

#	Section of RFP	RFP Page Referenced	Paragraph/Section of Page:	Description of Question	Response
1	Sec. L.1(a)	90 of 114	2nd paragraph below title	This paragraph references Standard Form 1449; however, RFP SB1341-17-RP-0007 was issued with Standard Form 33. Consequently, there is no NAICS code specified nor is there a small business standard identified on the SF33. Will the Government please identify any applicable NAICS code(s) and small business size standard?	<i>The NAICS code for this effort is 541519 - Other computer related services with a small business size standard of \$27.5 million. Reference updated provision 52.204-8 found under RFP Section K.2.</i>
2	Sec. L.2	90 of 114 for L.1(b) 93 for L.2 100 for L.2 Section 5.0	3rd paragraph below title for L.1.(b); L.2 page 93 section titled Proposal Volume Requirements, L.2 Section 5.0 page 100 the last paragraph on page	This section of the RFP indicates that the SF1449 (not provided) can be used to submit our response to SB1341-17-RP-0007 and we assume the SF33 can be used instead. Please confirm. However, Section L.2, page 93 in section titled Proposal Volume Requirements, there is a requirement to provide a cover letter (letter of transmittal). The same paragraph requires a title page as first page to be completed in accordance with FAR 52.215-1. L.2 Section 5.0 Price Requirements for Volume V requires the SF33 be used as the cover sheet (or first page) of the Price/Cost volume. Is it the Government's intention that the front matter for Volumes I through IV should be ordered as follows: Cover/Transmittal page Title Page Table of Contents Table of Figures List of Tables Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms? And that front matter for Volume V should be as follows: Signed, completed SF33's Title Page Table of Contents Table of Figures List of Tables Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms?	<i>Offerors shall submit a complete response in accordance with instructions provided in RFP Section L.2 "Instructions to Offerors - FAR 52.212-1 Addendum to Instructions to Offerors"</i>
3	Sec. L.2	93 and 96	The table of Volumes and page limitations on page 93; first line on page 96	On page 93, the table shows 150 pages for Volume II, Technical Approach. However, the first line on page 96 indicates that the page limit is 75 pages, inclusive of all subsections. Which page limitation is correct?	<i>As per Amendment 001, posted 04/04/2017, the correct page limitation for Volume II is 150 pages.</i>
4	not give	93 and 96	not given	There is a big discrepancy in the number as page 93 states there is a 150 page limit and page 96 states there is a 75 page limit. This makes a big difference when planning our responses, and would be beneficial to know before the official question responses are issued.	<i>As per Amendment 001, posted 04/04/2017, the correct page limitation for Volume II is 150 pages.</i>
5	Sec. L	97, 98, 100	2nd par on pg 97, 3rd para on pg 97, last bulleted, para on page, 1st para on page 100	Please define "major subcontractor."	<i>For the purposes of this solicitation, a "major" subcontractor is considered any first-tier subcontractor.</i>
6	Sec. L	90	1(a)	There does not appear to be an SF1449 as described, "The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449)." Does the Government intend to provide a SF 1449?	<i>No, the Government does not intend to provide a SF 1449. Offerors shall reference the updated provision at 52.204-8 found under RFP Section K.2, and shall submit proposals in accordance with the instructions found in section L.2 of the RFP.</i>

7	SF 33	1	Box 9	The SF 33 states "Sealed offers in original and 1 copies for furnishing...will be received at the place specified in item 8..." However, page 94, paragraph 5 of the RFP states, "Electronic Submission of Proposal." Does the Government anticipate an email submission as well as a copy delivered to its headquarters office at 100 Bureau Drive Stop 1640, Building 301 Room B129, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. If an original and 1 copies is required for delivery, what type of media is required – i.e. physical hardcopy, digital softcopy, etc...?	<i>The Government will accept ONLY Electronic Submissions as per instructed in RFP Section L.2 "Instructions to Offerors - FAR 52.212-1 Addendum to Instructions to Offerors"</i>
8	Sec. L	94	5 (Electronic Submission of Proposal)	If this is an electronic submission, is there a file size limit for each volume we should adhere to?	<i>The maximum email message size is limited to 25 Megabytes.</i>
9	Schedule of Labor Categories	18 & 19	Minimum Education	The Minimum Education requirement for Program Manager II and III implies individuals must be certified as a Project Manager Professional (PMP) at the time of the proposal submission. We recommend the Government add language to state the PMP certificate must be obtained by date of award or within 90 days after award?	<i>Within 90 days of award is acceptable.</i>
