



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Supply Chain Management Department

December 22, 2010

To: Interested Offerors

Subject: **TLCC2 Request for Proposal (RFP) Number B590550**
Proposal Due Date: January 28, 2011, 3PM PST

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (hereinafter called "LLNS") requests a fixed price proposal for the second Tri-Laboratory Linux Capacity Cluster (TLCC2) Procurement. Proposal Preparation Instructions, a Sample Subcontract, and other important information are enclosed. The proposal shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the proposal due date.

The TLCC2 Procurement will acquire high performance computing equipment and related service for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the Sandia National Laboratory (SNL), and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). LANL, SNL, and LLNL are collectively referred to as the "Tri-Laboratory," "Tri-Labs," or "Tri-Laboratories" in this RFP.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is managed by LLNS and operates under LLNS procurement policies and procedures consistent with the Prime Contract between LLNS and the United States Government, represented by the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (hereinafter called "DOE/NNSA"). The Sample Subcontract terms and conditions are dictated by the terms of the prime contract and significant changes will not be considered.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Full funding is not currently available for the TLCC2 Procurement. LLNS anticipates that funding will become available for Scalable Unit (SU) acquisitions and service, as described in the Sample Subcontract and Draft Statement of Work.

NAICS CODE AND SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARD

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code for this acquisition is **334111**, Electronic Computer Manufacturing. The corresponding small business size standard for this acquisition is 1,000 employees or less.

The Offeror shall base its Small Business Program Representations in the attached Representations and Certifications form on this small business size standard. Refer to Subpart 19.1 - Size Standards, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for information on calculating your number of employees.

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If there are any questions, please contact me by phone at (925) 423-5952 or by e-mail at ward31@llnl.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Ward
LLNS Contract Administrator

Enclosures:

Proposal Submittal Instructions and Other Information, with its Attachments

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

General

The proposal shall be forwarded by a cover letter that identifies the Offeror's name and address, solicitation number and title, the name(s), title(s), and telephone number(s) of the individuals in Offeror's organization who have commitment authority on behalf of the Offeror and will be responsible for contractual negotiations and administration of any resultant Subcontract.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

The Offeror shall certify acceptance of LLNS' terms and conditions (see the Sample Subcontract) or list and explain any exceptions taken to those terms and conditions. It is not our intention to make changes to these terms and conditions. Failure to accept the terms and conditions may result in significant unacceptable delays in LLNS' ability to award a Subcontract and may be cause to determine the proposal non-responsive.

Payment Terms

The proposal shall also include invoice payment terms. LLNS desires a prompt payment discount of 2% 15, Net 30 Days; however, other prompt payment discounts will be considered.

Facility Visits

Tri-Laboratory personnel involved in the evaluation and selection process may visit one or more Offeror facilities prior to award, as deemed necessary by the Tri-Laboratory. Facility visits will allow the Tri-Laboratory to assess an Offeror's manufacturing and testing capabilities. The LLNS Contract Administrator will schedule and attend facility visits.

Site Visits

The Offeror may schedule site visits by contacting the LLNS Contract Administrator. Site visits must be scheduled within seven days of RFP release.

Offeror Questions

LLNS will respond to questions submitted in writing to the LLNS Contract Administrator on or before January 19, 2011. Questions submitted after this date may not be answered. Questions may be submitted by e-mail (ward31@llnl.gov) to the LLNS Contract Administrator. Answers to questions that are germane to the interpretation of the Tri-Laboratory's requirements will be posted to the solicitation website, the location of which is identified below. Answers to questions that are specific to an Offeror's competitive bid strategy or proprietary technology will not be posted to the solicitation website, as such answers will only be shared (i.e., limited distribution) with the Offeror that submitted the questions. It will be LLNS' sole right and discretion to determine which questions and answers qualify for website distribution or for limited distribution.

Submittal of Proposals

One complete copy of your proposal must be provided on compact disk (CD-ROM). Offerors are not required to submit hardcopy proposals. Refer to the Attachment 3, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions for detailed information. Offerors may also submit one complete copy of the proposal via email to the LLNS Contract Administrator at ward31@llnl.gov.

Proposals are due to the LLNS Contract Administrator by 3PM PST on January 28, 2011. Facsimile proposals are not acceptable.

The Offeror shall deliver the proposal on CD-ROM to the following address.

Address for Commercial Courier

(Not For Hand Delivery)

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Attention: Gary Ward

Mail Code L-557

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7000 East Avenue

Livermore, CA 94550

The Offeror may hand carry and deliver its proposal on CD-ROM to LLNS Contract Administrator, who will be available between 1:00-2:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time on January 28, 2011, to receive proposals at the Discovery Center at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Discovery Center is designated as Building 651 and is located on the east side of the LLNL. No special access credentials are required for admission to the Discovery Center.

Proposal Preparation Instructions

Refer to the Attachment 3, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions for detailed information

Basis for Selection

Refer to the Attachment 3, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions for detailed information.

LLNS' selection may be made on the basis of the initial proposals and LLNS may elect to request revised proposals from any or all Offerors. LLNS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate with any Offerors, to waive any minor irregularities in any proposal, and to cancel this RFP at any time, for any reason, prior to award without cost to LLNS.

LLNS desires a single Subcontract covering the full scope of this requirement; however, LLNS reserves the right to award multiple Subcontracts as a result of this RFP. Offerors are encouraged to submit one proposal for the entire requirement and clearly identify any differences in price should LLNS elect to make multiple awards.

This RFP does not include provisions for the direct reimbursement of costs for proposal preparation.

Proprietary Information

LLNS will treat any commercial or financial information in the proposal as proprietary. LLNS prefers not to receive proprietary technical information. If the proposal includes any proprietary technical information, it must be marked "Proprietary" or its equivalent. LLNS will use its best efforts to (1) maintain such proprietary information in confidence, giving it the same degree of care, but no less than a reasonable degree of care, as LLNS exercises with its own proprietary information to prevent its unauthorized disclosure; and (2) only disclose such proprietary information to its

employees, agents, consultants, subcontractors, Government personnel, Sandia Corporation personnel, or Los Alamos National Security, LLC personnel who have a need to know related to this RFP and are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

Taxes

Offerors are advised that the TLCC2 Procurement will involve deliveries to, and performance of work in, the states of New Mexico and California. Refer to the Sample Subcontract for related tax terms and conditions. Services performed in the State of New Mexico are subject to New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (NMGRT). LLNS will pay NMGRT to the State of New Mexico under the resulting subcontract. Offerors shall separately price services performed in the State of New Mexico and the State of California (refer to Attachments 4 and 5). LLNS intends to issue New Mexico nontaxable transaction certificates in connection with the resulting subcontract.

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are part of this RFP.

- Attachment 1: Sample Subcontract
- Attachment 2: Draft Statement of Work (August 19, 2010)
- Attachment 3: Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions (December 7, 2010)
- Attachment 4: Price Schedule
- Attachment 5: Offeror Price and Milestone Payment Schedule Proposal
- Attachment 6: General Provisions
- Attachment 7: Security and Site Access Provisions
- Attachment 8: Representations and Certifications Form
- Attachment 9: SNL On-Site Work Provisions
- Attachment 10: LANL Exhibit F – Environment, Safety and Health Requirements
- Attachment 11: LANL Exhibit G – Security Requirements

RFP URL

This RFP is available at the following location: <https://asc.llnl.gov/tlcc2/rfp/>.

(END OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION)