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Q&A Transcript

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Please identify yourself, which firm you're from, who you might be addressing it to, and we'll do our best to answer it.

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Thanks.

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Ryan King with Manson.

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I was just wondering: is there going to be a federal PLA on the project requirement?

I encourage you to submit a PPI for that, but the PLA requirements have not been incorporated into the solicitation at this time.

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Good morning, Ignazio Teriaga, provider of our materials.

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Is there an established hierarchy or weighting methodology applied to the price and non-price evaluation criteria?

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Yes, that's included in the basis of evaluation in section 0022000.

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There is additional information included there that describes the weighting and how the government will be evaluating those factors.

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Hi Anthony.

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Claudia with Supply Corp obviously huge traditional contracting model here, but when **it comes to like prefabricated structures, IT storage solutions things of that, isn't that effect open to using rapid procurement models like DLASOE etcetera to acquire some of that off the shelf items encourage you to submit APPI?**

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But Dave, did you want to?

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Yeah, great question.

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We'll get back to you on that one, sorry.

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Hello, hello, I'm the STAR master with lane construction.

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A question regarding the role: can you tell me more about the assigned part of the teams?

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When we go through the ATC step, are we going to use also assigned to finalize the assign some components of like standard assigned or it's just going to be more of a Technical Support during the ATC to help we look at the benefits?

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Yeah, I'll try to cover that.

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But I think Dave and Kim can go into more detail that speaks to how we're utilizing the ATC phase for the project.

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So there's some informational material as attachments to the solicitation that describes what the ATCS consists of.

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When we award the MACC, every MACC awardee is going to receive an ATC task order.

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That task order is going to be where you are communicating to the government.

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You recommended changes to the design package for the marine task order.

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The output of that ATC task order phase will be the finalization of that RFP package that'll be issued to the MACC holders.

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So I, I hope that gets to the root of your question, but that's kind of in a nutshell why we're doing the agency things.

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So designer record is joint venture of WSP, Stantec and Moffett Nickel.

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They will remain the design record, the designer of record for this contract.

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Now the ATC process, the title is somewhat misleading.

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One element of what you have in your solicitation is the DIVO 1 specs that Kim spoke to.

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So we're enlisting your input on the final development of that DIVO 1 spec.

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So it really ATCS takes 2 forms.

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There's what we think of as non-proprietary, and that's helping us write the contract.

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We've taken the best jab at it.

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We've been discussing it for years now, and the final output of all of our discussions on how to administer the contractor is reflected in those Division One specs.

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What can we do things better?

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Can we do differently?

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Let's engage the contractors and solicit their input on those Division One specs.

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So that's why we provided that.

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But then comes the non-proprietary, the technical, more technical aspects of it that will be part generated as part of the ATC process.

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Kim, do you wanna speak to that?

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I think I just wanted to make sure I understood your question.

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Are you asking that if as part of the ATC performance work statement period of work, if you're down selected, do you have to have signed and sealed drawings for an alternative proposal?

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Is that what you were asking?

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Correct and a typical design-build secure man right the team would have to complete the sign or some elementary sign.

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So if the HTC is only to have an assigned team to help you look at alternatives or how to improve, we just go ahead and give feedback.

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No, no, I don't think I can read the words on here, but Dave was kind of getting at, and I probably could have said this better.

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Alternative technical concepts is a label, but it's not all technical.

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So all the packages have some level of delegated design in which there will be a designer that's not part of the current AEJV for I could make up an element, but you know, fire pumps or sprinklers, right.

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And then that gets even higher as you go up into a mega project like this.

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So the ATC is a lot of risk-based logistics security.

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So it's not all like hammer, nail, screw.

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How is this all going together?

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The drawings say X, we want it to say Y.

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And a part of our ATC phase is we're going to, we're going to do a design differently over here because we can do it, you know, $2.00 cheaper.

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That doesn't have to be signed at the end of the ATC phase.

