

Moving Forward RFP Release (Press Briefing)

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Important changes since draft RFP

- Retains overall structure of requirements
- Important change in contract pricing strategy
- Objective, clear source selection strategy
- Importance of price and non-price factors
- Clear, stable warfighter requirements
- Acquisition reform
- Straight down the middle



Clear and Stable Requirements Are Beneficial to All



- Remain true to warfighter requirements while providing necessary clarifications
- Avoids need for Engineering Change
 Proposals immediately following award
- Remains a Best Value approach as it provides both offerors opportunities to provide additional value
- Mandatory evaluation elements = required capabilities on Day 1
 - Platform must have all 372

Requirements Produce A Far More Capable Tanker



Source Selection Process

New Source Selection Authority (SSA)

- Senior career USAF official (not publicly identified, normal practice)
- SSA Selects KC-X contract winner using approved Source Selection Strategy
- New AF Acquisition Team (not identified)
 - New Source Selection Advisory Council
 - New Source Selection Evaluation Team Leads
 - New Independent Review Teams
- All levels below SSA joint with OSD

THE RELEASE OF THE RFP REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SOLICITATION



Source Selection Strategy: Issue Highlights



- Issues from Congress and Industry
 - Integrated Fleet Air Refueling Assessment (IFARA)
 - Cost of Ownership Factors
 - Systems Engineering & Technology Maturity
 - Development & Integration Risk
 - 1% Total Evaluated Price Gate
 - Fixed Price contracts / Corporate Risk
 - Interim World Trade Organization report
 - Release of Bid Information from Prior Competition



Contract Provisions

Balances Risk – Government and Industry

Engineering,	Fixed Price – Incentive Firm (Target)
Manufacturing Development (EMD)	60/40 Govt / Industry share ratio
	125% ceiling mitigates risk
Lots 1-2	Firm Fixed Price
Lots 3-5	Not to Exceed w/ 2.5% trigger band
	(FFP with 5% in draft RFP)
Lots 6-13	Not to Exceed w/ 1.0% trigger band
	(5% in draft RFP)
Interim Contractor Support	Firm Fixed Price – 5 years
	Extensive company experience with
	support to airline industry

Adjustments to ensure balanced sharing of risk across the span of time while providing disciplined cost control



- Draft RFP Phase Complete
 - "Fair, open, and transparent" Sec Gates
- Over 230 changes incorporated
 - Improved clarity and understanding
- Extensive meetings with industry
 - Ensured understanding of evaluation criteria
- Clear, stable requirements
- Balanced risk and financial considerations
 - True to acquisition reform while accounting for long-term variability
- Provided an extended period for questions and for proposals
 - Proposals due in 75 vice 60 days
- Full spectrum of price and non-price factors
- Best value for the warfighter and taxpayer