

Q 33: It is stated in section 4.B.1.3. Section F (Cost, schedule, milestones) that the proposal should include "estimates of each cost for each deliverable delineated by the primes and major sub-contractors, total cost, and company cost share, if any." Does the government want this cost data included in both the Cost Volume and the Technical and Management Volume?

A 33: Yes. Section 4.B.1. outlines the requirements for the Technical and Management Volume, and Section 4.B.2. describes the requirements for the Cost Proposal. Section 4.B.1.3. Section F specifically addresses the "estimates of each cost for each deliverable", with instructions on how to break out the costs between primes and subcontractors (if applicable); whereas Section 4.B.2. Section 2 specifically requests that "supporting cost and pricing information must be provided in sufficient detail to substantiate the summary cost estimates" within the Technical and Management Volume. Section 4.B.2. Section 2 also provides detailed requirements for the estimate cost breakdown.

Q 34: It is stated in Section 1.A of the BAA that "access to a classified cloud computing environment" will be provided. Will the provided cloud data be continuous (e.g. streaming), or in time bucketed batches?

A 34: The data will be streaming and there also will be data sets that are updated in batches.

Q 35: Will the cloud data be static, or dynamic from the point-of-view of the timeframe it covers? For any given month, once the data cloud has been populated for that month, will that month's data remain stable (i.e., static)?

A 35: The processed data from the SIGINT collection system are dynamic and the data are stored for various timeframes. The data in the cloud analytic environment will be accessible for performers to develop and test algorithms within the relevant timeframes. In all cases, Mercury is bound by NSA technical, legal, and policy constraints regarding data storage.

Q. 36. Please confirm how and where the unclassified proposal is to be submitted. Section 4.A.1 states that 'Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the procedures provided in Section 4.C.2. There is no Section 4.C.2.

A. 36. The instructions for proposal delivery have been issued to offerors with approved co-use/joint-use agreements. These instructions apply to both classified and unclassified proposal Volumes. If you have not received instructions, please submit a notification to the email provided for questions in the BAA. The BAA will be updated to add paragraph 4.C.2. (see amendment 4).