

RFI -- INVITATION TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON MAR COMPLIANCE FOR RAPID SPACECRAFT ACQUISITION -- RAPID III

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General Information

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Description

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) – INVITATION FOR RAPID III MAR ASSESSMENT

INVITATION TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON RAPID III MISSION ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (MAR) COMPLIANCE, RELEASE OF REVISED RAPID III MAR, RESPONSES TO MAR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP FOR RAPID III SPACECRAFT ACQUISITION (RSA) AND UPDATED DRAFT RFP SECTION L.22.2(d), APPENDIX C, SAFETY AND MISSION ASSURANCE MAIP.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)/Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) issued draft Request for Proposals (DRFP) NNG09207304J, on July 13, 2009, for the RSA (Rapid III) procurement. Part of the draft RFP included the Rapid III MAR, describing the contract baseline safety and mission assurance requirements for the spacecraft development and related services that will be applicable under any Rapid III contract. The applicable MAR requirements are defined as “Class D”, as referenced under NASA Procedural Requirement [NPR] 8705.4. We received numerous questions with regards to the MAR, a number of which asked about compliance and whether existing industry practices satisfied the specific requirements. As a result, NASA is

releasing at this time, a revised Rapid III MAR, answers to the MAR questions, an updated draft RFP Section L.22.2(d), Appendix C, and this invitation to potential offerors to submit information related to their Mission Assurance Implementation Plan (MAIP).

An offeror is not required to submit information related to their MAIP in response to this RFI. This will, however, be an opportunity to receive Government feedback on your potential viability in satisfying the MAR requirements. The submission of this information is not a pre-requisite for submitting a proposal to the Rapid III RFP.

A. Presolicitation:

This is an invitation (in the form of a Request for Information (RFI)) for potential offerors to submit information related to their contemplated MAIP for planning purposes. The objective of this release is: to invite potential offerors to submit information that allows the Government to provide feedback about their possible implementation plan, in part or in full; to improve potential offerors' understanding of the Government's requirements; and to improve the Government's knowledge of industry's practices. Prospective offerors are invited to submit information at this time, prior to the release of the RFP, and the Government will provide its feedback prior to the proposal due date. Information provided by the Government in assessing the submitted information shall not be considered an evaluation of a potential offerors' MAIP acceptability or non-acceptability, and in no way does it represent a final determination by the Government.

The Government is also posting a revised Rapid III MAR and responses to questions received on the MAR released with the DRFP on July 13, 2009. This preliminary information is being made available for planning purposes only, subject to FAR Clause 52.215-3, entitled "Request for Information or Solicitation for Planning Purposes." This procedure is described in Part 15.202(a) of the FAR. The RFI does not constitute a Request for Proposal, Invitation for Bid, or Request for Quotation, and it is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government to enter into a contract. This procurement is subject to review or cancellation at any time.

Potential offerors may submit their MAR implementation plans for review by September 25, 2009. The information may be submitted via mail to NASA/GSFC, Attn: Janet Osterman, Code 401.1, Building 16W, Room N115, Greenbelt, MD 20771; or via electronic transmission to Janet.M.Osterman@nasa.gov.

We anticipate release of the additional questions received on the DFRP (pertaining to technical and procurement) by September 14, 2009, and release of the final solicitation (RFP) no sooner than October 2009. It is the responsibility of potential offerors to monitor the NASA Acquisition Internet Service.

B. Government Assessment:

1. NASA invites potential offerors to submit information that will allow the Government to advise them of their potential to submit a viable MAIP in accordance with the attached

revised MAIP instructions (draft RFP Section L.22, 2(d), Appendix C, Safety and Mission Assurance MAIP). (Please note that GSFC-STD-1000D (the GOLD Rules) previously identified as a 'related document' is now a requirement.)

2. Information Invited – all of, or portions of, an offeror's draft MAIP that will provide the Government insight into an offeror's approach or plan to meet the requirements of the Rapid III MAR for the purpose of providing an initial assessment. There is no page limitation with this submission. The offeror may submit previously generated material in response to the MAIP. The offeror may submit material and processes that they believe meets the intent of the MAR.

3. NASA will assess the submitted information by considering the adequacy of meeting the Rapid III MAR requirements. Following review of the submitted information, NASA will provide each respondent a written assessment of the viability of their MAIP. NASA anticipates completing this assessment within three weeks.

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