

**Management and Operating Contractor
for the
Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (TJNAF)**

Solicitation Number: 89243125RSC000148

**Questions and Answers
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1. Question: Do you need to be a member of either the Office of Science and/or the Department of Energy to submit a proposal for this competition?

Answer: No, you do not.

2. Question: Will the importance of each factor be ranked the same in the new RFP as they were in the cancelled RFP?

Answer: The RFP is in the process of being finalized. Once released, the RFP will contain the overall relative importance of the evaluation factors.

3. Question: Can DOE provide a percentage value of the importance of the Science and Technology mission versus laboratory operations at TJNAF?

Answer: It is not anticipated that percentage values will be assigned to the evaluation factors. However, once released, the overall relative importance of the evaluation factors will be contained in the RFP.

4. Question: Does DOE plan on changing any Key Personnel criteria, as far as the type of positions and number of Key Personnel allowed, and what evaluation factors will be used to assess and grade proposed Key Personnel?

Answer: The RFP is in the process of being finalized. Once released, the RFP will contain the criteria for Key Personnel. However, consistent with prior Office of Science solicitations, it is anticipated that there will not be a maximum number of Key Personnel that can be proposed.

5. Question: Does DOE anticipate adding any new requirements for Key Personnel that differ from the cancelled RFP, specifically a requirement for U.S. citizenship?

Answer: The RFP is in the process of being finalized. Once released, the RFP will comply with all applicable laws, Executive Orders, and regulations. However, there is currently no requirement for Key Personnel to hold U.S. citizenship.

6. Question: Is it fair to assume that the RFP scheduled to be released in the fourth quarter of FY 25 will be a final RFP?

Answer: Yes. The RFP that will be released during the fourth quarter of FY 25 will be a final RFP. A draft RFP will not be released.

7. Question: We have noted the variety of recent executive orders impacting recipients of Federal awards. We have also noted recent government efforts to update the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) which govern contract procurements such

as TJNAF (see <https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul>). Does DOE anticipate implementing any of these proposed FAR changes during the TJNAF competition, or anticipate the addition/subtraction/modification of any applicable FAR clauses that would apply to the TJNAF contract?

Answer: The RFP will be issued and amended, if necessary, in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

8. Question: What is the expected time allotment between the release of the RFP and proposal submission?

Answer: It is anticipated that the RFP will be open for 60 calendar days.

9. Question: Will oral presentations follow proposal submission in the same fashion as directed in the cancelled RFP?

Answer: The RFP is in the process of being finalized. Once released, the RFP will contain instructions for the oral presentations. However, it is anticipated that oral presentations will be conducted approximately three to four weeks after receipt of proposals, and that they will follow the same basic structure as they did in the cancelled RFP.

10. Question: Would the Department please provide more detail on the reasons for cancelling the previous TJNAF solicitation (No. 89243024RSC000007)? Why did the Department determine that it was in the Government's best interest to reject all proposals? What key elements of the solicitation's statement of work and evaluation criteria did not adequately reflect or align with the priorities of the current Administration? Having the benefit of this information could assist in enhancing the strength of proposals submitted in response to this RFP.

Answer: The cancellation was necessary because key elements of the solicitation's statement of work and evaluation criteria did not adequately reflect or align with the priorities of the Administration. This decision was made by the Source Selection Authority in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation §15.305(b) and in line with the solicitation provision L.16 FAR 52.215-1 – INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS-COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION, specifically subparagraph (f)(2). The intent of cancelling the solicitation was to ensure that DOE selects the best possible contractor to manage and operate TJNAF.

11. Question: Would the Department please share any studies or reports that address DOE's programmatic scope and direction, including envisioned milestones, for the High Performance Data Facility (HPDF)?

Answer: Information regarding the High Performance Data Facility (HPDF) was presented during the Informational Meeting and is contained in the presentation slides posted on the competition website under the Informational Meeting tab. Additional information regarding the HPDF is contained in the document library on the competition website under the About TJNAF tab and in the 2025 Congressional Justification for Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) under the About DOE tab.