

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FIA/DEEP 09-001-S
QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES – PART 7
JANUARY 5, 2009**

130. **Question:** The RFP instructs and was reiterated at the Pre-Proposal Conference no dollar amounts may appear in the Technical Proposal portion of any submission. Yet the RFP indicates that Attachment H, MBE Participation Schedule must be a part of the Technical Proposal. In the body of the form, along with the Total Contract Amount as well as the "Summary", dollar amounts are requested for each MBE participant. Would you please provide clarification regarding inclusion of the dollar amounts as part of the Technical Proposal; Attachment H as a part of the Technical Proposal; or, should Attachment H with the dollar amounts be included in the Financial Proposal?

Response: The MBE participation Schedule (Attachment H) is to be completed in accordance with Section 2.31 C.2 of the RFP and submitted as part of the Technical Proposal. You may also refer to Section 4. F of the RFP which states, "... Do not include any detail of the financial proposal with this technical information. Do not include actual dollar amounts, use percentages only." In addition, Section 4 F.4 states that economic benefits include, "The estimated percentage of subcontract dollars committed to Maryland small business and MBE's."

131. **Question:** Can Findings Integrated Templates (FIT) be used at recon? Are MD ALJs and the incumbent contractor using FIT process for favorable decision on the record?

Response: FIT is not a DHR initiative. The Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR) could more appropriately answer questions regarding the use of FIT.

132. **Question:** As follow up to the response to Question 17 (Questions and Responses – Part 2; December 10, 2008), our firm is capable of providing the same high level of performance, connectivity and security from our current facility, which is located outside of downtown Baltimore. Permitting this will also allow us to provide the State with a more cost effective option. What is the reason that the DEEP Database cannot be maintained outside of its central facility in a downtown Baltimore, Maryland location?

Response: The State's decision is as stated in Section 3.4.2 F 1 of the RFP.