

**NOAA'S R&D HPCS ACQUISITION
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
AMENDMENT 0016**

Question 482: Will the Government make the Princeton facility available to the Contractor for site preparation prior to October 1, 2006?

Response: Commencing July 1, 2006, the Government will make the following facility resources available at Princeton for equipment staging and possible site preparation work:

2700 sq. ft of raised floor space
900 sq. ft of non-raised floor space
70 kVA of power
51 tons of cooling
1 office

These resources are consistent with what is stated in Section C.11 of the RFP, although the early availability of an office in the Computer Building is a new addition.

Question 483: ARCHIVED.

Question 484: RE: PRTN Power Rates - NOAA provided detailed historical information and information regarding the newly negotiated GSA contract for power from April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2009. However, the information provided only states a rate for CY2006: Based on these contract conditions, GFDL's electricity will cost \$0.111502 per KWH, beginning April 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

Please provide all offerors a common rate for Electric Delivery beyond 2006 for each calendar or fiscal year.

Response: The description of the GSA contract for power to PRTN as presented in the letter to vendors of March 3, 2006, did not accurately state the variation in the total cost to the government for power at PRTN during the contract period from April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2009.

The GSA contract as negotiated ONLY affects the supply costs for power, which as stated in the letter will be fixed at \$0.0926 per KWH. The remainder of the cost, involving the delivery cost, is controlled by the local provider, PSE&G, which is not a part of the GSA contract. Therefore, while the supply cost is fixed over the life of the contract, the delivery cost will vary from month to month and is not completely predictable over the period of the contract, although the delivery rates are higher for billing months June through September and are lower for October through May. The Electric Delivery charges at PRTN are based on the PSE&G Large Power and Lighting Service - Primary (LPL-P) Rates as prescribed in: http://www.pseg.com/companies/pseandg/schedules/pdf/electric_tariff.pdf
Please direct questions about this to Bob Foster at PSE&G, who may be reached on 609-239-0660.

Because of the above, the Government is unable to forecast future delivery charges. We can provide historical information regarding delivery charges, but these are largely based on PRTN's former pricing structure, which is no longer in effect. (The pricing structure at PRTN that was in effect up until November 2005 was PSE&G's Large Power and Lighting Service - Secondary (LPL-S).)

Question 485: RFP Section C.5.6.1 Government-Provided Facilities (fifth bullet on page 38), states: "For the GSA-managed facilities, BLDR-1 and BLDR-2, in which the any facility modifications must be paid to the facility manager by the Government prior to the work being contracted for and performed by the facility manager (e.g., GSA), the Government shall be fully reimbursed by the Contractor for the work to be performed through credits against the contract that do not extend beyond the fiscal year in which the expenditures are made by the Government."

Has the Government changed it's position regarding allowing credits to extend beyond the fiscal year in which the expenditures are made at the Boulder facility ?

Response: With the release of Amendment 16 the Government will revise the wording in RFP Section C.5.6.1 Government-Provided Facilities (fifth bullet on page 38) to read as follows:

“For the GSA-managed facilities, BLDR-1 and BLDR-2, facility modifications must be paid to the facility manager by the Government prior to the work being contracted for and performed by the facility manager (e.g., GSA). The Government shall be fully reimbursed by the Contractor for the work to be performed through credits against the contract.”