

## MCoE MAIDIQ Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the MICC issuing a “draft” Request for Task Order Proposal (RTOP) under the MCoE MAIDIQ?

The MICC issues a “draft” RTOP for market research to determine if there is sufficient interest among the applicable Suite contractors before issuing the RTOP. It also serves as advance information of the Government’s intent to issue the RTOP.

2. Who sees the “draft” RTOP?

The “draft” RTOP is only provided to the contractors under the applicable suite for the RTOP.

3. Do I have to respond to the “draft” RTOP? If I am required, do you need a proposal at that time?

No, a response to the “draft” RTOP is not required – but it is desired that you respond. The Government is not requesting a proposal at that time – only a short statement of interest or capability. You are only required to respond to the issued RTOP.

4. Do I have to respond to the RTOP issued?

Yes, all contractors are required to respond to the RTOP when it is issued.

5. Why are the response times for proposals so short in some cases?

Sometimes, due to the nature of the requirement, the Government needs a fast response. The Contracting Officer makes every effort to provide sufficient time for the contractor to respond and will use the “draft” RTOP issue to give Contractor advance notice pending development of the full package. The Government will also try to coordinate with contractors regarding response times.

5. Why do RTOPS specify requirements for personnel that are not necessary to do the tasks?

The RTOP performance work statement (PWS) provides a description of the tasks to be performed and the qualifications required of the personnel performing the tasks based on the Governments knowledge of the requirement.

6. Why does the Government require specific personnel for contractors on Firm Fixed Price requirements? I thought you could only request this on Time and Material type contracts.

See question 5 above. Performance based requirements do not specify number or names of personnel – just the tasks to be formed and the qualifications of the personnel to perform the tasks.

7. Why am I seeing work advertised on FedBizOpps that is obviously tasks under the MCoE MAIDIQ?

While the MCoE MAIDIQ is the preferred contract vehicle, the Contracting Officer has the final decision as to whether the requirement is within the scope of the MCoE MAIDIQ and/or if there is a reasonable expectation that offers will be received in response to the RTOP. See question 1 above for more information.