



Strategic & Spectrum Missions Advanced Resilient Trusted Systems (S²MARTS)
Request for Solutions (RFS) - Rev. 4
in support of
Drone Dominance Program – Phase I
Project No. 26-01

A. OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

Project Title	Drone Dominance Program (DDP)
Project Sponsor	Office of the Secretary of War
Contracting Activity	Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Crane Division
Questions Deadline	01/02/2026, 12:00 PM ET
Response Deadline	01/13/2026, 5:00 PM ET
Anticipated Project Budget	Total Program (Phases I – IV): \$1,100,000,000 Phase I: \$150,000,000
Resultant Award Type	Prototype Other Transaction Agreements (10 U.S.C. § 4022)

*It is not necessary to be an NSTXL member to submit a response to this Request for Solutions (RFS).
NSTXL membership will be required for any award.*

Responses to the RFS will be considered for Phase I participation only.

B. PROTOTYPE PROJECT DETAIL

1. Authority:

10 U.S.C. § 4022, “Authority of the Department of Defense to Carry Out Certain Prototype Projects”

2. Problem Statement:

Drones are reshaping the character of war. To meet this change, the Department of War (DoW) must provide our ground combat forces with the tools needed to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy in close combat. The DoW must provide one-way attack (OWA) small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) to end users at low cost, at scale and from a supply chain that is resilient.

3. Background Information:

Historically, traditional requirements and acquisition timelines have not supported the needs of our warfighters, the Services, or Combatant Commands.

The Drone Dominance Program (DDP) intends to award \$1.1 billion in prototype orders utilizing 10 U.S.C. 4022 over four independent phases in the next two years. This multi-phase plan is an advanced market commitment: the Department is posting quantities and prices up front and will award fixed price prototype deliveries with vendors whose systems meet the Gauntlet performance and delivery requirements. Each phase begins with a Gauntlet test event, run by the Test Resource Management Center, and ends with delivery of sUAS via an Other Transaction – Prototype delivery award for the winners of the Gauntlet. This program represents a fundamental shift in acquisition strategy. Rather than purchasing systems based on paper requirements, the DoW intends to buy demonstrated capabilities through live competition. The Gauntlet events are designed to test capabilities. The awards are intended to test production scale and operational use.

Each phase will introduce new operational challenges requiring improvements in capabilities. At each phase, the number of drones purchased will increase, the price per unit will decrease (with the exception of Phase II), and the number of vendors receiving prototype delivery orders will decrease. Vendor systems will be flown by military operators and evaluated on the systems' ability to complete various mission scenarios. Drones purchased in each phase will be delivered to military units in the DoW. At the completion of the DDP, sUAS acquisition may transition to multiple programs of record for production.

The Department intends to buy commercial technologies for novel applications supporting defense purposes. Vendors will bear development and manufacturing risk. The Government will pay a fixed price only for units that are delivered and determined acceptable. There will be no progress payments or cost-reimbursement terms under this effort. Table 1 outlines the approximate schedule, approximate units purchased at each phase and planned cost per unit to be paid. Actual details for subsequent phases will be provided with each RFS iteration.

Table 1: Preliminary Price Schedule

	Dates	Units Purchased	Average Price Per Unit	Total Orders Value	Maximum Vendors Receiving Orders
Phase I	February 2026 - July 2026	30,000	\$5,000*	\$150m	12
Phase II	August 2026 - January 2027	60,000	\$5,000	\$300m	10
Phase III	February 2027 - July 2027	100,000	\$3,000	\$300m	7
Phase IV	August 2027 - January 2028	150,000	\$2,300	\$345m	5

*See Table 3 below for additional details

4. Goals:

At the completion of the DDP, multiple U.S. vendors will have demonstrated the ability to produce capable, low-cost, secure supply-chain sUAS at scale, enabling Services to integrate these capabilities into future acquisition pathways. Drone Dominance is relying on industry to innovate to complete battlefield missions, reduce unit costs and scale production, with a preference for systems sourced and manufactured primarily in the United States.

5. Phase I:

Up to 25 qualifying vendors will be invited to the Phase I Gauntlet event, anticipated to begin on 17 February 2026. Vendors will receive a \$25,000 award to attend the Gauntlet but are expected to carry any additional costs at their own expense.

