

**Question:** Is the Period of Performance only 7-Months i.e.; 1 Jun 09 – 31 Dec 09? The only place in the Bid Documents that addresses the Period of Performance is in PART I, Bidding Instructions, Para 4, Price Format. The General Provisions, Section 14 Contract Duration, Page 12 of 40 states, "The duration of this contract is stated in Part I of the contract." There is no Period of Performance listed in Part III, SOW.

**Answer:** The period of performance is 7 months as specified in Part 1. The Period of Performance will not be specified in the SOW.

**Question:** Is the Contractor required to provide the Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE) as alluded to in the SOW, Para 2.12 or will the PPE be provided by NATO as specified in the SOW, Para 2.12 a)?

**Answer:** At all times, the Contractor is responsible for possession and proper use of PPE. If, on an available basis, NCSA can make it available, then it will be so. NCSA sees no conflict with this clause. Due to the current influx into theatre, and subsequent demand on inventories, bidders should anticipate the private purchase of PPE and reimbursement thereof by NCSA.

**Question:** In the SOW, Para 2.12 c) Travel, the last sentence states, "This also applies to the leave period mentioned above." We did not find mention of Leave Period within the SOW. So, does this sentence apply and, if so, what leave period is it applied to/where can we locate it?

**Answer:** The sentence will be struck.

**Question:** Amendment 1 to the Solicitation requires a daily rate per individual at NCHQ. For pricing purposes, would you please provide the standard working hours in a workday at SHAPE in Mons, Belgium?

**Answer:** Working Hours at NCHQ are Monday to Thursday 0830 – 1730 and Friday 0830 - 1530. Lunch is 1 hour to be taken between 1130 and 1400.

**Question:** The Invitation for Bid letter states that three documents are enclosed; Bidding Instructions, NCSA General Provisions and Statement of Requirement. However, the General Provisions' narrative references Special Provisions in several locations. Are there Special Provisions for this bid?

**Answer:** Currently, no Special Provisions are identified nor anticipated.

***Additional Questions to which an answer is being drafted:***

**\*\*Pre-deployment training**

Where will the pre-deployment training take place?

How many days will the consultants be in training?

Will the consultants be paid during the training (speculating the training is in Mons, which would be the reason for a daily rate in Mons per Amendment 1)?

Who pays for the cost of travel from the consultants' present locations to either Mons or the pre-deployment training site, whichever comes first?

**\*\*SOW, Section 2, 2.1 Scope of Project states, "Lodging will be arranged on the KAF military compound."**

Will lodging be provided at no cost to the consultants?

If the consultants will be charged for the lodging, please provide the amount of daily cost.

Does the lodging consist of tents or portable buildings?