1. Will all members of the NdFeB magnet supply chain be directed to buy only from the stocks of the winning offerer?

   Response: No, the Government will not direct members of the NdFeB magnet supply chain to buy only from the stocks of the winning offeror(s). As stated in the Statement of Objectives (SOO), "the objective of this effort is to execute a supply chain study and inventory demonstration where one or more awardees will research and develop a viable supply chain capable of establishing and maintaining a secure, domestic source of qualified NdFeB sintered materials and/or NdFeB permanent magnets. The Awardees will demonstrate the supply chain by establishing, managing, maintaining, selling, distributing and replenishing a target of a six month inventory of qualified NdFeB sintered materials, NdFeB permanent magnets or some combination of the two."

2. How will the Government financially insure the winning contractor if materials purchased in advance for the supply chain are reduced by govt contract action/inaction?

   Response: The Government will not financially insure the winning contractor(s) if materials purchased in advance for the supply chain are reduced by government contract action/inaction. As stated in the SOO, "The Awardee(s) shall purchase an inventory of qualified NdFeB sintered materials, NdFeB permanent magnets or some combination of the two equivalent to the agreed upon levels at award…Government funds may not be used to purchase inventory; however, Government funds may be used for other project components. Examples of other project components may include, but are not limited to: labor hours, overheads, equipment, holding and storage cost (as these things relate to the planning for, management of, and storage of said inventory), outside consulting, travel, and other direct costs.

3. After contract negotiations with the offeror, will the winning proposal become the contract vice the solicitation material?

   Response: As stated on Page 2 of the Call Announcement under Type of Contract/Instrument, "The Government intends to utilize the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs)-based Technology Investment Agreement (TIA) for any awards made off of this Call." A Sample TIA is provided as Appendix II to the FOA (FA8650-19-S-5010).

   As stated in the FOA under Section VII. 3, FOA with Calls (One-Step Process) Proposal Content & Form, the Technical Proposal shall include a Statement of Work (SOW) detailing the technical tasks proposed to be accomplished under this effort. The SOW developed by the offeror and included in the proposal may be incorporated into a binding instrument. The SOW should build upon the requirements of the Government's SOO.

4. Will the proposal be the outline for the contact?

   Response: As stated on Page 2 of the Call Announcement under Type of Contract/Instrument, "The Government intends to utilize the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs)-based Technology Investment Agreement (TIA) for any awards made off of this Call." A Sample TIA is provided as Appendix II to the FOA (FA8650-19-S-5010).

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