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- The Contracting Officer is the only Government point of contact available to respond to questions regarding the FEBI solicitation. It is FSA's intent to make comprehensive information available in the FEBI website library. The Contracting Officer will respond to or obtain information in response to specific requests via febi.competition@ed.gov.***
- WS-2 During the bidders conference today it was mentioned that the FEBI website has the tech handbook that describes the software and hardware solutions that are being used at FSA. I was not able to find this on the site. Can you provide the actual name for this document or the location on the site?
- The Tech Handbook referred to at the Pre-Bidders' Conference is posted on the FEBI website under Data Strategy. It is included in the Enterprise Architecture folder.***
- WS-3 I attended the FEBI bidder's conference this morning. I was wondering when you would be able to post the list of attendees. I reached out to most potential partners but I didn't meet anyone from ACS or CSC and I would like to reach out to them.
- The participants' list will be posted on the FEBI website on or before Friday, April 9, 2004.***
- WS-4 Sincerely enjoyed the session yesterday, as it was very informative. It was indicated yesterday that all of the presentations from yesterday's session would be available on the web. Can you advise us as to whether or not the presentations have been posted; and I haven't looked in the correct place.
- The presentation materials from the Pre-Bidders' Conference are available on the FEBI website under Solicitation (Library Page).***
- WS-5 At yesterday's conference, it was stated that there is a technical handbook, which lists Hardware and Software requirements for FEBI. I cannot find it. Could you please help me? Thank you!
- Please see response to WS-2 above.***
- WS-6 We understand the font requirement of 12 point for text; we assume standard Federal practices allowing font sizes of 10 point for tables and 8 point for graphics are acceptable.
- If the majority (over 85%) of the proposal is text, the font size of 8 point for graphics and 10 point for tables is acceptable.***
- WS-7 What's the timeline for the Attendance List being emailed to participants? Or the pre-bidders presentation being posted on the site?
- See responses to WS-3 and WS-4 above.***
- WS-8 Would it be appropriate for us to submit comments per the request for small business comments at the recent bidder's conference in the areas of IV&V and security certification and accreditation?
- You are encouraged to submit comments on any of the business processes related to or included in the FEBI Statement of Objectives.***
- WS-9 In reference to the FEBI solicitation, what is the anticipated date that the list of the chosen Phase II participants will be available? I work with several small businesses that wish to propose their services to the Phase II participants.
- The anticipated date for announcing the Phase I Downselect Decision is May 6, 2004.***

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Please see response to WS-1 above.
- WS-11 How does the Department of Education intend to enforce the small business goals once the contract has been awarded?
Please see response to WS-13 below.
- WS-12 For FSA to accomplish this integration process, the entire procurement should be awarded to one prime contractor. The benefits to FSA would be complete accountability and control over the initiative, better communication between/among one set of team members, the potential for complete autonomy and flexibility in providing the entire solution, as well as enforcing small business initiatives through a single point of contact.
Your comments on the award of the entire procurement to one prime contractor with a single point of contact is noted.
- WS-13 If small business awards are made a part of this procurement, how does the Department of Education intend to oversee and monitor the process?
Separate solicitation(s) may be issued as small business set-aside(s) as a part of ED's effort to assure that small business goals are met prior to award. Large businesses are required to submit a small business plan to the ED's Small Business and Utilization office. This plan is subject to ED's approval as a part of its ongoing monitoring and oversight of small business goals.
- WS-14 If small business awards are made a part of this procurement, could you please describe the manner in which these procurements will be solicited and awarded?
The Department of Education will issue solicitation(s) requesting proposals, evaluate proposals based on the published criteria, negotiate proposals (if applicable), and award subsequent contract(s) following regulatory and departmental procedures for small businesses.