

AMENDMENT 1
SOLICITATION NO. DHSSBIRFY082 REV 2

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REVISIONS -- NOTE: The closing date and time remain unchanged. The following information amends the most recent version of the solicitation. (DHSSBIRFY082 REV 2)

Revision 2 to Solicitation No. DHSSBIRFY082 removed the requirement to submit encrypted proposals. Instead, the Solicitation required zipped and password-protected proposal submission.

A. The submittal requirements are further revised (throughout the solicitation), as shown below:

Complete proposals require a cover sheet, technical proposal, and cost proposal. The cover sheet and cost proposal templates for submitting a proposal are posted on FedBizOpps. Complete proposals ~~shall~~ must be submitted by e-mail to: STSBIR.PROPOSALS@DHS.GOV and ~~must~~ should be **zipped and password-protected**. The **password** ~~shall~~ should be sent in a separate e-mail from the proposal to: STSBIR.PROPOSALS@DHS.GOV. Please reference the assigned proposal number in the body of the e-mail containing the password. **THE PROPOSAL RECEIPT DATE AND TIME WILL BE THAT WHICH IS RECORDED BY THE DHS E-MAIL SYSTEM. PROPOSERS ARE CAUTIONED TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR SUBMITTING.**

B. The following also applies to this solicitation:

1. The Government prefers that proposers use MS-Windows WinZip Software. The e-mailed proposals should have a .zip file extension. All source files within the Zip file should be either .doc, .pdf, or .docx. The WinZip file should be password protected.
2. If your version of WinZip requires encryption to prepare a zipped file, you must use the lowest encryption level possible – which should allow your e-mail to pass through DHS mail servers intact. However, most versions of Windows WinZip only stipulate encryption in the initial setup for password-protection and they provide other options once you finalize the zipping.
3. If preferred, proposers may submit the password to the following fax number: (202) 254-6170. Only passwords may be faxed, not entire proposals.
4. Proposers may, at their own risk, also submit proposals by e-mail (see paragraph A. above) in .pdf or MS-Word password-protected format without zipping. However, complete proposals (consisting of a cover sheet, technical proposal, and cost proposal) must be submitted in a single e-mail. Passwords should either be submitted in a separate e-mail (see paragraph A. above) or via fax (see B.3. above).
6. Proposers are advised the transmission date / time of the e-mail will not take precedence over the receipt date / time as recorded by the DHS E-Mail System. Proposers are cautioned to allow sufficient transmission time to allow DHS receipt by the date / time specified – 4:30 p.m. local Eastern time on the 8th of July 2008. Proposals received after the specified date / time will be treated as late proposals.
7. DHS will acknowledge receipt of e-mail transmitted proposals via return e-mail.
8. The Government assumes no liability for proposals submitted without any password protection.