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Contract

Please confirm if this requirement is applicable to COTS and general construction equipment.

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Please confirm if this requirement is applicable to all Task Orders not yet issued as subcontract requirements cannot be determined for unknown task orders and a subcontractor used for Phase I and Phase I may not be utilized on all future task orders.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:17 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: HSBP1017R0022_Solicitation Questions
Attachments: HSBP1017R0022 - Solid Concrete Wall Prototype Construction Design-Build Questions.xlsx

Good afternoon,

Questions on RFP HSBP1017R0022 are attached for the Government's review.

Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:20 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: HSBP1017R0023: Question
Attachments: Question - HSBP1017R0023.xlsx

Team

I have attached an Excel file with a question regarding the subject RFP. Question is repeated below for convenience.

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Table L.1 – Questions Format (HSBP1017R0023)

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Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:32 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: HSBP1017R0022, Phase I

(b) (5)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:44 AM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD <borderwalldesignbuild@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: HSBP1017R0022, Phase I

To whom it may concern,

i would like to submit a proposal of a Border Wall Design Concept to the solicitation process (HSBP1017R0022, Phase I). The proposal has been attached to this email as an PDF document (HSBP1017R0022 - Phase I - Border Wall - Design Concept by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).pdf)

I'm not familiar with this kind of solicitation process, but hope that it is possible as a private person to take part in the selection process and that the proposal meets the required standards. At this point I would also like to apologize in advance if my english does not meet the standards.

In addition I would like to receive an acknowledgement of receipt of this e-mail and proposal.

Yours sincerely

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 5:11 AM
To: Robin Romero; BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: RE: Solicitation Number: 2017-JC-RT-0001

See www.fbo.gov. Go to HSBP1017R0022 and HSBP1017R00023.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:12 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD <borderwalldesignbuild@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Solicitation Number: 2017-JC-RT-0001

Dear Contracting Officer -

Please indicate when DHS will be posting RFP HSBP1017R0022

Thank you

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Interested Vendor

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:05 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: Info

To whom it may concern,

Please indicate if within the RFP that will be issued, the specific requirements and format for the concept paper presentation of the wall prototype will be indicated.

Thank you for your time,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Vendor

From:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:09 PM

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HSBP1017R0022 Phase 1

Attachments:

Question Matrix 4.xlsx

Attached please consider additional question for the subject solicitation

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:00 PM

To:

BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD

Cc:

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Subject:

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Attachments:

Question Matrix 3.xlsx

Attached is one additional question.

Solicitation RFP HSBP1017R0022 Phase 1

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Is seismic design required for the for the prototype	
Can the Functionality of the wallL ability to facilitate/interact with gates and fences be better defined?	
Does the prototype need to take into account going over drainage structures?	

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Question	
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<i>Question</i>	
Section 1 Demonstrated Experience requires that experience reference projects be "(completed to at least 50% or more within the past 5 years). Can the 5 year timeframe be increased to within the last 10 years to allow for inclusion of more projects to be considered as demonstrated experience?	
How often and when will questions and answers be provided?	
Is the submittal allowed in pdf or does it have to be in word or excel?	
Are the structural drawings part of the 10 page limitations?	
What is the service life of the wall?	
Please expand on the definition of anti-tunneling.	
What is the design criteria (i.e. LRFD, ACI, Etc.)?	
Where do we get the Border Patrol Approved Design Standards referenced on page 62 of the pdf documents? See Border Wall Design Considerations, C.3.1.	
Is the terrain slope requirement 45 percent as shown here or 45 degrees as shown on page 39 of Section L?	
Please clarify whether the prototype wall is to be designed and constructed to a height of 30' or 18'. The cost and constructability will be severely impacted by the 12' differential and the evaluations not comparable.	

: What is the proximity of proposed border wall to border/existing fence?	
Is there a maximum width or thickness of the wall?	
Are see through properties a requirement?	

From:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Monday, March 20, 2017 5:27 AM

To:

BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD

Subject:

Border Wall Build Question

Hello Sir or Madam,

I am inquiring on behalf of my boss from China, he is very interested in assisting President Donald Trump in his work with the Mexican Border Wall. I would like to verify the steps for the first phase of the proposal due by March 29, 2017.

