

Date	Question #	Source Document	Paragraph	Question	Answer
12/18/2020	296	RFS	8.5.H	For any deliverables for where rights have been asserted, is it correct to assume that EULAs are not required with our Phase 1 submission?	While the EULA itself is not explicitly requested in Phase 1, the vendor should clearly communicate its data rights assertions with the demonstration plan.
12/18/2020	297	RFS PWS	3.5.4	Is it acceptable to use alternative industry standard tools? If alternatives are accepted, what rights requirements may need to be considered if any?	Industry standard tools may be used. For Digital engineering and DevSecOps tools, the Government needs the ability for up to 50 of its team members (specified in PWS Para 3.9.1.1) to participate as needed using and vendor provided tools for processes such as requirements management, architecture, MBSE, Planning and issue tracking (e.g. JIRA) and test management. All Digital Engineering and DevSecOps tools must provide an output that allows the government to take possession of the baseline at the end of the OTA to provide to a follow on or PDSS vendor. Vendors will need to utilize tools that export files that can be ingested into Magic Draw and DOORS.
12/18/2020	298	RFS	4.4.1	Should more than one vendor be selected in Phase 3a, the Government reserves the right to extend the competition through the execution of MVP 1. After MVP 1, a final down select to a single vendor will be made." Are we correct to assume that 3b was intended here rather than 3a?	Yes, it should be Phase 3b. RFS will be updated to reflect this change
12/18/2020	301	RFS	2.1.2 TSS RVCT Common	Can the government describe what the Platform fidelity analyses are or where to find them?	Platform fidelity analysis documents will be provided after OTA award as GFI. For planning purposes the level of physical fidelity for RVCT ground and air is roughly similar to that of CCTT and AVCATT with less physical fidelity required but a similar degree of functional fidelity.
12/18/2020	312	RFS	8.7.7 (c)	Since section 2320 - Rights in Technical Data does not apply to OT Authority, please advise why prior Government approval is required to assert rights, as well as the means and timeline by which to submit in support of the Government strategy. How does industry obtain Government approval and how far in advance approval be requested?	Per the RFS, the Government plans to conduct a risk assessment of the asserted rights during Phase 1. The Government needs to understand the data and software rights as this affect future competition and long term sustainment costs.
12/18/2020	313	RFS	10.1	Please provide the Government's Manufacturing Readiness Levels that will be used for selection.	The RFS will be amended to remove the Manufacturing Readiness Level
12/18/2020	314	RFS	10.2.1 10.2.3 10.2.4	Government precedent under OTA has been that data rights and IP are open to negotiation. In industry engagements with the CFT director, it has been stated that there is no intent for Government to gain rights to industry trade secrets or competitive advantages, only to ensure that interfaces and APIs allow for low latency interoperability in delivering the required capability. These paragraphs appear to be contrary to that precedent and stated intent. The inference to industry is that data rights and IP are to be ceded to the Government at some level, or a risk penalty will be applied in evaluation. Please provide context to help industry understand these different intents so we can ensure meeting Government need and industry market advantage.	Please be advised, vendors shall comply with the requirements contained in the RFS. The government desires to execute a Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) for the TSS and TMT. Data rights and any associated license costs for vendor solutions are required to inform a tradeoff decision as whether certain functions are best accomplished by a solution for which the Government receives desired data rights, i.e., Unlimited or Government Purpose Rights or by a vendor solution that carries license fees and restricts the Government to a single source for further enhancement or maintenance. In order to commit to solutions that require restrictive licensing, the Government needs to understand any future risk of license cost growth or vendor lock. Demo Plan submission shall include licensing concept or structure.

12/18/2020	315	RFS	10.2.2	<p>Please provide either metrics or baseline against which solutions will be evaluated to determine innovation.</p> <p>Please provide the Government's current assessment of technology and next-generation evolution of that technology so that industry can understand how to assess their solution as "leap-ahead technology."</p>	<p>Innovation will be determined by the degree to which the vendor solution(s) provides any unique process, functional, product support or architectural enhancement. Current technology baseline is seen through the lens of current training systems such as CCTT, AVCATT, JLCCTC and GFT. These systems are based on older technology and thus provide ample opportunity to leap ahead by employing technology that is reflective of today's state of the art, with growth for future technology insertion via a Modular Open Systems Approach.</p>
12/18/2020	316	RFS	8.3	<p>RFS Section 8.3 - Organizational Conflicts of Interest and Mitigation Plan states: "Vendors will submit an Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) Mitigation Plan via an appendix to the Demonstration Plan, Initial Solution and Revised Solution. In the event there are no real or perceived OCIs, simply state so and annotate what actions would be taken in the event that one is realized."</p> <p>Depending on the situation, the vendor, team composition and the customer, OCI Mitigation plans have the tendency to be quite extensive. In the event there are no real or perceived OCIs for the purposes of STE-IS TSS/TMT, can vendors understand and interpret the requirement to "simply state so and annotate what actions would be taken in the event that one is realized" to mean that a full OCI Mitigation Plan is not required, but rather provide a short summary of what vendors will do to identify potential or perceived OCI going forward, and what their OCI Mitigation Plans would consist of should one be warranted?</p>	<p>The Government concurs that a full OCI Mitigation Plan is not requested if no real or perceived OCI exists. Please comply with the request in RFS Section 8.3.</p>
12/18/2020	317	RFS	8.5.3	<p>Can the offeror's demonstration location include two physical sites proximate to each other in order to provide the maximum opportunity to observe proposed STE-IS TSS/TMT integration capabilities?</p>	<p>Two physical sites in proximity are acceptable, provided travel time from the first to the second does not exceed 45 minutes under normal conditions and the entirety of the demonstration (excluding travel time) can be provided within the hours indicated in the RFS.</p>
12/18/2020	318	RFS	8.6	<p>Should the number of Government personnel observing the offeror demonstrations exceed the total number of personnel allowed in the offeror's facility due to COVID-19 safety protocols or physical limits, the offeror requests the ability to schedule and conduct two or more demonstrations sequentially as needed to permit all government personnel to witness the demonstration?</p>	<p>The Government plans to address this question after seeing the number of people allowed in each facility as part of demonstration plans. It is possible that a core group may be assigned to see the demonstration in person with a contingent connected remotely if capacity of the vendor demonstration area exceeds the number of Government evaluators, Government SMEs, and the vendor is able to facilitate remote access. It is not anticipated that two or more demonstrations be conducted if that means adding an additional day or days. It is possible, however, that there could be multiple shifts of observers as long as each demonstration could be finished in a single day. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.</p>
12/18/2020	319	RFS	8.6	<p>How many government personnel are expected in-person to observe the STE-IS TSS/TMT demonstrations?</p>	<p>This number is still being determined. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.</p>

