

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. Contract ID Code		Page of Pages 1 4	
2. Amendment/Modification No. 0001		3. Effective Date Dec 18, 2000		4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No. EDOERI-01-000002		5. Project No. (if applicable)	
6. Issued By Contracts and Purchasing Opr., Group D U.S. Dept. of Education, Rm 3616, ROB-3 Seventh and D Streets SW Washington, DC 20202-4447				7. Administered By (if other than Item 6) Code SEE BLOCK 6			
8. Name And Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code) TO ALL OFFERORS				(X)		9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. ED-01-R-0002	
				X		9B. Date (See Item 11) Nov 22, 2000	
						10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.	
						10B. Date (See Item 13)	
Code		Facility Code					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO ADMENDMENTS OF SOLICIATATION							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Item 8 and 15, and <input type="checkbox"/> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; Or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be telegram or letter, Provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required) 1100A22001ERK R0511722521A SE \$							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
(x)		A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth item 14 are made in the contract order No. in item 10A					
		B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) Set fourth item 14, pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103 (b)					
		C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:					
		D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)					
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/Contract subject matter where feasible.) SEE PAGE #3							

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10 A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and affect.

15A. Name and Title of signer (Type or Print)		16A. Name and title of contracting office (Type or Print)	
15B. Contractor/Offoror (Signature of person authorized to sign)		16B. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
15C. Date		16C. Date Signed	

SCHEDULE

Item No.	Supplies/Services	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
0001	ACCESSERIC New Competition FY 2001	1	EA		

The purpose of the contract amendment is fourfold: 1). To extend the closing date for RFP ED-01-R-0002; 2) to provide a revised estimated level of effort chart; 3) to revise the evaluation criteria relating to small business participation; 4) to respond to offerors' questions about RFP ED-01-R-0002; and, 5) to include the past performance chart, along with instructions.

Accordingly, RFP ED-01-R-0002 is amended as follows:

1). RFP Closing Date: The closing date is extended from December 22, 2000 to January 4, 2001. The closing time remains the same.

2). The Department is revising the estimated yearly level of effort appearing on page 73 of the RFP to read as follows:

POSITION	ESTIMATED BASE YEAR LABOR HOURS
Director	1,500 hours
Associate Director	2,000 hours
Technology Specialist	2,000 hours
Information Specialist	2,000 hours
Other Professionals	4,000 hours
Program Support Staff	2,500 hours
TOTAL	14,000 hours

3) Clause M.1, Evaluation Factors for Award, Paragraph C, Item #5 – Small Business Participation (page 94) is revised to read as follows:

The Contracting Officer shall assign up to 20 BONUS POINTS to an Offeror that provides documentary evidence that: 1) the Offeror is a small business concern; or, 2) demonstrates the proposed use of Small Business firms under this contract and the meaningfulness of the work for which the Small Businesses are proposed to conduct. Categories of small business concerns relevant to the Department's Goals include:

- i. Women owned businesses
- ii. Small disadvantaged businesses
- iii. HUBzone small business concerns, and
- iv. Other small business concerns.

The small business subcontracting plan will only be included as part of the offeror's business proposal. The Contracting Officer will make the determination about the number of technical evaluation points to be awarded for small business participation.

4). The following are questions and the Government's responses regarding RFP ED-01-R-0002:

Question 1 - RFP Section B.1, Award Fee, page 19 states that the government will determine the award fee every 12 months beginning in the first month of the subsequent option year. In our experience, the award fee is typically determined every 3 - to 6 months. Longer periods can result in a hardship to a contractor's cash flow. Will the government consider a quarterly review and quarterly payment of the award fee?

No. The award fee Clause B.1 -216-70 is based on contractor performance for an entire contract year and not shorter periods of time such as semi-annual or quarterly. A one-year evaluation period is a reasonable time upon which to evaluate contractor performance. Base Fee will be paid by the Government with each monthly invoice.

Question 2 - RFP Section L.6, Additional Business Proposal Instructions, page 77 stipulates that the award fee should not be included within the business proposal. Is it correct to assume that the base fee may be included?

Yes, it is correct to include the base fee in the business proposal. It is unnecessary to include the award fee in the business proposal, because it is already listed in the performance indicators.

5) Attached to this amendment is the past performance worksheet & instructions.