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0409RP21199, Questions and Answers # 1

Question # 1: What are the core technologies involved or preferred?

Answer # 1: MS SQL Database Server, MS.Net Framework, Web Services and/or XML

Question # 2: Are subcontractors allowed (if needed)?

Answer # 2: Yes.

Question # 3: What is the expected duration for the implementation phase and follow-on maintenance/upkeep?

Answer # 3: Detailed information for this requirement is available in the Statement of Objectives (SOO).

Question # 4: What is the location of the program team for this effort?

Answer # 4: USDA Headquarters in Washington DC.

Question # 5: Will there be a need for data collections devices as it relates to the Food Aid Information System and will this be part of the requirement?

Answer # 5: Detailed information for this requirement is available in the Statement of Objectives (SOO).

Question # 6: I saw that in a previous version, the SOO indicated .NET. This was removed from the draft solicitation. Could you please inform us what would be the preferred technology, j2ee or .net? It is indicated SOA. Could you let us know what the SOA infra-structure is that would be used for this work?

Answer # 6: The Government did not issue a "draft solicitation" associated with pre-solicitation notice 0409PS21199. The solution must be developed in Microsoft.Net utilizing the most recent version of VisualStudio (currently 2008).

Question # 7: I am wondering if Phase II be a follow on to Phase I? Or is Phase II a completely separate requirement?

Answer # 7: Phase II is a separate requirement.

Question # 8: It appears that 3 companies were engaged in writing requirements for various phases of this program. Will they be allowed to compete or will they be conflicted out of this opportunity?

Answer # 8: The Government wrote the Statement of Objectives (SOO).

Question # 9: Regarding the FAIS Solicitation, Part 1, Section F.3 Place of Performance which states, "The Government anticipates that the Offeror will perform all activities at designated Government offices located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area."

Does this mean that potential Offerors located outside of Washington DC are excluded from applying for Phase 2 of the FAIS?

Answer # 9: No.