

D – Information technology services, including telecommunications services

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General Information

GENERAL: This is a non-personnel services contract to provide Fiber Optic Backbone upgrade. The Government shall not exercise any supervision or control over the contract service providers performing the services herein. Such contract service providers shall be accountable solely to the Contractor who, in turn is responsible to the Government.

I. Description:

The contractor shall provide all personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, transportation, tools, materials, supervision, and other items and non-personal services necessary to perform the Fiber Optic Backbone addition and upgrade as defined in this Performance Work Statement except for those items specified as government furnished property and services. The contractor shall perform to the standards in this contract.

II. Evaluation:

Offers will be evaluated in accordance with FAR 52.212-2. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: (1) contractor qualifications and technical capability, (2) past performance, and (3) price. Contractor qualifications/technical capability and past performance, when combined, are more important than price. The Government reserves the right to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with Offerors.

The Government plans to make an award to the responsible offeror whose offer conforms to the requirements herein and represents the greatest or best value to the Government. However, this request in no way obligates OSC to award a contract, nor does it commit OSC to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the quotes.

Office of Special Counsel anticipates awarding a firm fixed price contract not to exceed the ceiling price of \$25,000.

If required by OSC, the Contractor shall provide the required services in individually negotiated fixed-price task orders. The scope of the task orders may include, but is not limited to, providing consultation, training, support, and other advisory activities as assigned by OSC. (FAR 16.105, FAR 52.216.1) If task orders are required, each task order associated with this contract will be individually negotiated as funds allow.

III. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT:

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel is seeking quotes from qualified organizations interested in providing the services described in the Performance Work Statement below.

BACKGROUND: The US Office of Special Counsel is operating a Windows Server based network in its building at 1730 M Street, NW in Washington, DC. There are two adjoining rooms on the 2nd floor; one is the Server room and the other the Telephone Room where all the Phone equipment is located. Additionally there is a connection closet on the 3rd floor for telephone and data equipment. We are currently utilizing Nortel Ethernet switches that are capable of supporting 1 Gbps data rates. The Server Room and the Telephone room are connected with individual 10BaseT cables for the servers. There is a 12 fiber backbone between the 2nd and 3rd floors. This fiber has been installed at different times and is a mixture of SC and ST connectors with the equipment mainly having LC connections. The fiber and jumpers are a mixture of 50 and 62.5 micron fibers.

OBJECTIVES: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has a need to upgrade its internal fiber backbone network communication infrastructure. Currently, there is a need to increase the number of available fiber strands between the second and third floors at the headquarters facility in Washington, DC. In addition, new HP C7000, HP C3000 and HP StorageWorks equipment mounted in the four (4) American Power Corporation (APC) cabinets located in the server room need to communicate with the Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch 5632FD located in the telephone room, which is in an adjoining room, at a data rate of 10Gbps. Hence, fibers will need to be run between the equipment and Nortel Ethernet switches. In addition to the needs for extra fiber optic cables, there is a need to simplify and standardize to one type of fiber interface. Currently, there is a mixture of several different fiber interfaces and fiber types in our fiber backbone network environment. There are ST, SC and LC connectors currently used in our environment. To reduce the complexity, the agency will standardize everything to only LC connector interface with 50 micron fiber capable of supporting 10Gbps over the backbone fiber being installed.

SCOPE:

1. This will be Firm Fixed Price Contract.
2. This work will be performed at the US Office of Special Counsel located at 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.
3. Any portion of this upgrade project affecting existing services will need to be performed after hours with normal working hours between 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.
4. All debris will be removed by vendor including the removal of existing fiber and existing distribution boxes
5. Contractor shall install a 1RU Fiber Distribution Unit in each of the APC cabinets on the 2nd floor with appropriate fiber adapters to terminate the 24 fibers in the cabinets.
6. Contractor shall install a 2RU Fiber Distribution Unit in the 2-post rack in adjoining room on the 2nd floor with appropriate fiber adapters to terminate the 96 fibers from the server room and 48 fibers to the 3rd floor in the 2-post rack.
7. Contractor shall install a 1RU Fiber Distribution Unit in another 2-post rack in the main telephone closet on the 3rd floor with appropriate fiber adapters to terminate the 48 fibers from the 2nd floor in the 2-post rack.
8. Contractor shall install, terminate, test and label 24-strands of 50 micron Multimode fiber in each of the four (4) APC cabinets in the server room.
9. Contractor shall run each 24-strands of 50 micron Multimode fiber from each of the four (4) APC cabinets within inner duct above the ceiling to a 2-post rack in adjoining telephone room located on the 2nd floor.
(See attached Drawing)

