

Question	Response
How are these services currently being performed? Under contract? In-house?	Only a subset of requested services (Systems Assurance Testing) is being performed under a technical contract. The full scope of the RFP is not being performed today.
If these requirements are currently being performed under a contract, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who is the Contractor? b. What is the contract number? c. When does the contract expire? d. What is the current contract value? 	Answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In house contractor for ITSS is General Dynamics. b. N/A to the response of the RFP. c. Current contract expires Sept. 08. d. N/A to the response of the RFP.
In the technical proposal requirements, should we include a high-level view of our estimated cost for each phase of the project, by the fiscal year(s) 2008 through 2013?	No – based on the technical solutions, cost proposals will be requested from a down-selected group.
How does the slide Oral Slide Presentation relate to the information noted in Statement of Work and the information in section III on page 39 of the RFP? Does the RFP letter dated June 2, 2008 supersede the information noted in section III, on page 39 of the original RFP?	The oral slides should demonstrate your capability to perform the job. {need to address the letter dated June 2 nd }
Do you want a detailed pricing matrix shown in the slide presentation?	No – based on the technical solutions, cost proposals will be requested from a down-selected group.
Regarding a test instance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is there a test instance currently available that will be used for testing, or; b) Will the testing occur on the production instance, or; c) Is there an expectation that the ITEA Contractor will have to develop and procure a test instance? 	Answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. During the implementation of the proposal the Gov’t is expecting to have a test instance created. b. Absolutely NO testing will occur in the production environment. c. The ITEA contractor will have to work with the government to design, test and procure the components necessary to build a test environment. ITEA will be involved in setting up the test environment.
If additional simulators, or other test equipment, software licenses, test software, etc., are required, will they be provided by the government? For example, in SAT the SOW mentions load, throughput, and performance testing. Such testing usually involves expensive software tools. What tools does FERC expect to use and will they be provided?	All tools required, that are agreed to by the government, will be provided.
Have FERC Online System Acceptance Test procedures been developed and will they be made available to the ITEA Contractor?	All existing, if any, procedures will be made available to the contractor.
Have FERC Online Regression Test procedures been developed for testing FERC	All existing, if any, procedures will be made available to the contractor.

<p>Online updates and will they be made available to the ITEA Contractor?</p>	
<p>SOW, Scope, page 2 states that the FERC Documentation Library (FDL) is provided with this solicitation. The SOW states that the FDL contains software documentation and the FERC SDLC, which is applicable to the ITEA efforts. The FDL is not attached to RFP FERC08-RFP-80999. Does the FDL refer to the Documentation Library CD listed with RFP FERC08-RFP-80148? If so, does the reader need to request this CD from the FERC?</p>	<p>FDL is being offered to interested parties via CD at the FERC location.</p>
<p>In the SOW, Scope Task 1.a. states that the ITEA will review the INT and UAT Test Plans. Does this include/imply a review of the Test Procedures associated with these plans to ensure that the actual tests conducted verify the system requirements/functionality?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>In the SOW, Scope Task 1.a. states that the ITEA can "... run independent tests in accordance with their defined test plans and procedures." Will the ITEA Contractor be required to develop and execute additional independent tests beyond the SAT? If so, would these tests be performed for both "major" and "minor" releases?</p>	<p>The ITEA contractor is expected to perform SAT and any other tests they feel necessary to ensure functionality and performance. This must be done for both major and minor releases.</p>
<p>In the SOW, Scope Task 1.b. indicates that ITEA shall write a TEMP that defines the methods, scenarios, personnel, facilities, and other resources ITEA will use for testing. Does a Master Test Plan currently exist that will be made available to the ITEA Contractor?</p>	<p>All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.</p>
<p>In the SOW, Scope Task 1.d. discusses high level metrics. Are these metrics actually requirements that the FERC system must satisfy, or are they design goals? Have the high level metrics been defined by the Government? Do requirements for load, throughput, and performance exist, or will the ITEA Contractor be required to define these metrics as part of this task?</p>	<p>The ITEA Contractor will be required to define these metrics as part of this task!</p>
<p>For planning purposes, knowing more about how the FERC applications are currently documented would be useful. Can the government provide examples of the requirements, designs, plans, etc. for any of the systems?</p>	<p>Prior to the implementation of this task, all documentation will be provided. For the purposes of this RFP, please assume a moderate level of documentation.</p>
<p>On page 2 of the SOW, it reads "Sample documentation for these applications is available in the FERC Documentation Library (FDL) provided with this solicitation.". We have not been able to locate this documentation. Do you know where this information can be found?</p>	<p>FDL is being offered to interested parties via CD at the FERC location.</p>
<p>Is there an incumbent contractor who previously performed or is currently performing such ITEA services on behalf of FERC? If yes, can you please identify that contractor?</p>	<p>Segments of the work are being performed by the existing prime contractor, General Dynamics. The prime contractor – (one doing the development) is eligible to bid but must choose to either perform the development task or the IV&V. They</p>