Each vendor will have two hours to train the military operators on the specifics of their system and then systems will be flown by military operators and evaluated on the systems' ability to complete various mission scenarios.

At the completion of the Phase I Gauntlet, vendors will be scored, and results will be posted on a public leaderboard. Up to 12 vendors will be selected for an Other Transaction (OT) – Prototype delivery award for no less than 1,000 sUAS and associated system equipment to be delivered in 5 months or less.

Vendors will be expected to bring at least 11 sUAS (ten for missions, one for potential National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) tear-down). Each participating vendor should come prepared with quantity ten (10) removable 2.0 kg inert payloads to simulate a realistic OWA. After passing basic Safety inspection and Air Worthiness evaluation, systems will be evaluated against the following two mandatory missions and an optional third mission:

Mission #1: Military operators will set up and launch the vendor's sUAS towards a known target area 10 km away. The operator will have to find a stationary target in an open field type setting. Successful completion will trigger a second run where more than one drone from the same vendor will be flown simultaneously towards the same target area, possibly at multiple targets.

Mission #2: Military operators will set up and launch the sUAS towards a known target area. The operator will have to find stationary targets in an urban environment 1-5 km away and successfully strike the target. Multiple runs may have different targets of varying difficulty.

Optional Mission #3: As part of the Phase I Gauntlet, the DDP, in partnership with other DoW entities (including the Purpose-Built Attributable System Program of the U.S. Army), may evaluate vendors who have a proven integrated lethality munition for demonstration. This will require additional information and coordination with the Government, previous safe demonstration with another DoW activity is preferred but NOT REQUIRED. A vendor will NOT utilize a munition unless approval has been issued approval by the Gauntlet 1 Government team. The Government reserves the right to deny vendor participation in Mission 3 after consideration of the additional information provided. This optional third Mission test may be vendor or government operated, and the vendor will need to provide at least three additional drones beyond the ten (10) flights for Missions 1 and 2. The Government will coordinate further with any of the 25 vendors who wish to participate in Mission 3. Mission 3 will have the vendor or military operator set up and launch an sUAS with live ordnance with military supervision and oversight. Military personnel will only operate systems that have completed a DoW Safety board. All others will be fully vendor operated with military oversight. After launch, the sUAS will fly 500m to strike a clearly identified target. If the respondent intends to participate in Mission 3 of the Phase I Gauntlet, the respondent must clearly state so in the RFS submission package.

No Counter-UAS (cUAS) will be used in the Phase I Gauntlet for any mission, and testing will be done during daylight.

Scoring:

Vendors at the Phase I Gauntlet will be scored based on three factors: Gauntlet Performance, Military Operator Evaluation, and Supply Chain/Production Capabilities. Results will be posted on a public leaderboard at www.dronedominance.mil. Invited vendors will receive additional clarity on the leaderboard evaluation structure upon selection for the Phase I Gauntlet. However, the underlying scoring methodology and internal calculations will not be shared.

Gauntlet Performance:

The primary goal is to find, fix and finish the target, but other technical aspects will also be included. These factors may include attributes such as the following: setup time, time to find target, accuracy of strike, etc. Additionally, while the primary factor will be mission completion, system technical capability beyond those required to accomplish the Phase I Gauntlet will be considered. If a vendor does not participate in Mission 3, Gauntlet performance will be based solely on Missions 1 & 2. Successful completion of Mission 3 may positively influence Phase I Gauntlet score and be considered as technical capability beyond Phase I requirements.

Military Operator Evaluation:

Structured feedback will be collected directly from the military operators after each Mission and after all Gauntlet flights are completed. This feedback will include ease of use, both for setup and flight, military utility and other factors.

Supply Chain/Production Capabilities:

Vendors will be evaluated on their ability to scale (to both Phase I and future awards). This will be scored based on vendor answers provided in the written response to the RFS and on prior delivery quantities, supplier relationships, and financial stability. Vendors may be awarded points for exceeding Blue UAS List/NDAA requirements with U.S. or

allied based production. During Phase I, Blue UAS List/NDAA requirements will be verified by Recognized Assessors. Phase I Gauntlet evaluators may also consider indicators of production maturity, including indicators of repeatable builds, organized spares and components, and basic logistics readiness.