10. Contractor shall install 48 strands of 50 micron Multimode Armored Fiber from the 2-post rack on the 2nd floor to the 1RU Fiber Distribution Unit in the 2-post rack in the telephone closet on the 3rd floor. The Fiber needs to be able to support 10Gbps data transmission over the distance.
11. Contractor shall test and certify these newly installed fibers. The LC connectors average insertion loss shall be .1db with a standard deviation of .1db. (no connection shall exceed .3db)
12. The existing fiber connections between the 2nd and 3rd floor need to be switched over to the newly installed fiber and the old fiber needs to be removed from service.
13. All hardware associated with the old fiber needs to be physically removed from the rooms and the inner duct that was used cut back so it is not visible.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: The work is to be performed in a 1 month period from the time of contract award

RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS: The contractor is not required to perform services on the holidays listed below.

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday as specified in Scope section

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: The work to be performed under this contract will be performed at the US Office of Special Counsel located at 1730 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

TYPE OF CONTRACT: The government will award a Fixed Price Contract

PHYSICAL SECURITY: The contractor shall be responsible for safeguarding all government equipment, information and property provided for contractor use. At the close of each work period, government facilities, equipment, and materials shall be secured.

CONTRACTING OFFICER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR):

The (COTR) will be Larry Avrunin. The COTR monitors all technical aspects of the contract and assists in contract administration. The COTR is authorized to perform the following functions: assure that the Contractor performs the technical requirements of the contract; perform inspections necessary in connection with contract performance; maintain written and oral communications with the Contractor concerning technical aspects of the contract; issue written interpretations of technical requirements, including Government drawings, designs, specifications; monitor Contractor's performance and notifies both the Contracting Officer and Contractor of any deficiencies; coordinate availability of government furnished property, and provide site entry of Contractor personnel. A letter of designation issued to the COTR, a copy of which is sent to the Contractor, states the responsibilities and limitations of the COTR, especially with regard to changes in cost or price, estimates or changes in delivery dates. The COTR is not authorized to change any of the terms and conditions of the resulting order.

IV. QUOTE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Provide a narrative description of past experience with **Fiber Optic Backbone upgrades** for government agencies and expertise in the fields of **Fiber Optic Backbone upgrades**. Prior demonstrated familiarity with small agencies is preferred. Include the company names, contact persons, telephone numbers, and mailing addresses.

2. Offerors' proposals shall be valid for a minimum of 30 days and this period of time should be stated in the proposal.

V. ADDITIONAL CLAUSES/PROVISIONS/TERMS:

COMPLETE AGREEMENT – (FAR 52.227.1) The purchase order and all documents attached represent the entire agreement between the US Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and the Contractor. Any modification, alteration or amendment to this purchase order must be in writing and signed by an authorized agent of the OSC.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE – (FAR 52.246.2, & FAR 52.246.4) The Contractor shall tender for acceptance only those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The OSC reserves the right to inspect, test or evaluate any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The OSC may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or re-performances of nonconforming services at the Contractors expense. The OSC must exercise its post acceptance rights- (1) Within a reasonable period of time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and (2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item. Inspection and acceptance will be at destination, unless otherwise provided in writing. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejections, risk of loss will be on the Contractor unless loss results from negligence of the OSC. Final acceptance by the OSC will be conditional upon fulfillment of the above requirements.

OVERPAYMENT – (FAR 52.212-1) If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate invoice payment or that the OSC has otherwise overpaid on an invoice payment, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.

WARRANTY – (FAR 52.212-1) The Contractor warrants and implies that the goods and services furnished hereunder are merchantable, fully conform to the OSC's specifications, drawings, designs, and are fit for intended use described in this contract. The Contractor agrees that the supplies or services furnished under this contract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives to all customers for such supplies or services, and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the Government by any other clause of this contract. Contractor agrees to pass through all warranties from other manufacturers.

TITLE –(FAR52.245-1) Unless otherwise specified in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the OSC upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the OSC takes physical possession.

EXCUSABLE DELAYS – (FAR 52.212-4) The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the OSC, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

DISPUTES –(FAR 52.233-1) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Contracting Officer. All disputes must be submitted within 12 months after accrual of the claim to the Contracting Officer for a written decision. The Contracting Officer shall mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. This decision shall be final and conclusive, unless within 60 days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the Special Counsel of the US Office of Special Counsel. The decision of the Special Counsel or his duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive, unless determined to have been fraudulent, or capricious or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or not supported by substantial evidence. The Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE – (FAR 52.214-4)The OSC may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to

provide OSC, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the OSC shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the OSC for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the OSC improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

TERMINATION FOR THE US OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL CONVENIENCE – (FAR 52.212-4 & 52.213-4)

The OSC reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the OSC, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the OSC any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided.