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It just has to be, well, we, we haven't written the performance work statement yet, but the intent would be that if you make a widget idea better, that ATC phase would be to talk about that, and the government would say OK or not OK, or let's talk about it some more.

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Is that I'm still trying to make sure I got your question.

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But then your team will finalize that design.

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So we just kind of bring this idea, but the signing is our team; we're just providing.

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Yeah, that's what I, yeah.

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And I don't think we're prepared to answer that right now today.

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Yeah.

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But I that's totally on our list, that concept.

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Yeah.

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Hi, David Chambers at Streamline General Construction.

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Quick question: how granular do you want the proposals to be to include for example, you say you want small business, you want history of small business utilization: Do you want those small businesses to be part of that team when they're when it's submitted?

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Yeah, so the teaming requirements are extensive, but as it relates to the prime contractors, the offers that received MACC awards, that's where letters of commitment and whatnot come into play.

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So just be familiar with these middle requirements.

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But you that's different from having every subcontractor agreement we might ever use over the life of the contract in place and signs that's not required.

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So there's a difference.

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If you are subcontracting out who your designer of record is, we want that signed agreement to be included with your proposal submission.

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But you might have a multitude of second- and third-tier subcontractors to perform this mega construction contract work that we're doing.

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All of that paperwork doesn't need to be included.

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So it just depends on are you subcontracting out a key element of your, your, your team for something like a design on record?

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If so, then yes, that documentation is being included that.

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Yeah, OK.

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So want to be respectful of those online.

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Do we have any questions from the online contingent that we have 6 might want to cover?

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We have, we have a handful.

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OK.

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First question: will it be possible to bring construction materials such as concrete and other required aggregates via trucks?

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Or will material import be restricted to barge or rail only?

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There's certainly no restriction on how you would bring material to and from the construction site.

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There's certainly more efficient ways to approach it alluded earlier to 900,000 cubic yards of excavated material.

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If I was going to haul that off-site via truck, like I said, I could get 8 to 10 yards cubic yards in a truck.

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I get 3000 cubic yards in a barge.

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So it works more efficiently or that I should say there are more efficient options that are out there and there's no restriction currently on how material would be delivered or removed from the project site.

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OK, thank you.

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Next online question.

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It appears portal crane rails are in package 3, but when will the portal cranes be purchased, delivered, and commissioned?

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Also, will crane purchase be independent and directly from the Navy or part of the construction projects?

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So one thing you'll notice that was absent from those four construction packages that we highlighted.

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Yes, there's the portal crane rails.

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They're the piles that support the portal cranes, but the portal cranes aren't in any of those packages right now.

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The direction is that we'll utilize the Navy standard process, IE the procurement will occur via the Navy Crane Center as a separate contract vehicle that will not be part of the multi-mission dry dock MACC that is the concept at present.

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So Navy Crane Center would issue a separate contract.

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The cranes would be designed, fabricated, and delivered to the project site independent of the multi-mission dry dock MACC that is the concept today.

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Thank you.

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Next online question, is there a minimum small business participation number?

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Yes, and all of those details are stipulated in the solicitation section 002200 within the factor itself for this small business.

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Hi there.

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I'm just wondering if there are any current restrictions on small businesses from Canada.

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I'm supplying subcontract work to this project submit APPI, but at this time I'm I don't under, I don't anticipate we'll have any restrictions, but we'll take a look at that and clarify via an amendment.

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OK, Next online question.

1:27:22
Is it correct to assume that only one company can be awarded an individual package or that multiple contractors can be awarded separate tasks under a single package?

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So multiple contractors will receive IDIQ base contracts under this MACC.

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Those MACC holders will receive a task order award, but we have described earlier that all MACC holders will be getting a task order for the ATC phase.

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But with respect to the major task orders for the marine work, the dry dock work, those will be awarded to 1 MACC awardee in person.

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Question over here.

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Good morning.

