

**Management and Operating Contract for the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility  
(TJNAF)**

**Solicitation Number: 89243024RSC000007**

**Questions and Answers  
(13-16)**

13. Question: We appreciate the DOE's responsiveness in providing data, information and responses to questions submitted by interested parties. However, we have found that the combined effect of the lack of a draft TJNAF RFP to examine in advance of putting together team arrangements with having the site visit and Q/A period overlap during the limited proposal preparation period has left non-incumbents with little time to prepare an outstanding proposal. As a result, we would respectfully request an extension of 4 weeks to the proposal due date. Such an extension would enhance competition and allow offerors to submit their highest quality and most responsive proposals.

Answer: *DOE has extended the proposal due date to October 15, 2024.*

14. Question: The RFP notes in Section L.6 Transition that Limited space will be made available at TJNAF for transition activities of the Offeror. To facilitate Transition planning and cost estimating, would DOE provide a description of this space? How many square feet? How many offices, desks and conference rooms? Will the Contractor have access in this area to the site network? Will site computers and printers be provided so that the Contractor may view and print site documents for review?

Answer: *The transition space will include 5 offices and a conference room in the Applied Research Center (ARC) Building. Each office is at least 100 ft<sup>2</sup> and includes a desk and two chairs. Site WiFi and access to the site network will be available. Computers and printers will not be provided.*

15. Question: The RFP, Section L.7(a) Transition Costs states: “Reimbursement for the allowable costs of the transition period will be on a cost-reimbursement (no fee) basis.” If an Offeror utilizes a service provider/vendor during Transition which is not part of the contractor team arrangement, would that service provider/vendor’s normal and customary fixed unit rates (which would typically include a fee/profit component) be fully allowable?

Answer: *If an Offeror uses a service provider/vendor during Transition that is not part of the contractor teaming arrangement, that provider/vendor’s normal and customary fixed unit rates (which would typically include a fee/profit component) would be considered allowable subject to the allowability requirements of FAR 31.201-2.*

16. Question: Could you clarify the level of searchability required for text in tables, diagrams, charts, and graphics? Specifically, does all text within these elements need to be searchable, or is it sufficient for only the captions, titles, Section 508 descriptions, or summary to be searchable?

Answer: In accordance with Section L.1, paragraph (g), “To facilitate the Source Evaluation Board’s (SEB’s) search for key words during proposal evaluation, Offerors should ensure that the text, as well as any tables, diagrams, charts and/or other graphic illustrations are searchable. Inserts that are predominantly artistic illustrations or pictures and do not contain a significant amount of narrative are excluded from this request.” Specifically, all text within the elements listed above must be searchable, with the exception of the stated predominantly artistic illustrations or pictures that do not contain a significant amount of narrative.