CHANGES – (FAR 52.243.1) The OSC may at any time, in writing, make changes within the general scope of this purchase order to include: (1) Technical requirements and descriptions, specifications, statements of work, drawings or designs; (2) Shipment or packing methods; (3) Place of delivery, inspection or acceptance; (4) Reasonable adjustments in quantities or delivery schedules or both; and, (5) OSC-furnished property, if any. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of or the time required for performance of this purchase order, the Contractor shall inform the OSC in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of change request. Any additional charges must be approved in writing by the OSC authorized procurement officer executing this purchase order. Contractor shall not make any changes without the written consent of the OSC authority executing this purchase order.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL – (FAR 52.223-3) The Contractor shall inform the OSC in writing at the correspondence address listed on the purchase order prior to shipment and delivery of any hazardous material. Any materials required by this purchase order that are hazardous under federal, state or local statute, ordinance, regulation, or agency order shall be packaged, labeled, marked and shipped by the Contractor to comply with all federal, state and local regulations then in effect.

OTHER COMPLIANCES – (FAR 52.212-1) The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

INSURANCE and BONDS – (FAR 52.228-1-52.228-5) Contractor shall maintain at all times during the performance of this contract Commercial General Liability Insurance.

Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with statutory requirements and limits.

If during the performance of this contract, a vehicle is required, contractor shall maintain business automobile insurance.

If this contract relates to any type of media exposure, then Contractor is required to have professional errors and omissions coverage.

Limits of such bonds or insurance policies are to be determined. OSC shall be listed as an "additional insured" under the comprehensive general liability and business automobile policies. Proof of insurance shall be in the form of a binder, policy, or certificate of insurance and this is to be submitted to the OSC's Procurement Officer prior to work being initiated.

OSC-INV-1 Invoice Requirements

Invoices shall be submitted to OSC_Payments_NBCDenver@nbc.gov . For assistance, please call Karen Knoll (303) 969-5770. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice must include the following information and/or attached documentation:

- (a) Name of the Business concern and invoice date.
- (b) DUNS or DUNS+4 number
- (c) Purchase Order number or other authorization for delivery of the goods or services.
- (d) Description, price and quantity of goods and services actually delivered or rendered.

- (e) Name, title, telephone and fax number, and mailing address of point of contact in the event of an invoice discrepancy.
- (f) Shipping and payment terms. Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading (GBL). If prepaid, parcel post charges are billed, the gross weight and shipping point must be shown.
- (g) Other substantiating documentation or information as required by the purchase order.

Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Compliance. In the event that Contractor will be developing, acquiring, and/or producing products and/or systems pursuant to this Contract that will be connected to a network or that will interface with the World Wide Web, the following provisions shall apply:

OMB Memo M-05-22, dated August 2, 2005, requires that all agencies' infrastructure must be using IPv6 and all agency networks must interface with this infrastructure by June 2008.

The Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the products and/or systems to be developed, acquired, and/or produced pursuant to this Contract will be IPv6 compliant. These products and/or systems must be able to receive, process, and transmit or forward (as appropriate) IPv6 packets and must be able to interoperate with other systems and protocols in both IPv4 and IPv6 modes of operation.

If the product or system will not be compliant initially, the Contractor will provide a migration path and express commitment to upgrade to IPv6 for all application and product features by June 2008. Any such migration path and commitment shall be included in the Contract price. In addition, the Contractor will have available contractor/vendor IPv6 technical support for development and implementation and fielded product management.

Clauses incorporated by reference: (FAR 52.252-2

Vendor shall include a completed copy of the provision at FAR 52.212-3, Vendor Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items, with their offers. The following clauses apply to this acquisition and are hereby incorporated by reference or full text, and are to remain in full force and effect in any resultant contract: Full text clauses and provisions are available at: <http://arnet.gov/far>. The Contractor shall comply with the following OSC and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses incorporated by reference, unless the circumstances do not apply: References herein to the "Government" shall be deemed to mean the US Office of Special Counsel.

FAR 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration; The Vendor must be registered on the Central Contractor Registration database (CCR). Information concerning CCR requirements may be viewed via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling the CCR Registration Centers at 1-888-227-2423. Only contractors who are registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) can be awarded a contract.

FAR 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders?Commercial Items including the following clauses in paragraph (b):

FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions: Commercial Items with the following Addendum:

FAR 52.202-1 Definitions;

FAR 52.203-5 Covenant Against Contingent Fees;

FAR 52.203-6 Restriction on Subcontractors Sales to the Government;

FAR 52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures;

FAR 52.204-6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number,

FAR 52.211-5 Material Requirements.

