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2. AMENDMENT/MOD NO. 001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE See 16C	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. N/A		5. PROJECT NO	
6. ISSUED BY NASA Johnson Space Center 2101 NASA Parkway Attn: BT/Caroline Marrs Root Houston, TX 77058		CODE	7. ADMINISTERED BY		CODE
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No. Street, County, State and ZIP Code)			(9)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO NNJ08ZBT002	
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 6/6/08	
			(10)	10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER No	
CODE		FACILITY CODE	<input type="checkbox"/>	10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers IS NOT extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:					
(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning one (1) copy of the amendment;					
(b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or					
(c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (if required)					
<i>Financial Management</i>					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).				
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
IMPORTANT: Contractor IS NOT required to sign this document and return copies to the issuing office.					
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)					
The purpose of this Amendment 001 to Solicitation NNJ08ZBT002 is to respond to questions submitted by potential offerors.					
See Pages 2-4 of this Amendment for details.					
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.					
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)			16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER		
			Caroline Marrs Root, Contracting Officer		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		Caroline Marrs Root		6/18/08	
		(Signature Of Contracting Officer)			
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## **Responses to Questions**

### **Question 1:**

If a proposal is submitted for more than one study topic, can the govt. award a contract for only one topic? Or is it all or nothing? For example, if Company X submitted a proposal for Topics 1, 3, and 4, each separately priced, but the govt. determined that only Topic 1 was suitable for award for Company X, could they award just Topic 1 to Company X?

### **Response 1:**

As stated in the solicitation, offerors may propose solutions for up to a maximum of three study areas. Offerors could potentially be awarded contracts for any proposed solutions.

### **Question 2:**

I wish to request that the deadline date of July 9, 2008 for the above BAA is extended by at least two weeks until on or about July 23, 2008. In my view, the proposal documentation cannot be produced and assembled effectively in the very short time allocated. I believe that it is NASA's interests to ensure that proposers have adequate time to prepare comprehensive proposals for the range of topics in this BAA, particularly since the BAA seeks new ideas that require proposers to prepare conceptual approaches that, in turn, need a certain amount of time to develop. In my view, a two week extension will make a considerable difference to the quality of proposals that NASA will receive.

### **Response 2:**

The Government has considered your request to extend the response date of July 9, 2008 but has determined that an extension to the response date is not in the Government's best interest.

### **Question 3:**

If an offeror can gain synergy by combining two study areas together does that count as one submitted study area or two?

### **Response 3:**

As stated in the solicitation, offerors may propose solutions for up to a maximum of three study areas. Offerors may supplement their innovative approach by addressing other issues and challenges, including those identified in the other study topic areas.

**Question 4:**

If an offeror submits a proposal for more than one topic, is each topic award considered separately? Is it possible for an offeror to be awarded a contract for one topic, but not others, or is it "all or nothing"?

**Response 4:**

See the response to Question 1.

**Question 5:**

Also in the case of multiple topics being included in an offeror's proposal, should no more than 3 biographies of key personnel be included for the entire proposal, or no more than three individuals per topic?

**Response 5:**

The offeror shall describe the proposed roles, education, experience, and other qualifications of a maximum of three (3) key personnel for each proposed solution. As stated in the solicitation, offerors may propose solutions for up to a maximum of three study areas.

**Question 6:**

Should an offeror submitting proposals for multiple topics submit a separate proposal per topic, or is each topic considered a portion of the entire proposal? In the latter case, do page count limitations apply to the entire proposal, or to each topic?

**Response 6:**

As stated in the solicitation, offerors may propose solutions for up to a maximum of three study areas. Each proposed solution must adhere to the page limitations detailed in the solicitation.

**Question 7:**

Will a period of performance of less than the 6-month maximum affect a proposal's evaluation?

**Response 7:**

As stated in the solicitation, the maximum period of performance for any resultant contract shall not exceed six months. Offerors, at their discretion, may propose a period of performance of less than six months for any of the study areas.

**Question 8:**

Is an entire University System with distinct and separate campuses, presidents, etc. considered a single entity for purposes of determining number of topics which can be submitted by an entity? It seems clear that two departments of The University of Texas at Austin are part of the same entity, but would the entire UT System be considered one entity, including UT Austin, and, for example, UT Arlington?

**Response 8:**

As stated in the solicitation, for the purpose of the limitation on the number of proposals submitted by a single offeror, the term “offeror” is defined as a corporate entity or university system. That is, for organizations with multiple business systems, divisions, campuses, or sites, the proposal limit applies to the entire organization, not to individual business systems, divisions, campuses, or sites. Based on this information, the proposal limit applies to the entire University of Texas system.

**Question 9:**

May offerors submit a teamed BAA response, if so is the submission counted against the team or each company individually?

**Response 9:**

Offerors may submit a teamed BAA response. The term “offeror” as identified in the solicitation refers to the single corporate entity or university system that will be submitting an offer to the Government, and the proposal limit applies to that single corporate entity or university system. If a corporation chooses to have partners they may, but one corporation will be named as the “offeror.”