10	Sec. L	94	1, Page Limitations	Would the Government like a Compliance Matrix included as part of the submission? If so, we recommend the Government not include this matrix in the page count limitations.	<i>A Compliance Matrix is not a requirement when submitting proposal responses; if Offerors submit responses containing a Compliance Matrix, it will count towards the page count limitations.</i>
11	Sec. L	96	2.1 Sub-Factor 1 – Project Plan for IDIQ Contract, Paragraph #2	Section 2.1, Paragraph 2 states, "Finally, the offeror shall submit its list of proposed labor categories for the IDIQ contract. The offeror's proposed IDIQ labor categories shall match the Government's list of required IDIQ labor categories, including the descriptions and minimum qualifications for each labor category." This requirement seems to imply the government would like the offeror to list out the Schedule of Labor Categories located between pages 7 and 26 in the RFP in the offeror's Volume II Technical Response and this would be inclusive in page count limitation. Is this the government's intent or has the offeror misunderstood the requirement? The reason the offeror has inferred this is because the requirement subsequently states, "However, offerors may also propose additional labor categories for the IDIQ outside of those required by the Government. The offeror shall clearly identify any labor categories being proposed that are not on the Government's list of required labor categories. The offeror shall clearly state the labor category title, description, and any minimum qualifications for each labor category proposed. The proposed list of IDIQ labor categories may be submitted as an "attachment" to this volume of the proposal and will not count towards the page count limitations of this volume." As such, our interpretation of the requirement is to include the Schedule of Labor Categories in the technical response which will be included in page count limitations and propose additional Labor Categories as attachments to the Technical Volume and those will not be included in page count limitation. Government clarification will be helpful.	<i>Offerors' Technical Reponse shall include the list of proposed labor categories for the IDIQ contract which shall match the government's list of required IDIQ labor categories, plus any additional labor categories being proposed by the Offeror. The offeror shall clearly identify any labor categories being proposed that are not included in the Government's list of required labor categories, and shall clearly state the title, description, and any minimum qualifications for each labor category proposed. However, the proposed list of labor categories for the IDIQ, inclusive of the Government's required labor categories and any additional labor categories proposed by the offeror, may be submitted as an attachment to this volume of the proposal and will not count towards the page limitations.</i>
12	Sec. J_Sample Past Performance Questionnaire	2	4	Some of our References would like the Government to consider modifying the fill-in box for "Description of the contract/order work:" to accommodate more text to fully describe the work performed. We recommend the Government expand the description box or allow an addendum to each past performance questionnaire, such that the offeror's References could substantially discuss the specific details of work performed?	<i>If the Past Performance Questionnaire template provided in the RFP does not allow enough room for a given section, references may attach a typed addendum to a given questionnaire to expand on such sections. However, Offerors shall submit those questionnaires that use addendums such that the addendum is one with the questionnaire and is easily correlated to the subject questionnaire.</i>
13	C 3.1.4.g	32	not given	Does a contractor have to show direct experience with "developing an economic and social impact evaluation of the state pilots funded under the NSTIC State Pilots Cooperative Agreement Program," or can a contractor show that they have the transitive skills to perform those tasks? If it is the former and a contractor has to show direct knowledge, we feel that his will limit the competition and heavily favor the incumbent.	<i>The demonstration of the transitive skills needed is acceptable.</i>
14	L.2	100	not given	Can the past performance questionnaires be submitted for IDIQ contracts, or do they need to be for standalone contracts and individual task orders?	<i>Past Performance Questionnaires may be submitted for IDIQ contracts, Task/Delivery orders, BPAs, Call Orders and standalone contracts</i>
15	Sec. J TO#4	not given	not given	Does this Task Order require an approach that would have a large team of full-time SMEs that have expertise across the subject areas?	<i>No. It is expected that the work would utilize experts in very short blocks of time (no more than 80 hours per requirement), and the requirements are expected to be intermittent.</i>

16	Sec. J TO#4	not given	not given	Is NIST looking for the ability to pull in the expertise for short periods of time that presumably are working on other programs/projects?	<i>That is possible. Resources in the past on similar task orders have been utilized for very short periods of time from other Task Orders so long as there was no significant impact to the other TO.</i>
