

IFIB: IFIB-ACT-SACT-22-132 , SME Contract Support for the China Analysis and Cross Function Support Capacity

Reference: Q & A # 1

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

Questions	Responses
<p>1a. Will HQ SACT confirm that funding has been secured prior to the proposed POP start of 1 January?</p> <p>1b. Does HQ SACT have an Independent Government Cost Estimate or budget for this support?</p>	<p>1a. An approved Purchase Order will be issued if funding is available. We cannot guarantee confirmation of funds at this time, but anticipate funding to be available prior to POP start date.</p> <p>1b. Cost estimate per the posted NOI, Estimated annual amount, \$600,000 estimated cumulative amount, \$3,000,000</p>
<p>2. Page 6, #15. Bid Evaluation --> Does HQ SACT have a specific time period in mind to conduct pre-award discussions with Key Personnel given the 5 December due date and 1 January start date?</p>	<p>Should there require Technical Clarifications from the received bids, the CAC team will reach out for clarification to help with the Contract Awards Committee process and closeout.</p>
<p>3. Page 15, Enclosure 5 (Re: 1800 hours/annually) --> Can the Government confirm that all US Holidays are recognized? Are there other recognized holidays (international) that are recognized by NATO given the 1800 hours / annual?</p>	<p>The number of HQ SACT Holidays may vary from year to year. As a baseline, the assumption is 15 days of HQ SACT holidays.</p>
<p>4. Page 19 - Enclosure 6 states, "Develop and maintain a China and Asia-Pacific community of interest for ACT within NATO and with broader relevant parties, including IOs, NGOs, think tanks, academia and industry regarding existing and emerging strategic issues; --> Can the Government include a current or sample list of organizations that would be most relevant / advantageous for an individual or company to have relationship with?</p>	<p>No specific list as long as it is a well-known organisation recognised for the depth and accuracy of its analysis related to China.</p>
<p>5. Page 19 - Enclosure 6 states, "Provide support to Strategic Foresight team for ACT conferences and workshops that address issues related to China and the Asia-Pacific;" --> Is this requirement correlated with the anticipated 2x/annual travel?</p>	<p>Yes, even if most of this support is internal within the HQ.</p>
<p>6. Page 21 - Enclosure 6, 9. Proof of Past Performance --> Given the specialized nature of this work and limited magnitude, would the Government consider reducing the Past Performance requirement to (1) vice (2) total?</p>	<p>Yes, HQ SACT would consider reducing the past performance requirement to one however, since this is a 5 year time period, the work performed should be of significant importance to be reduced at 1.</p>

<p>7. Page 21 - Enclosure 6, 10. Required Travel --> Can the Government provide the anticipated workshop locations?</p>	<p>No. It is not yet settled.</p>
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