OTA Award:

At the conclusion of the Phase I Gauntlet, up to 12 vendors will be offered a Phase I prototype delivery award ranging from a maximum of 2,500 drones to a minimum of 1,400 drones, based on Leaderboard standing, with the highest scoring vendor receiving the largest offer. If less than 12 vendors are selected, the Government may adjust drone quantities. Vendors will have the option to accept an award with fewer than their offered amount, but orders less than 1,000 **will not** be accepted. If vendors decline their full allocation or are unable to deliver their full allocation, those quantities will be reallocated to a bonus pool and other vendors at the discretion of the Government. Phase II scores will incorporate vendors' ability to deliver quality and quantity in accordance with delivery milestones. While not required, vendors may evolve their design between deliveries internal to each phase, so long as the revision does not degrade system performance and maintains (or preferably improves) the percentage of components from the U.S. supply chain. See Table 2 for example quantities of drones to be offered as a result of the Phase I Gauntlet. Quantities are subject to change.

Table 2: Phase I Gauntlet Drone Orders

	Prototype Quantities
1 st place Vendor	2500
2 nd place Vendor	2400
3 rd place Vendor	2300
4 th place Vendor	2200
5 th place Vendor	2100
6 th place Vendor	2000
7 th place Vendor	1900
8 th place Vendor	1800
9 th place Vendor	1700
10 th place Vendor	1600
11 th place Vendor	1500
12 th place Vendor	1400
Total Allotment for Phase I Gauntlet Awards	23,400
Reserved Amount for "Bonus" Awards	6,600
Total Prototype Awards for Phase I	30,000

Early Delivery Bonus Opportunity:

Vendors that deliver early may have the opportunity to deliver more prototype drones in Phase I. The Government may consider bonus awards for vendors that indicate additional capacity. These bonus awards will consider placement in the Phase I Gauntlet and overall system quality with primary consideration given to the vendors that deliver earliest. Funding for the bonus pool will be reserved at 22% of the Total Phase I Quantities (6,600 of the 30,000 units for Phase I). Additional deliveries will be required to be delivered within 8 months after initial Prototype Delivery award at a price of \$5,000 per unit. Bonus awards will have minimum quantities determined to be most advantageous to the Government.

OTA sUAS Delivery Requirements:

Vendors, at a minimum, must deliver prototype drones in two batches in accordance with Table 3. Early delivery is acceptable and encouraged. sUAS systems delivered must meet the following requirements:

- Full sUAS system (i.e. Controllers, antennas, etc.) capable of OWA Missions (Find, Fix, Finish) at 10 km
 - Vendors will provide durable system components (items that last more than one mission) at a ratio of 40/1 (40 sUAS per 1 sUAS system)

- Vendors will provide 5% sparing of self-identified common failure components (i.e. propellers, chargers, batteries, etc.)
- For example, if a vendor is provided an order for 2,000 units, it will provide (a) 2,000 core drone systems, (b) 50 ground controllers, antennas, and other durable system components, and (c) 100 spare/replacement components. The vendors average revenue for this would be 2,000x\$5,000 or \$10,000,000. Note Table 3
- Integrated inert payload that is a minimum of 2.0 kg (this does not require Electronic Safe & Arm Detonation Devices or equivalent for Phase I)
- Prototype drones must be on the Blue UAS List. Failure to comply will result in rejection of prototype delivery and no payment.
- Flight mode/system settings specifically for frequency and transition power that allow flights anywhere in the U.S. without special Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/Federal Communication Commission (FCC) approval for CONUS Training (i.e., commercial drone compliance) This also includes lost link/failsafe behavior. Beacons and other line of site FAA requirements are NOT required.
- Include storage/transportation solution to protect the sUAS system prior to use.

To ensure that vendors are incentivized to only commit to quantities they can fulfill on time, the price per unit paid will be 20% less than the reference price for the first half delivered, and 20% more for the second half delivered.

