

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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Award will be made, if at all, to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the requirements of the solicitation represents the best value to the Government considering the Government's evaluation of the following factors: (1) Technical Capability, (2) Experience, (3) Past Performance and (4) Price.

The evaluation factors are listed below in descending order of importance. Together, Technical Capabilities, Experience, and Past Performance are significantly more important than Price. The importance of price in the evaluation will increase with the degree of equality among quotations of the non-price factors.

(1) Technical Capability

The offeror's technical approach will be evaluated to determine its ability to successfully complete the requirements. NIST's evaluation of the offeror's technical approach will include an assessment of: (a) the offeror's understanding of the requirements and knowledge of the applicable regulations; (b) whether the offeror's approach will ensure timely performance of the requirements; (c) whether the proposed staffing plan will result in the efficient and effective performance of the requirements with an appropriate staff; (d) whether the equipment the offeror proposes will ensure the efficient, effective, and timely completion of the requirements; (e) whether the offeror's proposed Quality Control Plan is comprehensive; and (f) whether the offeror's personnel and key personnel have the appropriate education, qualifications, capabilities, and experience to successfully perform the contract and that the offeror's plan for replacing key personnel as necessary will facilitate seamless performance.

(2) Experience

a. Evaluation of organizational experience will be evaluated to determine the extent to which the offeror's general background, experience, and qualifications demonstrate its ability to perform similar services.

(3) Past Performance

The Government will evaluate the Offeror's and, if appropriate, its proposed subcontractors' past performance information to determine its relevance to the current requirements and the extent to which it demonstrates that the offeror has successfully completed relevant contracts in the past three years.

In assessing the offeror's past performance, NIST will evaluate the quality, timeliness and ability to control cost and schedule of past work to determine the quality of service, and the extent to which the offeror has performed work of a

similar type, magnitude and complexity. The Government will assign a neutral rating to offerors with no relevant past performance.

(4) Price

The proposed price will be evaluated but not scored. The prices will be evaluated to determine whether the proposed prices are fair and reasonable in relation to the solicitation requirements. Proposed prices shall be entirely compatible with the technical quotations.