Do we have to fill out the first 2 pages of this document :[file:///C:/Users/lwu/Downloads/HSBP1017R0022 - Solid Concrete Wall IDIQ RFP \(003\)%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/lwu/Downloads/HSBP1017R0022 - Solid Concrete Wall IDIQ RFP (003)%20(1).pdf) ?

and then what other documents must we provide for the first phase?

Please if I could get a contact phone number, that would be greatly appreciated as this is our first time attempting to assist a major US project. We are highly experienced in the management of multi-billion dollar companies in China, and we feel that we are more than adequate for the execution of this job.

thank you kindly,
Secretary

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 7:52 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: RE: [FWD: HSBP1017R0023 - (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]

Per solicitation, an amendment will be issued answering questions posed.

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD <borderwalldesignbuild@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: [FWD: HSBP1017R0023 - (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)]

2nd request as no reply received. Pls advise where we can view the reply.

Thank you,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

----- Original Message -----

Subject: HSBP1017R0023 - (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Date: Sat, March 18, 2017 11:52 am

To: BorderWallDesignBuild@cbp.dhs.gov

Hi,

We have a question regarding "Other Border Wall RFP / Solicitation Number: HSBP1017R0023"

(b) (4)

Thank you,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:16 AM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: FYI/Heads Up - Border Wall RFPs

Good Morning,
This is just an FYI.

V/r,
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:01 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: FYI/Heads Up - Border Wall RFPs

Good morning (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

In case you get any questions, I wanted to let you know about something I spotted. Please see the text below in red. Regards, -

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Regards, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:40 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: HSBP1017R0023 Phase 1
Attachments: HSBP1017R0023_Phase1_Questions.xlsx

To Customs and Border Protection,

Please see our questions for solicitation HSBP1017R0023 (Other Border Wall RFP) Phase 1.

Best Regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
[Redacted Signature]

From:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:40 PM

To:

BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD

Subject:

HSBP1017R0022 Phase 1

Attachments:

HSBP1017R0022_Phase1_Questions.xlsx

To Customs and Border Protection,

Please see our questions for solicitation HSBP1017R0022 (Solid Concrete Border Wall RFP) Phase 1.

Best Regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Table L.1 - Questions Format

Question No.	Reference	Question Category
	<i>Solicitation or Attachments, and # Section</i>	<i>Contract or Technical</i>
	Solicitation, Section L: Page 36 bottom paragraph: 1 <u>Subcontractors</u>	Contract
	Solicitation, Section L: Page 38, Phase I Concept Paper/Request for Qualifications, 1) 2 Demonstrated Experience	Contract
	Attachment #1: SOW, Article C.3 - General Intentions, C.3.1 Border Wall Design 3 Considerations	Technical
	Attachment #1: SOW, Article C.3 - General Intentions, C.3.1 Border Wall Design 4 Considerations	Technical
	Attachment #1: SOW, Article C.3 - General Intentions, C.3.1 Border Wall Design 5 Considerations	Technical

	Attachment #1: SOW, Article C.3 - General Intentions, C.3.1 Border Wall Design	
6	Considerations	Technical

Question

Question

For Phase I submission, does unequivocal letter of commitment need to include the services being provided by the Soubcontractor?

The Concept Paper is limited to 10 pages, exclusive of PPC and Summary matrix. The RFP allows up to three different Concept proposals per Proposer (6 for JVs). Clearly depicting the details of Proposed concepts will be extremely challenging in the allotted numbers of pages. Is there an opportunity to have a separate concept package - maybe with visuals only for each proposed concept?

SOW provides hole dimensions and durations to breach for smaller tools, but is silent on other design criteria such as vehicular impact (mass and speed), Progressive collapse requirements, resistance to blast wave pressures, etc. These technical requirements will have an impact on the design concepts as well as construction methods and costs. Please advise if additional technical criteria will be provided in Phase I.

Certain concepts lend themselves favorably to Objective Requirements as well as Threshold requirements. However, achieving Objective requirements may result in additional cost per length of wall. Are there thoughts about the representative value of the Objective requirements above and beyond threshold requirements?