Table 3: Prototype Delivery Requirements

Prototype Delivery Deadline	Minimum Quantity	Price Paid per drone
NLT 2.5 months after prototype delivery award	First half of prototype delivery	\$4000
NLT 5 months after prototype delivery award	Second half of prototype delivery	\$6000

Late Deliveries:

Any units delivered 5 months after prototype delivery award will receive a reduced payment of \$4000 per drone. A maximum timeline for delivery will be established at 8 months from prototype delivery award with the potential for cancellation of any remaining deliveries. Late or cancelled deliveries may affect future Phase award decisions.

Success Criteria:

Meeting success criteria allows the DoW to move from prototype to a production follow-on without additional competition if the Government desires.

Each Phase will have unique success criteria. For Phase I, success will be determined by:

- On-time delivery of mission-capable OWA drones (acceptance criteria will be detailed in the prototype award)
- Prototype deliveries meet the OTA sUAS Delivery Requirements listed above
- NDAA compliant system, verified through the Blue UAS List
- Vendor prototype units may be determined successful only if end-user evaluation confirms that delivered units consistently achieve or surpass the capabilities and quality benchmarks established during the Phase I Gauntlet.

Production follow-on awards may come from additional DoW sources beyond the DDP. Successful completion for a specific capability may occur prior to the conclusion of all four phases of the DDP to allow the Government to transition that aspect of the prototype project into production while other aspects of the prototype project have yet to be completed.

Supply Chain/NDAA/Blue UAS List/Army Drone Market Place:

Systems purchased in the Phase I prototype delivery awards must be NDAA compliant (i.e. in compliance with the Fiscal Year 2024 NDAA Section 848, the Fiscal Year 2023 NDAA section 817, and the 2024 American Security Drone Act). Prior to delivery, vendor systems must be verified to be NDAA compliant through accession to the Blue UAS List.

Submissions to the RFS will require a Bill of Materials (BOM). Phase I will have Recognized Assessors to evaluate systems for accession to the Blue UAS List. The Government anticipates that the majority of the effort required to provide accession to the Blue UAS List can be accomplished before and at the Phase I Gauntlet for those vendors not already on Blue UAS List. Further work will conclude as quickly as feasible after the event to confirm Blue UAS List accession. These Blue UAS List procedures will be done at no additional cost to the vendors.

Consistent with Executive Order 14307 from June 2025 and the Secretary of War's memo "Unleashing U.S. Military Drone Dominance," American manufacturing is preferred. This preference will be reflected over time in scoring that benefits systems with more American sourced components. In Phase II, the Government expects to preclude buying any systems that utilize motors or battery systems from covered countries – this disqualification is a more restrictive standard than currently applied under the NDAA.

Participants in Phase I will be provided with the opportunity to be added to a planned drone marketplace established by the Army, with the Phase I Gauntlet results and feedback documented in the marketplace.

Military Operator Training:

RFS submissions will speak to how vendors would propose to train military operators that receive their systems. Vendors are required to provide some form of training and field maintenance information with drone deliveries. This would allow operators to safely, accurately, and reliably operate the system. As noted above, scoring during the Phase I Gauntlet will be reflective of those systems that operators find easier to operate, thus reducing training burden. Vendors should also be prepared to provide one or more representatives at CONUS locations during unit fielding to provide Subject Matter Expertise and technical support. Vendors shall deliver a delta package for any changes that affect operation or field maintenance as the design iterates within a phase.

6. Phase II:

A vendor does not have to participate in Phase I in order to compete in Phase II. Performance in Phase I does not guarantee selection for Phase II.

Phase II specifics will be detailed in a Phase II RFS revision, which will be provided on or around May 15, 2026. Phase II will include more mission tests than Phase I. Additionally, the operating environment will be substantially more difficult with comprehensive cUAS applied, and at least one mission evaluated during night operations.

Munitions readiness will be a critical component of Phase II and forward. In Phase II, vendors will likely be expected to provide a fully integrated training munition. This capability should provide all aspects of a full munition system except for the kinetic effect. Operators should be able to train on how to load/arm and detonate per the system design with some form of confirmation of detonation. The Phase II RFS will expand upon these expectations.