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You mentioned you guys are establishing a separate enclave outside the CIA for this project site.

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Have you established the security requirements for access to that enclave, and will that run through either Knapp FAC or Puget Security?

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Oh yes.

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So this is in the heart of attachment.

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MI would urge you to read work restrictions in the Division One package and then those orientation drawings in the upper right hand where we've kind of I think we've actually shown the intent for the exclusion where the fence will go.

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And so yeah, it's it is in there, but it is an attachment M and someone had a question earlier about restrictions for trucking or whatever work restrictions us.

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Not to toot anyone's horn, but the O 114 is really detailed about all the restrictions for working on this project because some of it does have to go into the CIA.

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So a lot of that is spelled out.

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The goals of this exclusion zone and how that works are definitely an attachment.

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And if you want to see what the government has tried to do to make this easier, OK, I have got about 5 remaining in-person or online questions.

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Next one: what requirements will there be for procurement rules, i.e., Buy America for raw materials?

The Buy America terms and conditions will be included in each task order award for each package.

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The MACC itself will have the general overarching provisions and clauses, but when the task order for the work is issued, it'll provide the applicable Buy American requirements.

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Thank you.

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And a handful of questions asked the same thing, which is, will an attendee list be shared for today, and will that include potential proposers so that people could reach out to assist with small business participation goals?

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Yes.

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So all documentation from today's event, which includes the slides that we've shared, the sign-in sheets, the questions and answers that are being provided, will be included in a solicitation amendment, and we will post that to the Pi solicitation module, and you'll see a corresponding announcement post to sam.gov, and all that information will be available.

1:31:01
OK, will there be any networking events before bids are due?

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Offers are encouraged to pursue those.

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But as within the solicitation process, this is the kind of the Navy has had extensive public engagement and teaming opportunities leading up to today.

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But today's event will allow some additional teaming opportunities for primes and subs that are here as well.

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But we don't have any other formal teaming engagement scheduled at this time.

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Hi, good morning.

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Matt McKinnon, KJV: You mentioned the small business participation commitment document, and it was evaluated on the base contract.

1:32:01
Do you mean that that is the $15 billion entire task orders all-encompassing, or is it the initial ATC 1 to $2,000,000 task order?

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Great question.

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Within the submittal requirement, there's some added emphasis, but the form itself has the contract not-to-exceed value of 15 billion already pre-populated.

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And that's intentional because we want all offers submitted plans to describe how they're going to meet the goals for the overall MACC value.

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OK.

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One other, you mentioned, you know you're awaiting the ROD decision.

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Will that impact the Pier 2 ship fitter welder upcoming solicitation?

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It will not impact the releases or the solicitation; of course, the new Pier 2 construction and ship fitter welder facility are providing that overall description that's found within the EIS.

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We need to get that ROD signed before we can make an award.

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They're retrieval commitments or resources that I think is to determine if we didn't do that, we want to go ahead.

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We are going to go ahead and release those RFPs, though we can't make an award absent the ROD.

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Added clarification I'll provide.

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That's one of the many Phase 0 enabling projects Captain Brown and Dave have described.

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That particular project is beyond the scope of this MACC solicitation.

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This is a gargantuan program and a number of these enabling projects are being procured under varying contract arrangements.

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And I don't want that to add any confusion, but that specific project is not going to be included in this MACC.

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Good morning, Edda Tienza from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

1:34:01
I had a question about the technical package.

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You highlighted significant short power differences between the Nimitz and the Ford class carriers.

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Do all pier and dry dock facilities need to support both?

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You're welcome to submit that via PPI.

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Of course.

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The new dry dock we want to construct is an intermediate multi-mission dry dock.

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Also, when we release the respective construction packages, they'll include provisions for all shore power requirements that will meet the needs of the future Ford-class carriers, and it'll include other provisions for shore power requirements.

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Not in the tech package that you have today, but as the future construction packages are released, they will include all those details and what needs to be constructed.