12/18/2020	320	RFS-TSS-TMT-Fin	RFS 8.6 para 2	The government specifies a government facility can be made available for demonstration use: 1. Can the government specify the facility that will be made available? 2. Can the government provide the floor plan with available power of the facility? 3. Can the government provide information on whether commercial internet will be available? 4. Are site surveys allowed within the offered facility? 5. What GFE vs. contractor provided monitors, projection capability, peripherals, systems and cables be provided? 6. Who is the POC to coordinate all of the above as well as visit request and computing system policies?	The availability of a Government facility was offered in the Draft RFS when the demonstration location was constraint to the Orlando area. The demonstration location in the final RFS was relaxed and as such the Government facility is no longer available. This will be updated in the RFS Amendment. No GFE will be made available to support vendor demonstrations.
12/18/2020	321	RFS-TSS-TMT-Final-	RFS 8.6 para 2	1. Can the government provide the timeline anticipated for demonstrations?	Demonstrations are currently planned to be conducted during the week of 1-5 February 2021.
12/18/2020	322	RFS-TSS-TMT-Final-12.11.2020.pdf	RFS 8.6 para 2	1. Would the government consider the potential of virtual demonstrations as a mitigation for COVID related delays or changes in laws, policies, and advisories restricting numbers or access to facilities? 2. Will the government allow virtual participants in addition to in person participants?	The Government plans to address this question after seeing the number of people allowed in each facility as part of demonstration plans. It is possible that a core group may be assigned to see the demonstration in person with a contingent connected remotely if capacity of the vendor demonstration area exceeds the number of Government evaluators, Government SMEs, and the vendor is able to facilitate remote access. It is not anticipated that two or more demonstrations be conducted if that means adding an additional day or days. It is possible, however, that there could be multiple shifts of observers as long as each demonstration could be finished in a single day. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.
12/18/2020	323	STE Architecture		Should the offerors assume that all the CDD requirements have been incorporated into the current PWS or SRD?	The current PWS and SRD covers all A-CDD requirements.
12/18/2020	324	Demonstration Event	N/A	Can the USG provide additional details around the logistics, timing, and group sizing for demonstration day? All of these factors could effect the Demonstration Venue.	The Government plans to address this question after seeing the number of people allowed in each facility as part of demonstration plans. It is possible that a core group may be assigned to see the demonstration in person with a contingent connected remotely if capacity of the vendor demonstration area exceeds the number of Government evaluators, Government SMEs, and the vendor is able to facilitate remote access. It is not anticipated that two or more demonstrations be conducted if that means adding an additional day or days. It is possible, however, that there could be multiple shifts of observers as long as each demonstration could be finished in a single day. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.
12/18/2020	325	RFS	Section 8.6	Does the gov't desire that the demo be capable of being teleconferenced to remote Gov participants?	The Government plans to address this question after seeing the number of people allowed in each facility as part of demonstration plans. It is possible that a core group may be assigned to see the demonstration in person with a contingent connected remotely if capacity of the vendor demonstration area exceeds the number of Government evaluators, Government SMEs, and the vendor is able to facilitate remote access. It is not anticipated that two or more demonstrations be conducted if that means adding an additional day or days. It is possible, however, that there could be multiple shifts of observers as long as each demonstration could be finished in a single day. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.

12/18/2020	326	RFS	Section 8.6	How many government participants should we expect to attend the Demonstration?	The Government plans to address this question after seeing the number of people allowed in each facility as part of demonstration plans. It is possible that a core group may be assigned to see the demonstration in person with a contingent connected remotely if capacity of the vendor demonstration area exceeds the number of Government evaluators, Government SMEs, and the vendor is able to facilitate remote access. It is not anticipated that two or more demonstrations be conducted if that means adding an additional day or days. It is possible, however, that there could be multiple shifts of observers as long as each demonstration could be finished in a single day. The Government will contact vendors invited to provide demonstrations to plan the details of impacts on demonstration operations by COVID mitigation measures.
12/18/2020	327	RFS	Section 8.5	What are the expected Government requirements related to COVID safety assurance for Government participants?	The government expects that each vendor follows CDC guidelines in conjunction with demonstration conduct. The government expects to follow specific implementation details, per facility, as determined by each company's policies and procedures.
12/18/2020	328	General		What adjustments to the overall schedule have been made as a result of the shift in the date of release of the RFS?	Two updated timelines will be included with the answers to these questions that depict the planned RFS demonstration, initial & revised solution submittal and evaluation timelines.