17	Sec. B.1	19	2	What is the reasoning for 5 years of IT experience in computer security for the Program Manager 3 – Contract Level. Will 5 years of IT experience be acceptable, even if it is not directly related to computer security?	<i>The Program Manager 3 needs to have a fundamental understanding of a broad range of computer security topics, how they inter-relate, how they can potentially interact with other topics, and what the general concerns are that NIST addresses for other government agencies. A candidate with 5 years IT experience may be considered, but they should demonstrate as much knowledge about computer security as possible. Classes or other formalized training will be taken into consideration.</i>
18	Block 9, SF 33, Due Date	1	Block 9	Various religions have major holidays that involve travel and time off during April. We respectfully request a 10 days extension of the proposal due date to ensure that we can obtain the signatures for required (up to 8) past performance questionnaires.	<i>The Government does not intend to issue an extension to the proposal due date.</i>
19	Sec. J TO#5	5	Item 8 in the Deliverables table that is at the top of the page	The Description says: "Evidence of contribution to standards for a". Will the Government please provide the rest of the Deliverable description?	<i>It should read "standards fora." Meaning multiple standards forums.</i>
20	4.0 Past Performance Requirements; Factor C – Past Performance; 2.4 Specialized Experience	100 of 114; 112 of 114; 97/98 of 114	2; 4; 3/1	Per page 100 of the solicitation, "Offerors are directed to provide completed Past Performance Questionnaires on no more than eight (8) of the offeror's most recently completed Federal Government or Commercial contracts for services similar in scope to those of this requirement, for work completed or substantially completed within the last three (3) years." Additionally, Section M states "The Government will only consider past performance of the Offeror's projects that were completed or substantially completed within the past three years." However, pages 97/98 of the solicitation state, "To the extent possible, any identified prime offeror or major subcontractor/team member corporate experience performed within the past five years should be traceable to the information provided in Volume IV, Past Performance." Are there different requirements for the Past Performance Questionnaires and Specialized Experience sections? Are PPQ projects within the past three years, but Specialized Experience examples can be within the past five years?	<i>Yes, the Past Performance Questionnaires and Specialized Experience sections are different and have different requirements.</i>
21	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Can the government clarify or provide an estimate to how many anticipated awardees are expected for this multiple award IDIQ?	<i>The Government does not have a predetermined number of awards it intends to issue as a result of the RFP</i>
22	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 1 for National Vulnerability Database Analysis Support? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 1?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
23	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 2 for Computer Security Resource Center and National Vulnerability Database Development Support? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 2?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
24	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 3 for Support to Validation Programs? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 3?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
25	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 4 for Variable Subject Matter Expert (SME) Support? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 4?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
26	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 5 for Technical Analysis and Document Development in Support of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 5?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
27	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 6 for NIST Special Publication SP 800-118 Support? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 6?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
28	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 7 for Research related to Internet of Things (IoT)s Architecture and Cybersecurity Risk Management Framework? If so, who is the current incumbent for Task Order 7?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>
29	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Are there any incumbent contractor(s) to Task Order 8 for Program and Technical Services to Support the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Effort? If so, who is the incumbent for Task Order 8?	<i>Yes. The Incumbent is Trusted Security Alliance, LLC.</i>