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I'm going to have a guess here, but I'm not really involved in them.

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But I do believe we have several major electrical infrastructure Milcon projects that are

bringing that high voltage to these actual, more vertical or infrastructure construction projects.

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So they're not in what we call P454. They are in other P numbers that are currently under construction to make sure there is enough power for everyone on the waterfront.

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We don't want to short anybody power; major substation rebuilding in the shipyard for sure.

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One question regarding the number of teams that will be awarded in the MACC, you mentioned that for the start, that will be approximately 5.

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Can you clarify a little bit more on that?

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Let's say you have six or seven teams that need the qualification, and you will still learn to award only five teams or it depends on the.

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Unfortunately, we won't be able to provide a determination on that until we've received and evaluated proposals, which is one of the reasons we do state approximately 5, but that'll be determined as part of the source selection process, and we're unable to provide a more specific number at this time.

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OK, returning to online questions, this person notes that the listed sequence work package outlines include no mention or accommodation for digitization or connectivity.

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Is there a requirement for digital connectivity incorporating ML/AI automation and other modern industry solutions?

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Will IT data digital automation considerations be contracted separately from this MACC?

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So we've made reference to the four construction packages that build out the dry dock, and the specific provisions for IT requirements and other communication protocols will be spelled out specifically in each of those respective construction packages.

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That level of detail is not currently included in the solicitation documents that are out there for viewing.

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So yes, ultimately, we'll specifically spell out all those requirements.

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We haven't done so because it's not needed for the multi-mission drive like MACC solicitation.

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Thank you.

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Next is a clarification question.

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It sounds like there will be work opportunities for local firms that are not key parts of formally submitted proposals.

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Is that a correct assumption?

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Yes, but not from the government does not require that.

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But any and all interested parties and offers are free amongst themselves to form whatever teaming arrangements they think will make them the most effective to meet this Navy's need.

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And so that there are no restrictions on what those teams consist of and look like and how they're staffed.

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OK.

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Do you anticipate future ATC task orders for packages two and three similar to the one for package #1?

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Yes.

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Next question: it sounds like the proposal will consist of three documents: the proposal cover letter, the non-price proposal, and the price proposal. Is that correct?

1:38:56
Yes.

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OK.

1:39:01
Will the recording and transcript of this meeting also be shared?

1:39:06
Yes, super.

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There's two more remaining online questions.

1:39:14
Please advise when offers may anticipate receiving responses to previously submitted PP. There's a note that outstanding PP addresses matters that are critical to proposal development and may affect the team composition and qualifications.

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Yeah, acknowledged.

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That's one of the reasons we strove to come prepared with some responses for today's event.

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We will diligently work to get all responses to PPI issued via amendment in as timely a manner as possible.

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OK.

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And the final question currently in the queue is: when will structural drawings become available?

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When the task order RFPs are issued for each respective package, that additional information will be included.

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Question about any sustainability requirements on the project, more specifically any embodied carbon reductions required.

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It's a good question.

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I'm trying to say that the embodied carbon, not the projects, has to comply with the high-performing sustainable building guiding principles.

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So there is a Division One specification O12933, although I could get that wrong, that outlines it depends on the package.

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Definitely, vertical construction of package 3 has third-party certification requirements.

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But package one, package two, you have to read those Division One specs.

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Do you have any last questions at the moment?

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Thank you.

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The small business goal looks like you've come down from the standard 20% to 10%.

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Did, did you do any market study to back that up to make sure the industry can support it, or how did we come that number that's $150 million a year based on what we've heard today?

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Very good and important question.

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Just we can't elaborate on all of the analysis that went into that.

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But yes, that is the subcontracting requirement at this time.

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Is there a requirement for construction waste management?

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Oh yes, another attachment M Division One section.

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I think it's actually titled Construction Waste Management.

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Hey, well, if you're keeping track at home, Jonas said submit at PPI about 46 times.

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So let's go ahead and do that.