The first Objective Requirement is to create viewing opportunities through the wall. Is this intended to be a continuous viewing window: a certain size window at a typical spacing, or some other prescriptive requirement.

As it relates to the approach to the wall as it relates to the water body dividing the two countries. Is the intent to build the wall in our side in high land (possibly limited access to the water body from the north side) or is the intent to provide a wall within the river, and if so, does it also need to extend a minimum of 18 Ft.?

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:36 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RFP HSBP1017R0023.

Hello,

In regards to the border wall Solicitation HSBP1017R0023. We have some questions below.

Questions:

Will barbed wire, or razor ribbon, or spikes, be acceptable for the top of the fence, to prevent climbing?

Is there a requirement on installation rate for the fence, after the mock up phase on the project?

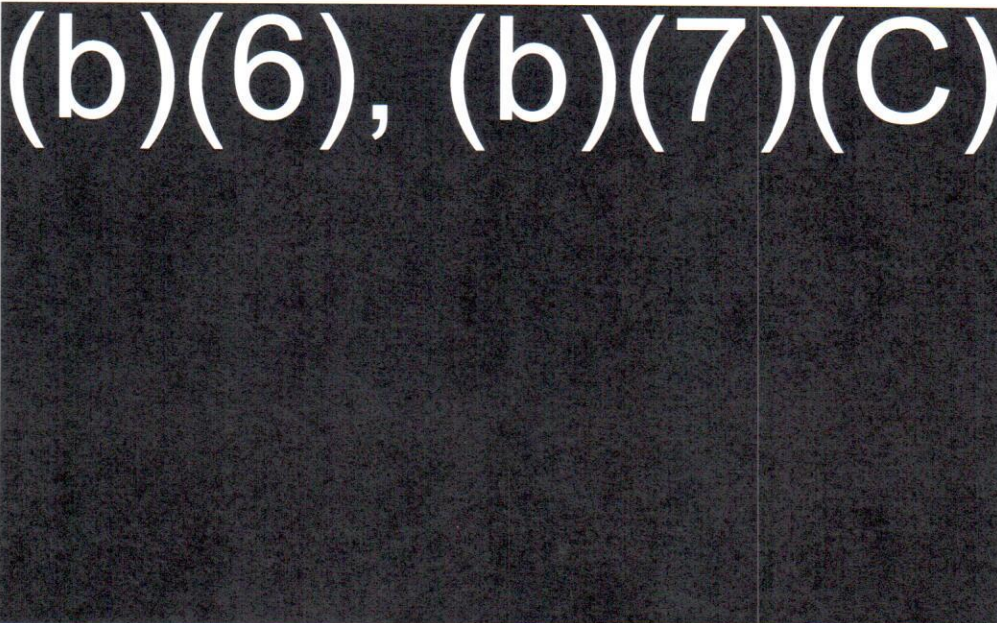
Would a razor ribbon mesh panel be acceptable?

Is a taut wire intrusion detection fence acceptable, to add to the fence panel?

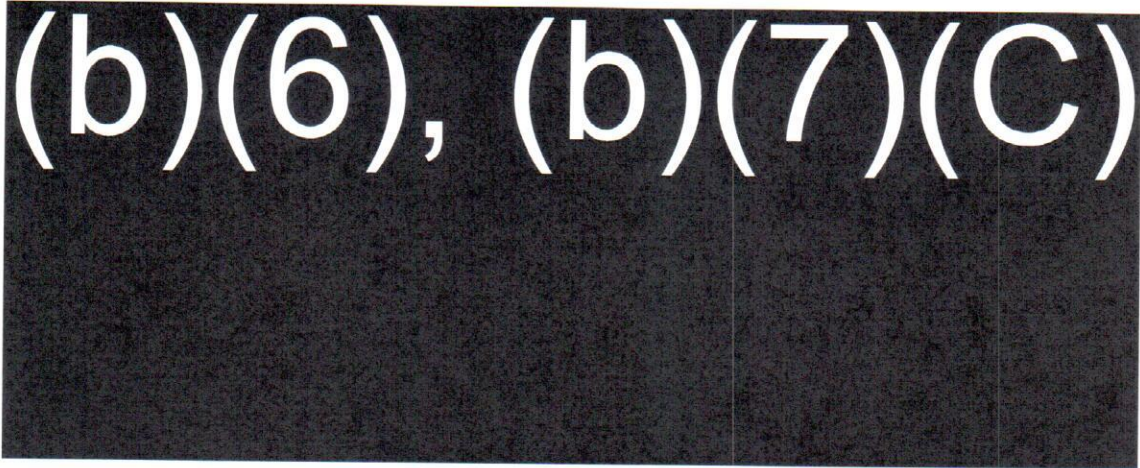
Does the bottom 12FT of the fence need to be see through?