30	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	As this is a small business set-aside, does the government require that the small business Prime Offeror perform 51% of work for each task order? Or will the Government require that 51% of the work be performed over the life of the IDIQ contract across all task orders?	<i>FAR 52.219-14 "Limitations on Subcontracting (Jan 2017)" is applicable to this solicitation. Offerors shall read and comply with FAR 52.219-14 "Limitations on Subcontracting (Jan 2017)" for details on these constraints. However, the general answer to the question is that it is over the life of the IDIQ contract.</i>
31	Sec. 5.0.B	102	2	Page 102, Section 5.0.B says "The Offeror shall clearly identify a total price for each separate optional task or option period." Does the government want to see a task order total price inclusive of optional tasks or should the optional tasks totals be kept separate?	<i>For all task orders, the Offeror shall provide sufficient supporting documentation to show its proposed total prices by tasks identified in each task order PWS. Offerors shall propose a total price (or ceiling price, for labor hour or hybrid task orders) for each task order. The "total price" of the task order shall include any and all base and option tasks/periods and travel. Additionally, the supporting documentation for each task order shall demonstrate how the total prices were derived, and shall show the derivation by task. For any task orders with optional tasks or option periods, the Offeror shall clearly identify a price for each separate optional task or option period, as delineated in the instructions in Section L.2.</i>
32	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	Due to the complexity of the response requirements that Offerors are to submit a complete response for all eight task orders, inclusive of key personnel resumes, would the government consider providing an extension of the deadline for proposal responses?	<i>The Government does not intend to issue an extension to the proposal due date.</i>
33	FAR 52.212-1 ADDENDUM TO INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS, Electronic Submission of Proposal (a)	94	5th Paragraph/Last Paragraph	Can the government confirm that electronic submission of proposal is to the listed emails for Contracting Officer keith.bubar@nist.gov and Contracting Specialist chantel.adams@nist.gov on page 93?	<i>The Government will accept ONLY Electronic Submission as per instructed in RFP Section L.2 "Instructions to Offerors - FAR 52.212-1 Addendum to instructions to Offerors." Yes, those are the correct email addresses.</i>
34	3.3 Sub-Factor 3 – Transition Plan	99	4th Paragraph	"The transition should be no less than 60 days and no more than 90 days for startup, from contract award date to performance start date." If the contract award date for the base IDIQ is September 2017, can the government provide or confirm when the "performance start dates" are for each of the eight task orders?	<i>Offerors shall assume that all task orders would begin in the base period of the IDIQ contract. However, specific start dates for each task order cannot be provided.</i>
35	3.3 Sub-Factor 3 – Transition Plan	100	4th bullet	The RFP indicates that Offeror's transition plan shall address "Dated milestones for each step of the plan" – can the government clarify if it requires milestone dates for each of the eight task orders? If so, can the government provide anticipated start dates for Task Orders 1-8?	<i>The instructions for the Transition Plan in Section L.2 of the solicitation, specifically in Section 3.3 of Section L.2, have been amended to remove the requirement for the Transition Plan to include "Dated milestones for each step of the plan." Offerors need not include specific dates for each step. However, offerors shall include specific time frames in which each step will be completed (e.g. "within XX days of completion of Step YY") in the Transition Plan. Offerors shall assume that all task orders would begin in the base period of the IDIQ contract.</i>
36	TO#1, Section 4.1.2	2	Paragraph 2 & 3	TO #1 Section 4.1.2 discusses analysis of vulnerability data, and developing a triage process for that analysis. What is the current approach to validating the vulnerabilities? Are the vulnerabilities being re-created and tested on a VM or other representation of the vulnerable software? In the documentation it said there was an average of 20 minutes of analysis per vulnerability, which does not seem consistent with re-creating the vulnerability.	<i>An initial description of the vulnerability is produced by the vendor reporting the vulnerability. The analyst takes the description, and along with any information that can be found on specific research sites, will perform a risk categorization and classification using CVSS. Vulnerabilities are not recreated as a part of the analysis.</i>
