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Answers to Questions Received

1. Can you provide some details regarding the size of the agency? MCC is a new agency and very small.
2. How many employees? 300
3. How many functional departments? Seven Departments
4. Any other sizing parameters you can provide to help with scope? Approximately 120 Oracle Financials users
5. With respect to the cost proposal requirements, please clarify whether you are requesting the price on a FFP or T&M basis? T&M
6. How long have you been running the Oracle financials at NBC? Since approximately June 2004
7. We find no specific reference to Grants Management, yet it would appear that the “assistance” that MCC offers requires grants management functionality. Based on this, the questions are as follows:

Does the MCC issue “grants”? If yes, are these grants subject to the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107)? If they are not grants from the perspective of Public Law 106-107, the underlying question remains as to whether the process of providing assistance is substantially similar to a traditional grants process?

Yes MCC will comply with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107).

We are in the process of establishing a grant program and will be making awards within the next couple of months. Financial management will be handled on a reimbursable basis and for the first grant it will be based on milestone completion. It has been our experience that funding pools are established for obligation purposes when budget approvals are identified, but here at MCC it is taken from the program that requests the awards. I don't know if that is the appropriate way to handle it but we will gain knowledge as we mature.

8. Statement of Work Section D – Conflict of Interest indicates: **“The Contractor selected for this study task is not eligible to be selected as the implementation Contractor for a new financial system”**. Please clarify:
 - a. Will the Contractor selected for this study task be eligible to be selected as a Program Manager or Program Management Office (PMO) for the new financial system acquisition and/or implementation?
No, The Contractor will not be eligible.

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- b. Will the Contractor selected for this study task be eligible to be selected as Independent Validation & Verification (IV&V) provider for the new financial system implementation?
No, The Contractor will not be eligible.

- c. Will the Contractor selected for this study task be eligible to be selected as a sub-contractor to the prime integrator for the new financial system implementation?
No, The Contractor will not be eligible.

- d. Will a Sub-contractor to the Contractor selected for this study task be eligible to be selected as the PMO, IV&V, or the implementation Contactor for the new financial system?
No, The Sub-Contractor will not be eligible.

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9. Will the government demonstrate any preference during evaluation for SBA certified small businesses?

There is no evaluation preference for SBA certified small businesses.

10. Though not explicitly asked, there may have been an implication that the forthcoming recommendations from this project may somehow be restricted because of MCC's relationship with NBC. Please note that MCC uses the National Business Center (Department of Interior) as our Financial LOB, HR, and eTravel applications service provider and for operational support. For the purposes of the Financial Systems Strategic Assessment, Task #3, Options and Recommendations, NBC's computing platforms, systems, applications, staffing, or other constraints should be considered immaterial. The recommendations made to MCC will consist of the full range of available options without regard to current computing limitations.