7. Phases III and IV:

Phases III and IV will have further mission complexity. The Government expects successful completion of the mission tests will require vendors to incorporate various features that reduce the cognitive load of the soldiers operating the sUAS, including transitioning to a more than one-to-one relationship between drone and operators. The application of cUAS will continue to increase in sophistication, likely requiring further technological development by vendors to manage denied communications, denied navigational data, etc. Additionally, more challenging environmental conditions (altitude, cold, heat) and more complex targets (with movement) will likely be used. Phases III and IV may include actual explosive components and guidance will be provided regarding Government Safety Board Review requirements.

An RFS revision will be released for each phase, detailing the Gauntlet and prototype delivery requirements for that phase and some initial details for the next phase, similar to this RFS. Future phases may require additional government testing prior to gauntlet events.

8. Submission Process for Questions & Proposals:

a. Questions:

To submit any questions, visit www.dronedominance.mil or the opportunities page at www.nstxl.org/opportunities, select the “Current” tab, locate the respective project, and select “Submit a Question”. Please refer to Page 1 for associated deadlines.

b. Proposals:

To submit your proposal, visit www.dronedominance.mil or the opportunities page at www.nstxl.org/opportunities, select the “Current” tab, locate the respective project, and select the “Submit Proposal” link.

Respondents are solely responsible for the timeliness of their submission and are cautioned that late submissions will not be accepted for evaluation. It is strongly recommended that interested parties submit their proposal as early as possible to uncover any potential technical or account issues. Please notify NSTXL immediately (membership@nstxl.org) if technical issues occur during the submission process and/or if confirmation related to membership status is required. Please refer to Page 1 for associated deadlines.

9. Format Detail:

Initial Government evaluation will take place in response to this RFS. Through the electronic submission review, up to 25 qualifying vendors will be invited to participate in the Phase I Gauntlet. Vendors will be required to submit the items in Table 4 to be considered for selection of the Phase I Gauntlet event. Failure to do so may result in elimination from consideration for the Phase I Gauntlet.

PowerPoint slides shall be organized into a single PowerPoint presentation file.

Table 4: RFS Submission Requirements

Delivery Format	Size	Content
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 slide	Company Information (Company name, CAGE Code, Address, Point of contact, CMMC UIDs (see 252.204-7021 below), 10 U.S.C. 4022 eligibility, Status of U.S. ownership) Include any Foreign Owned, Controlled, or Influenced (FOCI) Information (if applicable).
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 slide	Company history, including ownership, financial backing and management experience.
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 Slide	Technical specifications – range, payload capacity, detection capability, automation, speed, etc.
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 Slide	What’s being delivered – what’s in a complete system – control station, antenna, display, etc.
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 Slide	Describe the sourcing of your various components and NDAA compliance.
<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 Slide	Do you have an integrated munition, if not what is the plan to get there?

<u>PowerPoint</u>	1 Slide	If you receive a prototype delivery order in Phase I, how would you propose to provide training for military units that receive your systems and are you prepared to forward deploy engineers to units for tight feedback loops.
<u>PowerPoint</u>	3 slides	If you receive prototype delivery awards in Phases I through IV, how would you scale to those quantities? Provide details on your manufacturing capacity, expansion plans, supply chain relationships and capital backing to achieve desired production rates. Provide prior delivery history of sUAS with emphasis on DoW deliveries.
<u>MP4 Video</u>	1 min (100 MB)	Video of your drone system in operation, Including takeoff and successful target strike.
<u>Excel</u>	As needed	Bill of Materials for NDAA compliance.
<u>Website Form</u>	Website limit	The following Microsoft Forms link is required to be filled out in its entirety: https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/dT6qyu9iNR This form provides necessary information for range safety, flight approval and other data.

If your submission is selected to attend the Phase I Gauntlet Event in February 2026, within 48 hours of the notification of selection, you will be required to fill out and submit the following forms:

- A. U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Request for Support Form
- B. Vendor Demonstration Agreement
- C. DD Form 2400
- D. DD Form 2401
- E. DD Form 2402
- F. Visit Request Form for location of the Phase I Gauntlet Event
- G. Official forms will be provided via email to the POC listed on submission responses.

