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Question #	Source Reference	Question	Response 07 Jul 21
1	5.4.5 Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) 5.5.1 Pricing Breakout ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.4.4 states "The vendor shall include the anticipated delivery dates with their solution that includes all ITE Prototype capabilities and completion dates for all tasks and task stages as described in the RFS." Comment: Section 5.4.5 states "An IMS shall be provided, using Microsoft Project. The IMS should be resource loaded with each task including a predecessor (if applicable)." Question: Would the Government consider removing the requirement for an IMS in Project and utilizing the delivery schedule from 5.4.4, combined with the fixed price milestone schedule, as the criteria for evaluation? When developing fixed price milestones based on a delivery schedule, with funding dependent on proceeding past each stage, it becomes difficult to lay out resource laden dependencies later in the program without maintaining the flexibility to ensure proper delivery.	The Government has reviewed the area and has decided to remove the references to IMS and replace with Provide a plan of action and milestones (POAM) to deliver and integrate this evolving capability. The utilization of delivery schedule is replaced by the POAM.
2	4.3 ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 4.3 states "All hardware and associated technical information provided to the vendor as GFI/Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) is anticipated to be Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)." Question: Upon release of the final RFS, will the government provide vendors with a list of hardware and technical information it intends to provide as GFI/GFE upon award of this project?	The Government will not release a GFI/GFE list with the release of the RFS. The GFI/GFE list is dependent on the submitted solution and will be identified, as applicable, to the winning vendor(s) during SOW collaboration. The Government will provide a finalized GFI/GFE list to the winning vendor(s) after SOW collaboration and before award of the project, if applicable.
3	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.3.5 states "The ITE seeks solutions enabling CGF to support culturally diverse training scenarios, generate these scenarios through a scenario generator, and provide an After Action Review (AAR)." Question: What existing tool(s) is the government currently using to provide CGF-based scenario generation and AAR capabilities within the IITs? Would the new ITE solution be expected to replace or integrate with / augment these tools?	The existing tools the Government uses for AAR capabilities within the IITs are RISCon-T and TVCS. The expectation is the new ITE solution would replace any existing CGF-based scenario generation within the IITs. The new ITE solution would integrate with existing AAR capabilities within the IITs.
4	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Question: Does the government seek to replace all or some existing training tools with this solicitation, or does it seek to integrate novel CGF-based ITE capabilities into its existing suite of training tools?	The Government intends the solution to integrate novel CGF-based ITE capabilities into its existing suite of training tools.
5	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.3.5; Functional System Objectives states "Integrate Instrumented-Tactical Engagement Simulation System (I-TESS)/ Force on Force Training System Next (FoFTS-Next) configuration devices for re-configuration of Small Arms Transmitters (SATs) with reduced Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) and Urban Combat Advanced Training Technology (UCATT) Laser Engagement Interface Standard (ULEIS) codes." Question: Could the government clarify whether the intent of the contemplated capability is to integrate I-TESS/FoFTS-Next devices into training or to interface with these devices for AAR purposes?	The Government intends that the contemplated capability for I-TESS/FoFTS-Next devices is able to interface with these devices for AAR purposes.
6	7. Evaluation and Selection Process ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: During the Project Talx the program timeline anticipated holding a second phase of the competition that included a demonstration. Question: Is it safe to assume that this not being provided in the Draft RFS indicates that a selection will be made off of the initial submission?	As a result of the revised acquisition strategy, demonstrations will no longer be held and selection will be made off of the initial solutions.
7	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Question: Can the government detail the number of current live actors that are candidates for replacement, where applicable, at each facility that are: a) indoors, and b) outdoors during a typical exercise?	The Government currently provides up to 15 role players per squad-level training, that are candidates for replacement at each identified facility that are: a) indoors, and b) outdoors during a typical exercise.
8	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.3.5; Operational System Objectives states "Provide high-end training venues that replicate modern battlefields for realistic controlled training exposure" and "Provide a training environment with realistic battlefield terrain for multidisciplinary user interaction" Question: Could the government clarify whether these venues and environments include the construction /development, by the contractor, of physical "sets" and / or other physical spaces in addition to those that currently exist in the IITs as well as the display of CGF avatars?	The venues are the physical spaces that currently exist in the IITs.
9	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.3.5; Operational System Objectives states "Respond based on "free-play" with the use of artificial intelligence" Question: Could the government clarify whether this requirement anticipates the need for speech recognition / Natural Language Processing?	Yes, this requirement anticipates the need for speech recognition / Natural Language processing.
10	5.3.5 Technical Objectives of the Program ITE-RFS-17-June-2021-Final-Draft	Comment: Section 5.3.5; Second paragraph states "All training will need to be able to be conducted in realistic, culturally appropriate settings and executed in both day and night along with an array of weather conditions." Question: Could the government clarify whether the CGF-related displayed avatars are intended to <i>represent</i> an array of weather conditions or needs to <i>operate</i> in an array of weather conditions?	The Government confirms that the CGF-related displayed entities require to be operated in an array of weather conditions.

11	Draft RFS Para. 5.3.5	The phrases "must be able to project onto solid surfaces" and "Display 3D CGF images on walls of artificial mock village" appear prescriptive and determinant of a particular solution rather than a training requirement. Wouldn't it be better to provide the training requirement and allow industry to provide an innovation solution?	Yes, the verbiage does imply a solution. Based on the input for industry, the Government will make revisions as follows: (1) remove phrase "must be able to project onto solid surfaces" and replace with "must be able to represent realistic entities. (i.e. projections, augmented or virtual reality, holograms, etc.)" from the last sentence of the first paragraph of 5.3.5 (2) remove the "Display 3D CGF images on walls of artificial mock village" bullet from Functional Systems Objectives.
12	Draft RFS Para. 5.3.7	The IMS paragraph doesn't appear to belong here. It has its own paragraph (5.4.5) and is discussed in Para. 7.3 (the paragraph referenced in 7.3 [5.5.5] is incorrect).	Based on the input from industry, the Government will make revisions as follows: Remove references to IMS Section 5.4.5 and replace with "Provide a plan of action and milestones to deliver and integrate this evolving capability." Any RFS reference requiring an IMS will be removed.
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13		Is the goal of this OT to replace or enhance the current virtual environment being utilized?	The Government's goal is for the solution to replace the current virtual environment.
14		Is the current environment virtual reality, or is it composite? - that is a warehouse or utilizing screens showing virtual media.	Current system is composite and does not meet the Government's requirement. However, because the system is composite and utilizes screens showing virtual media, the Government is not requiring the same or similar approach to be used in the vendor's solution. The Government is seeking innovative technologies in providing the best solutions that satisfy the requirements.
15		Are you looking for a fully synthetic environment, or just avatars to replace your human actors?	Government is seeking a virtual environment generation that stimulates and provides sensory immersion for user training applications that would either reduce or eliminate the use of Role Players in various training scenarios.
16		Are you seeking a company that will create avatars whose behavior and responses directly are codable by you and your team, or a company that will code all of the human behavioral responses for scenarios based on your direction?	The Government is seeking a vendor that will code all of the human behavioral responses for scenarios based on the training requirements.
17		Are you specifically asking for small squad shoot/no shoot interactions within the IIT with GCFs or does the USMC want more large scale interactions replicating platoon - battalion level scenarios?	The ITE prototype requirement goals include desired solutions that shall be used in various scenarios. Two scenarios, which are not all inclusive, consist of 1) squad shoot/no shoot with some interactions with the CGF within the IITs; and 2) large scale interactions replicating platoon or battalion level scenarios. The Government is seeking innovative technologies in providing the best solutions that satisfy the requirements.