

Supplier Questions and Answers

Question 1:

Is there a maximum funding allotment for the initial contract period, the option period, or across both periods?

Answer 1:

No.

Question 2:

Should there be a description of or a table/grid for the Mandatory financial criteria in Attachment 1 to Part 4 (as noted in 4.1.2)? Currently it is unclear what the Mandatory financial criteria are.

Answer 2:

No, there are no mandatory financial criteria in this solicitation.

Question 3:

Will it be possible for the prices of the "As and when needed services" to vary in the Task Authorizations after contract award if the methods or estimated size are different than in the RFP (e.g., other than 3000 or 6000 citations and 30 or 60 included studies)?

Answer 3:

Yes, please see RFP Amendment #1 which includes the following text: If the number of included studies in "large" rapid reviews or systematic reviews exceeds 60, the amount paid will be proportional to the number of studies actually included, based on the prices quoted in the bid. For example, if the price quoted for a "Large Systematic Review" is \$X, and the systematic review has 120 included studies, we will multiply the price by 2 (i.e., $120/60 = 2$), such that the amount paid will be $2 \times \$X$. Similarly, if the number of included studies in "medium" rapid reviews or systematic reviews is less than 16 (i.e., 0 to 15 studies), the amount paid will be proportional to the number of studies actually included, based on the prices quoted in the bid. For example, if the price quoted for a "Medium Rapid Review" is \$Y, and the rapid review has 10 included studies, we will multiply the price by 0.33 (i.e., $10/30 = 0.33$), such that the amount paid will be $0.33 \times \$Y$.