

November 25, 2020

Attention: All Prospective Offerors

Subject: NOAA-C5 Request for Proposal/Solicitation and Offer (RFP) 6400016493

**Proposal Due: December 22, 2020, 4:00 PM EASTERN TIME**

Type of Subcontract Anticipated: Fixed Price Subcontract

## OVERVIEW

UT-Battelle, LLC (UT-Battelle) operates the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for the Department of Energy (DOE) under Prime Contract Number DE-AC05-00-00OR22725. ORNL, in support of a Strategic Partnership Project between DOE and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will acquire a Specialized High Performance Computing resource that can fulfill the global and regional numerical climate modeling requirements of NOAA.

## REQUEST

ORNL invites you to submit a proposal in accordance with RFP 6400016493. The RFP documents and attachments are published on this website. **It is the responsibility of all interested Offeror to monitor this website for amendments, questions and answers, and other updates. Email notifications may not be issued.**

Your proposal must be submitted electronically, via email, to Mitzi Bailey at [baileymb@ornl.gov](mailto:baileymb@ornl.gov) in accordance with the Proposal Preparation Instructions. NOTE: Each email is restricted to 25MB in total size by the ORNL Exchange server.

Your offer must be prepared in accordance with Section J – “Representations and Instructions” of the Solicitation and Offer and “General Solicitation Instructions” which can be found at the ORNL Acquisition Management Services website at [http://web.ornl.gov/adm/contracts/art\\_forms.shtml](http://web.ornl.gov/adm/contracts/art_forms.shtml).

Acceptance of late proposals will be at the sole discretion of ORNL. ORNL reserves the right to (1) make selections on the basis of initial proposals; (2) negotiate with any or all Offerors for any reason; (3) award subcontract(s) based on all or part of an Offeror’s proposal, including any options contained in the proposal, (4) reject any or all proposals and make no award, (5) waive any minor irregularities in any proposal, and (6) cancel this RFP.

In response to this RFP, Offerors may submit more than one proposal. Each proposal must be fully standalone meeting all requirements of the RFP.

Proposal preparation costs will not be reimbursed.

The UT-Battelle Procurement Officer is Mitzi Bailey who may be reached by telephone at (865)241-2402 or by email at [baileymb@ornl.gov](mailto:baileymb@ornl.gov). Question must be submitted in writing to the UT-Battelle Procurement Officer in accordance with the RFP.

The submission of a proposal in response to this RFP constitutes acceptance of all the provisions of each section of the RFP and related documents unless the Offeror identifies the specific exceptions that are made. If exceptions will be taken (including exceptions to Terms and Conditions, Special Articles, forms or Exhibits), they must be 1) provided with your offer and 2) submitted in WORD format, with track changes enabled. The terms on our website in PDF can be converted to Word or can be obtained from me. Be advised that failure to accept the terms and conditions may result in significant, unacceptable delays in award of the Subcontract, which will be considered in evaluating your proposal and may result in your offer being considered non-responsive.

#### **FUNDING**

The total price of the base award including all options shall not exceed \$24,500,000.00.

#### **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

ORNL and DOE will treat all properly marked commercial, financial, or technical information submitted in response to this RFP as proprietary information. Proper marking requires that each page containing proprietary commercial, financial or technical information be marked "Proprietary" or its equivalent. ORNL and DOE assume no liability for disclosure or use of unmarked data and may use or disclose unmarked data for any purpose. Unless restricted, information submitted in response to this RFP and subsequently used for procurement purposes may become subject to public disclosure pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

ORNL will make their best efforts to (1) maintain such proprietary information in confidence, giving it the same degree of care, but no less than a reasonable degree of care, as the Laboratories exercise with their own proprietary information to prevent its unauthorized disclosure; and (2) only disclose such proprietary information to their employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors on a "need-to-know" basis.

To assist in the evaluation process, Offerors agree that ORNL can disclose proposal information including proprietary information to ORNL Subcontractors, the Government, NOAA, and NOAA subcontract personnel.

#### **Export Control**

If any Export Control Information is included in the proposal, your proposal cover letter/email must include a notification to the Company specifically stating Export Control information is included. The proposal must specifically identify the Export Control Information and the

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associated controls. Each electronic file and page containing Export Control information must be marked "Export Control" and identify the level of control.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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