37	TO#6, Section 4.1	2	Paragraph 2	TO#6 - Section 4.1 outlines the first step as interviewing a maximum of 5 staff. Is it likely that the 5 staff members are in the same region, and can it be assumed that these interviews can occur in a span of a few days, as to reduce costs to one trip?	<i>All of the relevant staff are at the NIST Gaithersburg facility, therefore it is entirely possible the interviews could be scheduled within a few days unless someone is out of the office during that time period. (e.g., at a conference, on PTO, etc.)</i>
38	TO#7, Section 4.1.1	2	Paragraph 2	TO#7 - For Section 4.1.1 which discusses creating a survey of the Different IoT Sectors/Verticals. This indicates that sources shall originate from Industry groups, business trade organizations, internet resources, and IT research and advisory committee. Will these sources and membership to these organizations be provided to the contractor? Additionally, will any IoT Devices be provided for this TO to test and evaluate recommended practices, etc.?	<i>Contacts and information will be given as available, but it is also expected that the contractor should be bringing some expertise in the area to bear. Any membership fees necessary will be provided by the government, however, only with prior approval from the COR. This TO does not include actual testing of IoT devices. This TO is intended to be at a higher level of abstraction than individual device testing.</i>
39	Task Order 3. 5.2 Documentation Support	3	7	In Task Order 3, all tasks under 5.2 Documentation Support are listed as labor hour tasks. However, they are listed as Firm Fixed Price in the solicitation on page 103 of 114. Are these tasks Labor Hour or Firm Fixed Price?	<i>All tasks under Section 5.2 of TO 3 should be Labor Hour. Section L.2 has been amended to reflect this correction.</i>

40	Amendment 1, Q&A	1	Question 10	<p>The answer in Question 10 of the Q&A released with Amendment 1 indicated that "Past performance of individual members from their past employers is acceptable." If an Offeror (Prime or Subcontractor member) were to use past performance from an individual member from their past employers, then:</p> <p>1) Can the government clarify what information would be required for the PPQ in regards to contract value, contract type, etc for that individual member past performance?</p> <p>2) Would the past employer be the customer reference that completes the questionnaire?</p>	<p><i>There may be a misinterpretation of the Government's answer to Question #10 from Amendment 001. The Government was saying that Offerors can submit past performance of individual members of their team, even if those individual members were working for different employers at the time of performance. However, the past performance effort the references are evaluating the individual on shall still be for a recently completed government or commercial contract for services similar in scope to those of this requirement, for work completed or substantially completed within the last three years. Therefore, the information given on the PPQ with regards to contract value, contract type, etc. should still be the information for whatever contract/order the individual member performed under and is being evaluated on. The actual agency/entity that received the services of the company or individual should still be the reference that completes the PPQ.</i></p>
41	Section L; Section 5.0 – Price Requirements; Subsection B	102, 103 and 104	2, and Task Order Instructions for TOs 4, 5, and 8	<p>The Government states, "For any task orders that include travel requirements, the offeror shall clearly identify its total proposed ceiling price for estimated travel costs." Also, in Subsection B in the detailed Task Order paragraphs, under Task Orders 4, 5 and 8, the Government states, "Offeror shall estimate a total ceiling travel cost of \$15,000.00", "Offeror shall estimate a total ceiling travel cost of \$20,000.00", and "Offeror shall estimate a total ceiling travel cost of \$20,000.00" for Task Orders 4, 5, and 8 respectively.</p> <p>Subsection B does not specify a requirement to provide any supporting documentation for these proposed ceiling prices for estimated travel costs. Is it the Government's direction that Bidders include these referenced ceiling travel costs with no supporting documentation?</p>	<p><i>That is correct. Offerors need not provide supporting documentation for their proposed ceiling travel costs, since the ceiling travel costs have been pre-defined by the Government.</i></p>
42	PWS 2. Scope of Work	30 of 114	2nd paragraph	<p>The support needed to ensure a successful mission ranges from internal programmatic support to technical expertise and research consulting in a wide range of cyber and information security areas."</p> <p>When performing any "research consulting", if we include intellectual property from our corporate Internal Research and Development (IRAD) efforts, would this preclude us from selling our products? We are concerned about OCI issues.</p>	<p><i>There is nothing in this contract that would preclude the Contractor from using its previously developed IP in commercial products. Nothing in this contract should affect background IP (IP developed prior to the contract work).</i></p>