10. Supporting Attachments:

- A. Mandatory Section 889 Representation
- B. NSTXL Performer's Agreement
- C. DD Form 2345 Instructions

All respondents are encouraged to review the baseline S²MARTS Performer's Agreement provided in the supporting attachments section to this RFS.

C. **SECURITY INFORMATION & RESTRICTIONS**

1. Security classification & other restrictions:

- Open to companies based in the U.S. or U.S. Allied Nations. Preference goes to companies with the ability to manufacture in the U.S. using U.S. made components and materials.
- A DD Form 2345 is required prior to **prototype delivery award**. Instructions related to the DD Form 2345 are included as Attachment D.
- By submitting a response, respondents shall certify whether covered telecommunications equipment or services will or will not be included as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of this effort.

- RFS Attachment A includes additional details regarding covered telecommunications equipment compliances, which must be signed and returned with any submissions.

What is included under “covered telecommunications equipment or services”?

- ✓ Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- ✓ For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- ✓ Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- ✓ Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

2. All respondents/prospective performers must be compliant with the following:

- DoDI 8582.01, “Security of Unclassified DoD Information on Non-DoD Information Systems” and DoDI 5200.48, “Controlled Unclassified Information”.
- Research findings and technology developments arising from the resulting proposed solution may constitute a significant enhancement to the national defense and to the economic vitality of the United States. As such, in the conduct of all work related to this effort, the selected performer must comply strictly with the International Traffic in Arms Regulation (22 C.F.R. §§ 120-130), the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (Part 117 of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations) and the Export Administration Regulations (15 C.F.R. §§ 730-774).
- DFARS 252.204-7025 Notice of Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Level Requirements (NOV 2025), DFARS 252.204-7021 Contractor Compliance with the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Level Requirements, and FAR 52.204-21 Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems.

DFARS 252.204-7025 - NOTICE OF CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION LEVEL REQUIREMENTS (NOV 2025)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision, “controlled unclassified information (CUI),” “current,” “Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) status,” “Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification unique identifier (CMMC UID),” “Federal contract information (FCI),” and “plan of action and milestones” have the meaning given in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 252.204-7021, Contractor Compliance With the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Level Requirements, clause of this solicitation.

(b)(1) Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) level. The CMMC level required by this solicitation is: **CMMC Level 1 (Self)**. The CMMC level required for prototype delivery award is: **CMMC Level 2 (Self)**. This CMMC level, or higher (see 32 CFR part 170), is required prior to award for each contractor information system that will process, store, or transmit Federal contract information (FCI) or controlled unclassified information (CUI) during performance of the contract.

(2) The Offeror will not be eligible for award of a contract, task order, or delivery order resulting from this solicitation if the Offeror does not have, for each of the contractor information systems that will process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI and that will be used in performance of a contract resulting from this solicitation—

- (i) The current CMMC status entered in the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS) (<https://piee.eb.mil>) at the CMMC level required by paragraph (b)(1) of this provision; and
- (ii) A current affirmation of continuous compliance with the security requirements identified at 32 CFR part 170 in SPRS.
- (c) Plan of action and milestones. If the Offeror has a CMMC Status of Conditional, the Offeror shall successfully close out a valid plan of action and milestones (32 CFR 170.21) to achieve a CMMC Status of Final.
- (d) CMMC unique identifiers. The Offeror shall provide, in the proposal, the CMMC unique identifier(s) (CMMC UIDs) issued by SPRS for each contractor information system that will process, store, or transmit FCI or CUI during performance of a contract, task order, or delivery order resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror also shall update the list when new CMMC UIDs are generated in SPRS. The CMMC UIDs are provided in SPRS after the Offeror enters the results of self-assessment(s) for each such information system.

