

**PENTAGON MEMORIAL
INDUSTRY DAY
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
(QUESTIONS 2 – 9)**

2. Can the March 11, 2003 RFQ response deadline be extended?

Answer: Yes. The due date for your responses to the RFQ has been extended to 12:00 pm (noon) EST on Monday, March 17, 2003. Amendment 0002 to the RFQ will formally extend the submission deadline.

3. In terms of relevant project experience, is design-build experience as important as the project type being a park, or memorial, etc.?

Answer: Please refer to the “Relevance Aspect” chart in the RFQ in paragraph 3.8.1.2. The Xs in the columns indicate what aspects must be present for that project to be given its relevance rating. In addition to the other aspects indicated, a project must also be a design-build project to be rated as either “Very Relevant” or “Highly Relevant”.

4. Will the Government pay stipend to those teams who submit a proposal in Phase II?

Answer: A stipend will not be paid for this project. The Pentagon Renovation Program usually includes a stipend for the Phase II offerors who submit proposals because the RFP response requires the offerors to develop a preliminary design as part of the proposal submission. For this project, a design concept has already been selected. Therefore, a stipend was not considered appropriate for this project.

5. Will the Industry Day slides and the attendance list be available on the website?

Answer: Yes. The slides have been posted to the Pentagon Renovation website along with the Attendance list. Go to <http://renovation.pentagon.mil>, click on “Contractor Opportunities”, then click on “Ongoing Competitive Acquisitions”. The slides and attendance list are located there with the other Phase I information.

6. If project costs reach 120%, will the contractor still get an award fee?

Answer: The 120% ceiling cost associated with the Fixed Price Incentive contract type is not directly tied to the award fee. The project is evaluated and an award fee is paid on a quarterly basis. The contractor’s achievements in the area of cost control will be considered as part of the quarterly award fee evaluation. For example, running over budget may be cause for a reduction in the award fee paid that quarter. The final cost of the project will not be known until the audit is performed at the end of the project, and would therefore not affect the quarterly amount of award fee that would already been paid to the contractor.

7. Is attendance at the Industry Day Briefing mandatory?

Answer: The Industry Day briefing was intended to provide information but was not mandatory. Teams who did not attend may submit responses to the RFQ.

8. Scoring criteria is not communicated in the RFQ. It sounds like the evaluation will be subjective, not objective. Will numerical scores be used?

Answer: The evaluation for both Phase I and Phase II will be rated in a subjective manner. The Pentagon Renovation Program does not use a point system. An adjectival rating based on the evaluation board's subjective evaluation is assigned to each factor or sub-factor. In Phase I, a "confidence" rating is assigned, and in Phase II, a "merit" and "confidence rating are assigned. Definitions of the confidence ratings using in Phase I are shown in the Industry Day briefing. See Question 5 to see how to view the Industry Day briefing.

9. Can a firm contact the Concept Designers?

Answer: At this time (during Phase 1), the Concept Designers should not be contacted. The Concept Designers have been requested not to answer any questions. This maintains the "level of the playing field" which is the objective of the source selection process. Also, the firm's response to this part of the RFQ is what should be presented and not the Concept Designers' response.