If yes, is this contractor excluded from responding to this RFP?	will not be able to perform both.
Does FERC anticipate a ceiling for the effort under this procurement?	There will be a ceiling for this effort. Ceiling is yet undecided.
If yes, what is that anticipated ceiling?	
Has any presentational limitations been placed upon the slides for the proposal, e.g. borders, font size, or the use of diagrams?	No limitation outside of “No more than 30 slides”. Must be 8 point font or higher and LEGIBLE.
If not, can we just assume legible?	
What is the date range for when answers to the questions submitted to be provided?	No later than Friday, June 20, 2008
What is the date range during which the presentations are expected to occur?	No later than August 2008 – Dependent on the number of proposals received. The slides will be down-selected to a smaller group within the qualified range.
What is the date range during which the down select can be expected to occur?	No later than July 2008.
What is the date range during which the cost proposal is expected to be delivered?	No later than August 2008 – Dependent on the number of proposals received. The slides will be down-selected to a smaller group within the qualified range.
Is it anticipated that there will be a fixed format for the cost proposal?	Yes – Format will be provided to bidders that are down-selected.
The FDL was not provided, nor a URL given. Can a URL for access to the FDL under this RFP be provided? Alternatively, can a copy of the CD issued with RFP-80148 be provided?	FDL is being offered to interested parties via CD at the FERC location.
Will previous results of this typical task under SOW B.1.a be available for future use? Integration Testing (INT) and User Acceptance Testing Monitoring	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.
Will previous results of this typical task under SOW B.1.b be available for future use? Test Plans	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.
Will previous results of this typical task under SOW B.1.c be available for future use? Integration Testing (INT) and Monitoring and Test and Evaluation Reports	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.
Will previous results of this typical task under SOW B.1.d be available for future use? Conduct SAT	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.
Will details of previous historical resource levels, as per SOW B.1.e, be available to support future resource planning purposes?	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.
Will previous results of this typical task under SOW B.1.f be available for future use? Ad-hoc IV&V Tasking	All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor. – Though Ad-hoc IV&V implies tasks that may not be known currently.
Has a NIST FIPS 199 security categorization been performed on the FERC systems?	Yes to security categorization. Current systems are assessed Low and Medium.

<p>If yes, what is the current FIPS 199 security categorization (i.e. low, medium, or high) for each system to be assessed?</p> <p>What is the designation of each system, (i.e. General Support System (GSS), Major Application (MA))?</p>	<p>We have both GSS, Major systems and minor systems.</p>
<p>Has a prior FISMA compliance been conducted? If yes, when does it expire? Was the assessment performed according to the NIST FIPS and Special Publications (SPs) Guidance? Will all previous C&A documentation be available?</p>	<p>Yes – prior FISMA compliance has been conducted. Expiration dates are not relevant for this RFP. Yes, the assessments were performed in accordance with NIST FIPS guidance. All existing, if any, C&A documentation will be available to the contractor.</p>
<p>Will details of previous historical resource levels, as per SOW B.1.g, be available to support future resource planning purposes?</p>	<p>All existing, if any, documentation will be made available to the contractor.</p>
<p>Will we have access to the FERC Documentation Library to review the sample documentation as well as the SDLC as described in your SOW?</p>	<p>FDL is being offered to interested parties via CD at the FERC location.</p>
<p>What is the anticipated period of performance for this solicitation?</p>	<p>One base year with four option years: Base Year – 10/2008 – 9/2009 4 subsequent option years.</p>
<p>Does FERC have any approved testing tools? If so, would you like to continue utilizing those tools as the standard? If we have experience with other tools, would you welcome their introduction?</p>	<p>FERC does not have any approved standardized testing tools. FERC is expecting that the IV&V contractor will bring their experience and knowledge to bear in this area.</p>
<p>Is there an incumbent for this solicitation? If so, can you please provide feedback relative to your level of satisfaction?</p>	<p>Not relevant to responding to this RFP.</p>
<p>What are your security clearance requirements?</p>	<p>Public trust with background investigation and criminal check.</p>
<p>What is the number of users?</p>	<p>Depends on the applications. Number of users will be provided to the winning offeror.</p>
<p>Can you provide any feedback related to past performance for currently released solutions and/or the contractor?</p>	<p>Not relevant to responding to this RFP.</p>