D. REQUIRED LEVEL OF DATA RIGHTS

Limited rights: The rights to use, modify, reproduce, release, perform, display, or disclose technical data, in whole or in part, within the Government. The Government may not, without the written permission of the party asserting limited rights, release or disclose the technical data outside the Government, use the technical data for manufacture, or authorize the technical data to be used by another party, except that the Government may reproduce, release, or disclose such data or authorize the use or reproduction of the data by persons outside the Government if—

(i) The reproduction, release, disclosure, or use is—

(A) Necessary for emergency repair and overhaul; or

(B) A release or disclosure to—

(1) A covered Government support contractor in performance of its covered Government support contract for use, modification, reproduction, performance, display, or release or disclosure to a person authorized to receive limited rights technical data; or (2) A foreign government, of technical data other than detailed manufacturing or process data, when use of such data by the foreign government is in the interest of the Government and is required for evaluation or informational purposes;

(ii) The recipient of the technical data is subject to a prohibition on the further reproduction, release, disclosure, or use of the technical data; and

(iii) The contractor or subcontractor asserting the restriction is notified of such reproduction, release, disclosure, or use.

E. SOLUTION REVIEW & ASSESSMENT

Compliant responses will be evaluated with consideration given to:

Demonstrated understanding and overall technical merit of the response;

Feasibility of implementation; and,

Total project risk (related to technical focus areas, schedule, and/or compliance)

- The Government will evaluate the degree to which the proposed solution provides a thorough, flexible, and sound approach in response to the prototype technical objectives. While the technology objectives are of significant importance, responses will be considered as a whole with significant emphasis on producibility.

- The Government will select the prototype-level performer and award this project, via NSTXL, to the respondents whose solutions are assessed to be the most advantageous to the Government when all factors are considered. The Government reserves the right to award to a respondent that does not meet all the objectives of the RFS.
- The Government reserves the right to reject a submission and deem it ineligible for consideration if the response is incomplete and/or does not clearly provide the requested information.

F. ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

- Acceptable responses not selected for the immediate award will be retained by NSTXL and the Government for possible future execution and funding. If a proposal (that was not previously selected) is determined to be a suitable alternative at a later date, the company will be contacted to discuss any proposal updates and details of a subsequent project award.
 - Respondents whose proposals are not selected for the initial award shall not contact the Government or NSTXL to inquire about the status of any ongoing effort as it relates to the likelihood of their company being selected as a future alternative.
- Eligibility Requirement:
 - In order to be eligible for award under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 4022, respondents must meet one of the following conditions:
 - There is at least one nontraditional defense contractor or nonprofit research institution participating to a significant extent in the prototype project.
 - All significant participants in the transaction other than the Federal Government are small businesses (including small businesses participating in a program described under section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)) or nontraditional defense contractors.
 - At least one third of the total cost of the prototype project is to be paid out of funds provided by sources other than the Federal Government.
 - What is a nontraditional defense contractor?
 - An entity that is not currently performing and has not performed, for at least the one-year period preceding the solicitation of sources by the Department of Defense for the procurement or transaction, any contract or subcontract for the Department of Defense that is subject to full coverage under the cost accounting standards (CAS).
- The United States Navy, specifically Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, maintains release authority on any and all publications or press releases related to this prototype project.
- Unsuccessful respondents will be notified by NSTXL, however, debriefings for this project will not be provided.
- Certain types of information submitted during the RFS and award process of an OT are exempt from disclosure requirements of 5 U.S.C. §552 (the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA). It is recommended that respondents mark business plans and technical information that are to be protected from FOIA disclosure with a legend identifying the documents as being submitted on a business confidential basis.
- No classified data shall be submitted within the proposal. To the extent that the project involves DoD controlled unclassified information, respondents must comply with DoDI 8582.01 Security of Non-DoD Information Systems Processing Unclassified Nonpublic DoD Information and DoDI 5200.48 Controlled Unclassified Information. Respondents must report any cyber incidents that affect controlled unclassified information directly to DoD at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.
- This is to advise that non-Government advisors will assist in the evaluation. The use of non-Government advisors will be strictly controlled. Non-Government advisors will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to working on the effort. Agreements Officer will review NDAs for conflict prior to allowing access to source selection information. All non-Government advisors will only have access to the information corresponding to their area(s) of expertise. The companies

identified herein have agreed to not engage in the manufacture or production of hardware/services/research and development that is related to this effort, and to refrain from disclosing proprietary information to unauthorized personnel.

- The following companies will have non-Government personnel advising:

KBR, Inc. CAGE: 7NUQ6
601 Jefferson ST Ste 3400
Houston, TX 77002

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