

IFIB:

IFIB-ACT-SACT-20-47, CONTRACTOR SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC FORESIGHT BRANCH: CHINA SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

Reference:

Q & A # 2

Date of Issue:

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The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB. Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
1. Given the pandemic constraints, where is the location for this work? I assume that the majority of the think tank/SME work can be conducted offsite.	See IFIB Statement of Work, page 5, para 8, Place of Performance.
2. How much, if any, of the expected work is classified?	No way to know what the break down between classified or unclassified work load will be. Expect work to be both classified and unclassified.
3. Is a draft PWS available now?	If the PWS pertains to Performance Work Statement, this starts on page 1, right after the bidding directions page 14.
4. Are you looking for a specific headcount of personnel or is this just one person?	See IFIB Statement of Work, page 3, para 6, Level of Effort.
5. How are the hours justified? 1800 hours is 225 days, short of a 260 work year.	See IFIB Special Terms and Conditions, page 1, para 3f.
6. What are the expected products, services, deliverables, etc?	See IFIB Statement of Work, page 3, para 6, Level of Effort. This is a level of effort contract not designed around specific, as of yet unknown deliverables. Deliverables will be developed as required and tasked during the period of the contract.
7. Is there an incumbent, and if so, what are the details on that current contract?	No incumbent or current contract. This a completely new requirement.
8. How much international travel to Asia, and other areas, is expected?	See IFIB Statement of Work, page 5, para 8, Place of Performance. This is a level of effort contract not designed around specific, as of yet unknown travel requirements. Travel requirements will be determined as required and tasked during the period of the contract depending on the deliverables.

<p>9. Is there someone in the Foresight Branch that we can talk with in more detail about the demand side for SMEs?</p>	<p>All questions regarding the IFIB will be answered by the Foresight Branch unless it is contract related. Continue sending questions to the POCs mentioned in the IFIB.</p>
<p>10. Will this opportunity be setup as a set side for small/veteran owned firms?</p>	<p>As long as the company is a NATO-member governmental source.</p>
<p>11. What is the rational for NATO to need SME professionals for something that is primarily outside of Europe?</p>	<p>See IFIB Statement of Work, page 1, para 3, Rationale.</p>
<p>12. Is there any possibility of accelerating the contract to close before the end of FY 20?</p>	<p>See IFIB Statement of Work, page 2, para 5.b. Period of Performance.</p>