Thank You,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 10:50 AM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Subject: Border wall

Would you have the contact information of the border wall project lead?

Relating to the design of the wall, I would like to pass on a few comments.

1. I really want a successful border barrier project.

2. The location of the wall is more important than what the wall is made out of. There is no mention of location in the RFP.

If the area on BOTH sides of the wall are controlled, a chain link fence usually works fine. The most secure prisons in the world only use chain link fences as they control both sides of the fence and don't allow anyone to approach the fence without serious consequences.

When the fence is placed up against the border and only one side is controlled, even if it's 30' tall and made out of concrete it will still be cut through and climbed.

The northernmost unbroken border wall should be located a significant distance from the border 1/2 to 50 miles north of the actual border to give CBP the advantage of operating 90% of the time on the South side of the wall.

3. Build your wall where it is easily defended.

Response times are far better when you build the wall in locations that are easy to defend. The Great Wall of China is a great example of always building along ridge tops to give defenders the advantage and attackers the disadvantage. Building the wall where you force intruders to cross significant distances after being detected is advantageous in many ways. Don't post border patrol personnel in inhospitable/remote areas if possible.

4. Fast transportation along the wall is critical.

Responses to intrusions must be quick and 24-7 available. Additionally, responses should be unpredictable and undetectable to avoid telegraphing your movements to approaching enemies. Transportation solutions should be part of your RFP.

5. Sensors and utilities are critical

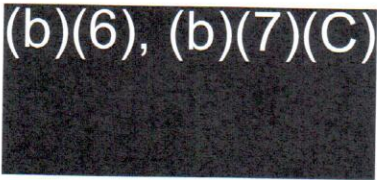
Detection is critical to enable response and apprehension before they touch our big beautiful wall. Utilities and sensors for detection and assessment are critical and should also be part of this RFP.

I appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 7:53 AM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) seeks latest RFP's

Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) we wish to bid on building the Wall. We need the latest RFP(s) and all specifications and format requirements. We need to understand the deadline--is it 11:59 pm April 4, 2017, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, or Indiana time?

What other requirements will we need to comply with? We are signed up with the Federal Business Opportunities site but we have no category number for our company.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:01 AM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RFP announcements for border wall

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would you please add the staff copied here to the distribution list for these announcements. Thanks!

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:42 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: 3/14/17 Updated: Pre-Solicitation Notice

Good morning, the following was posted on FedBizOps.

<https://www.fbo.gov/spg/DHS/USCS/FPSB/2017-JC-RT-0001/listing.html>

The Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, is finalizing the request for proposal and still estimates release soon. Industry interest has been very high. To accommodate the industry interest and feedback, DHS CBP intends to expand the opportunity for offerors to propose wall designs. We currently contemplate releasing two RFPs—one focused on concrete designs, and one focused on other designs.

Note: Please direct all future inquiries regarding this project to the following email address:

BorderWallDesignBuild@cbp.dhs.gov

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:35 PM
To: BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: HSBP1017R0022 Phase 1

To Whom It May Concern:

Would it be possible to get a one week extension on the response deadline for this RFP?

Is the 6 feet anti-dig/anti-tunnel required to be 6 feet vertically or can it be 6 feet horizontally?

Respectfully,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Monday, March 20, 2017 7:17 AM

To:

BORDERWALLDESIGNBUILD

Subject:

2 RFP's??

The instructions for the two RFP's (HSBP1017R0022 and HSBP1017R0023) look identical. Should both forms be filled out and returned...or are they indeed separate instructions?

Thank you?

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)