FAR 52.211-17 Delivery of Excess Quantities.

FAR 52.213-2 Invoices.

FAR 52.213-3 Notice to Supplier

FAR 52.213-4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

FAR 52.216-1 Type of Contract;

FAR 52.216-24 Limitation of Government Liability;

FAR 52.216-25 Contract Definitization;

FAR 52.217-7 Option for Increased Quantity—Separately Priced Line Item.

FAR 52.217-8 Option to Extend Services.

FAR 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract

FAR 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside;

FAR 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns;

FAR 52.219-11 Special 8 (a) Contract Conditions;

FAR 52.219-12 Special 8 (a) Subcontract Conditions;

FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting;

FAR 52.219-17 Special 8 (a) Award;

FAR 52.219-18 Notification of Competition Limited to Eligible 8 (a) Concerns;

FAR 52.222-3, Convict Labor;

FAR 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities;

FAR 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity;

FAR 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans;

FAR 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Worker with Disabilities;

FAR 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans; Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities;

FAR 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees;

FAR 52.222-41 Service Contract Act of 1965, as Amended.

FAR 52.222-43 Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts).

FAR 52.222-48 Exemption from Application of Service Contract Act Provisions—Contractor Certification

FAR 52.223-13 Certification of Toxic Chemical Release Reporting;

FAR 52.223-14 Toxic Chemical Release Reporting;

FAR 52.225-1 Buy American Act—Supplies.

FAR 52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases;

FAR 52.225-18 Place of Manufacture

FAR 52.226-6 Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations

FAR 52.227-3 Patent Indemnity.

FAR 52.227-5 Waiver of Indemnity

FAR 52.227-6 Royalty Information

FAR 52-227-7 Patents—Notice of Government Licensee
FAR 52.227-10 Filing of Patent Applications—Classified Subject Matter.
FAR 52.227-17 Rights in Data—Special Works
FAR 52.227-18 Rights in Data—Existing Works.
FAR 52.227-19 Commercial Computer Software—Restricted Rights;
FAR 52.232-1 Payments;
FAR 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer. Vendors must have electronic funds transfer (EFT) capability.
FAR 52.232-36 Payment by Third Party,
FAR 52.233-1 Disputes
FAR 52.233-2 Service of Protest;
FAR 52.233-3 Protest of Award;
FAR 52.233-4 Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim;
FAR 52.243-1 Changes—Fixed-Price.
FAR 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items;
FAR 52.247-35 F.o.b. Destination, Within Consignee's Premises,
FAR 52.249-2 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed-Price),
FAR 52.249-8 Default (Fixed-Price Supply and Service).

VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

If you decide to submit a quote, it must be submitted to the Office of Special Counsel contracting office no later than the date and time indicated below.

Offers must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on August 5, 2009. No solicitation document is available; and a request for a solicitation document will not be considered responsive. Any questions on this solicitation should be submitted in writing to Douglas Stickler, Contract Officer, through e-mail to dstickler@osc.gov no later than July 29, 2009. Questions received after the deadline may not be answered.

OSC assumes no responsibility for receipt of a quote; but, you may call or email for confirmation. Mr. Stickler can be reached via e-mail at dstickler@osc.gov or via facsimile at (202) 653-8939. Receipt of this RFQ through the internet must be confirmed by written notification to Mr. Stickler if the Offeror wishes to be notified of any amendments to the solicitation. Offerors should retain for their records copies of any and all enclosures which accompany their proposals.

The Offeror assumes full responsibility for ensuring electronic offers are formatted in accordance with OSC security requirements. The following file extensions are not allowable and application materials/data submitted with these extensions cannot be considered: bat, cmd, com, exe, pif, rar, scr, vbs, hta, cpl, and zip files.

Microsoft Office compatible documents are acceptable. If the Offeror determines other formats are necessary, it is the Offeror's responsibility to verify with OSC that formats are acceptable. Offer materials with unacceptable or unreadable

formats may be found to be non-responsive.

When offers are hand-carried or sent by courier service, the address for offers is the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street NW, Suite 218 Washington, D.C. 20036-4542

For offers sent via US Mail, FedEx, or similar methods, the address is: U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street NW, Suite 218 Washington, D.C. 20036-4542

Interested offerors may email dstickler@osc.gov to receive notification when any amendments are issued and available for downloading. Please note that the Office of Special Counsel provides the notification service as a convenience and does not guarantee that notifications will be received by all persons on the mailing list. Therefore, we recommend that you monitor the U.S. Office of Special Counsel web site for all information relevant to acquisitions.