

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 27-May-2003	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. RCI BAH-3038-0001	1 4
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)			X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. DACA31-03-R-0020
			X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 01-May-2003
				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 checked="" 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.) SEE ATTACHMENT				
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	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		27-May-2003

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The solicitation for the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Rent Payment Management Services (DACA31-03-R-0020) is hereby amended to incorporate the following changes:

SECTION K – REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS:

The following FAR provision has been updated:

52.219-1 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS – ALTERNATE I (APR 2002):

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification (NAICS) code for this acquisition is **541511**.

(2) The small business size standard is **\$21.0 million**.

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The following is to address submitted inquiries about this solicitation:

Q: 1) The pricing samples illustrate a single transaction fee for each unit. In providing a solution such as this there are several processing components that would normally be identified as separate line items, with their related cost, on the monthly invoice (or account analysis statement) for the service. Is it the expectation that the contractor's pricing and subsequent billing format would be a single transaction fee per unit regardless of the number of individual processing components/line items? Is it acceptable to identify numerous pricing line items that would roll-up into a total cost for the month? 2) Are the individual military member payroll accounts, that are to be charged for the rent payments, checking accounts currently held by each military member at a designated bank or are these accounts to be established by the contractor as part of the service?

A: The intent is to have your software interface with DFAS and interface with the Developer/Partner at each installation. You will electronically receive the monthly BAH from DFAS, verify the funds received against the program with the developer/partner (i.e., the right amount of funds have been received for that service member/dependent), remove your monthly transaction fee (example: \$1.50 per action transaction fee x 3000 housing units = \$4,500), and electronically forward the remaining funds to the developer/partner's lock box within 24 hours.

Q: Was looking at this solicitation this morning and then looked at Mod 01: Noticed wording "Costs to develop and test the rent payment system will be recovered by payment of a one-time fee (not to exceed \$21,000.00). Could that be a misprint? Seems awful low to develop/test a system or maybe I'm missing something?

A: The development is limited to \$21,000. The intent is you will recoup any additional cost by collecting your fee when you transmit the funds between DFAS and the Housing Developer.

Q: Have done a little research on internet and found a source for number of housing units at installations addressed in the Advance notice. Do you by any chance know what the overall percent occupancy rate would be? This would help me determine the number of potential transactions per month.

A: The developer/partners are anticipating a 98% occupancy rate at the installations.

Q: Basic Evaluation Factors cited - Item 6: Cost/Price. Is it a safe assumption here that you are looking for total developmental/implementation costs plus the proposed transaction fee for determination of vendor return on investment?

A: Yes

Q. System Requirements: Trying to understand the process and identity the actual users of the system - Will DFAS personnel actually start, manage, stop the payroll allotments or is it the intent that the service member would access the system to start/stop the allotment. Would the developer partner in support of the RCI privatized housing program have access to the system?

A. DFAS personnel would not start/manage/stop the allotments unless they are directed to by the Installation Personnel Office. The service member can always stop and start their allotments. However, past history has shown this happening less than 1% . The developer/partner will not have access to the DFAS system.

Q. I want to confirm the cost structure - is the up to \$21,000 in addition to the transaction fees received or received as part of the transaction fees?

A. Yes

Q. Finally, I have previously seen RFP's with wage data in them, but generally not as part of software / computer system solicitations. Is the purpose of most of this wage data to ensure (via representations and certifications)that our staff is compensated fairly? This as never been an issue with my firm, so I was a little surprised by the volume of this data in the RFP?

A. The wage determinations in the solicitation are in the event that the awardee has to go and work on each of the installations.

Q. I would assume that a web-based interface would be sufficient, where your installations would log onto our server to perform the actual transactions? These transactions would then interact with DFAS.

A. You will be doing the transactions, not the installations. You will receive the BAH from DFAS for each installation (via electronically), verify that the dollars are correct against the soldier's rank (which will be in the developers database) and within 24 hours, transmit the funds (electronically) to the developer's lock-box. Your transaction fee will be deducted from the funds you receive from DFAS.

Q. Are there any particular response-time issues to consider, or simply "best effort"? Meaning, are we mandated to have computer screens respond with in 1 second, 2 seconds, 5 seconds, etc. of user input?

A. The only response time is mentioned in Section C, paragraph 3.1.6.

Q. Do security requirements require that (1) we visit each installation to install the software, (2) visit one installation to install on a single server, (3) install the software on our server (that would be accessed by Army personnel) or (4) have the software available for download by Army personnel for use on Army servers?

A. The software will only be installed on your server at your office. The intent of this contract is to have you interface with DFAS (which is the software to interface as indicated in Exhibit 2 and 3) and then interface with the developer-partner at each installation. Your software will also have to interface with each developer-partner.

Q. We are interested in bidding on the contract DACA31-03-R-0020. Can you tell me who the incumbent is?

A. Fort Knox National Company (d.b.a. Military Assistance Company), Elizabethtown, KY 42702-0063

Q. We read that there was a pilot in FT. Hood Texas and wanted to get further information on who did it and what was done. Can you provide this or is there somewhere that I can find this info myself?

A. The pilot program was awarded to Military Assistance Company out of Elizabethtown, KY.

Q. We had another question on this. We notice that 85% of the contract should be subcontracted to businesses what that fall under the umbrella of disadvantaged, be it woman-owned, minority owned, etc. If your company falls under more than one of these categories, say 20% was set aside for woman owned and 50% for minority, and you are both, could your company meet the requirements of 70% of the bid? Also, if you company falls under all of the classifications, could you bid as a sole source?

A. This only applies to those firms which are Large Business and have to submit a subcontracting plan.

THIS AMENDMENT IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 15.206 "AMENDING THE SOLICITATION".

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED AND REMAINS 3 JUNE 2003 AT 4:00 PM (EASTERN).