

AMENDMENT NO. 1

DOE MASTER SOLICITATION NO. DE-PS26-03NT41634-00

DOE Master Solicitation No. DE-PS26-03NT41634-00 is hereby amended as follows:

Section IV – Evaluation and Selection, Clause 4.4, Evaluation Criteria, is deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4.4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Core Program

Volume II - Technical applications that pass the pre-screening process described previously will be evaluated according to criteria (1) through (4) below. The relative importance of each criterion is indicated by the maximum point score (shown in parentheses) allotted.

Criterion 1: The overall merit of the proposed project. (Maximum 45 points)

The research represents a significant contribution to expanding the base of knowledge in the defined focus area (10 points). Innovative approaches and solutions are proposed with routine data collection using proven techniques specifically discouraged (25 points). An awareness of the state-of-the-art in related areas of coal research is demonstrated (10 points).

Criterion 2: The stated objectives and the probability of achieving those objectives. (Maximum 40 points) The application clearly addresses a problem, concept or question described within the focus area (10 points). A well-defined, logical statement of project objectives is provided to effectively address the technical issues (20 points). An approach is described that is scientifically sound, well planned, and current methods are used in the investigation (10 points).

Criterion 3: The qualifications of the Principal Investigator(s) or key personnel considered critical to the success of the proposed project.
(Maximum 10 points)

Criterion 4: The facilities or specialized equipment/techniques available to the applicants to meet the project objectives. (Maximum 5 points)

IC Phase I and Phase II Programs

Volume II - All technical applications that pass the pre-screening process described previously will be evaluated according to criteria (1) through (4) below. The relative importance of each criterion is indicated by the maximum point score (shown in parentheses) allotted.

Criterion 1: The overall merit of the proposed project and the degree of innovation employed. (Maximum 60 points) The research represents a significant contribution to expanding the base of knowledge for developing a solution to a technological problem that is a barrier to the broader or improved use of coal. (20 points) The proposed approach represents a significant departure from state-of-the-art approaches to the described problem (40 points).

Criterion 2: The probability of achieving the research objectives. (Maximum 25 points) The applicant clearly defines an important problem, concept or question to be investigated (10 points). A well-defined, logical statement of project objectives is provided and an approach is described that is scientifically sound (15 points).

Criterion 3: The qualifications of the Principal Investigator(s) or key personnel considered critical to the success of the proposed project. (Maximum 10 points)

Criterion 4: The facilities or specialized equipment/techniques available to the applicants to meet the project objectives. (Maximum 5 points) The applicant should possess all equipment critical to the success of the project at the time the application is submitted. The purchase of major equipment, post award, is not allowed.

THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE SOLICITATION CLOSING DATE OF 10:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 5, 2002.