have hands-on access to any of our demonstrated infrastructures during the demonstration period.

Government Answer: The Government's intent is to observe the demonstrations. We do not require hands-on access to your infrastructure during the demonstration period.

161. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): The revised Attachment 18 has removed all requirements for demonstration or discussion of classified network operations. Please confirm that this is the Governments' intent and wish.

Government Answer: The Government does not require demonstration or discussion of classified network operations.

162. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): Please clarify the administrative support needs of the Government evaluation team during the demonstration. What level of telephone, email, fax, typing, or other services will the evaluation team require while attending the demonstration?

Government Answer: The Government does not require administrative support while attending the demonstration. However, the Government does request a separate conference room to hold private deliberations.

163. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): Section 3.1. Please clarify your intent for actually measuring SLA data during the demonstration. While this paragraph indicates that SLA data should be captured, many of the SLAs of Attachment 2 require a longer measurement period than is available during the 2 days of the demonstration. For the SLAs that require a longer measurement period, can we substitute historic SLA data on the demonstrated infrastructures?

Government Answer: We want to witness how offerors measure and monitor SLAs in circumstances similar to NMCI activities. We also want to witness how offerors periodically roll-up and analyze these measurements and report them to customers. It isn't critical that offerors cover a particular duration. However, although submission of historic SLA data is encouraged, where appropriate, we'd like to see *how* live data is captured to the maximum extent possible rather than just looking at reports.

164. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): Section 3.5. We do not understand your intent to demonstrate “correction procedures” as part of the Network Operations and Management. We request you clarify your intent for this phase of the demonstration.

Government Answer: In this phase, we are interested in observing how offerors correct problems. For example, if there is a configuration problem, we would like to see how you identify it, resolve it, and report it.

165. Question: Regarding Attachment 18 (NMCI Demonstration): Section 3.5. We do not understand your intent for offerors to demonstrate “hardware distribution” as part of Network Operations and Management. We request you clarify your intent for this phase of the demonstration.

Government Answer: We would be interested in any live demonstrations, videos, or websites which show how offerors accomplish hardware distribution. If these aren't available due to schedule or location constraints, at a minimum offerors should provide a discussion of how hardware is distributed.

166. Question: If the NMCI program is awarded in Fiscal Year 2000, will FY'00 count as a full program year, thereby effectively reducing five program years to less than sixty (60) months? If yes, can the government delay the program award to October 1st, thereby giving industry 5 full program years (60 months) to amortize costs?

Government Response: It was not the Government's intent to limit the contract base period to less than sixty (60) months. However, that would be the result if work were started in FY'00. Therefore, the Government intends to stipulate in the award that the period of performance will begin on 1 October 2000 (Fiscal Year 2001). This action will not delay contract award but may effect the Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date to no later than 30 September 2002.