

QUESTION NUMBER	DRAFT RFP SECTION NUMBER	COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS
CLARIFICATIONS:		
1	Offeror's Proposal Checklist, Section J.4, Attachment (4)	Section L.5.1, #5 it clearly says that small business offerors are ineligible for an award if they do not have an existing CTA. Why is no CTA grounds for being ineligible? RESPONSE: You seem to be misinterpreting this. Please note the "if applicable" labeling. Existing CTAs only apply to existing Joint Ventures competing for an OASIS or OASIS SB award. This does not apply to individual companies.
2	Section J.4	On page 4 of the questionnaire checklist, question 2—we would appreciate some clarification. Are you asking if the average per year value is \$2M, \$3M, \$4M, or \$5M? As an example of our interpretation, if we have a project that spanned 3 years and had the following values each year of the contract: 1) Base Year: \$1M, 2) Option Year 1: \$5M, 3) Option Year 2: \$3M. Total Value of this example is \$9M with an average over the 3 years of \$3M/year so would we check the \$3M box for that past performance project? Are we interpreting this question correctly? RESPONSE: You are interpreting that correctly. We are asking for the average value per year of each requirement.
3	L.5.1.2 / Page 78	Section J.3., Attachment 3 asks us to select the pools that we desire to be considered for. Can a company compete and potentially receive awards both as a SB in pools 4, 5 & 6 and also as a LB (unrestricted) in pools 1, 2 & 3? RESPONSE: We read this question as asking if a company can apply for both OASIS and OASIS SB, but for different Pools on each contract. The answer to that question is definitely "yes".
4	G.2.6, Page 28	Are the Corporate OASIS SB Program Manager (COPM) and Corporate OASIS SB Contract Manager (COCM) anticipated to be full-time or part-time employees? Can these individuals have other corporate responsibilities, or do they have to be solely dedicated to OASIS? RESPONSE: We have no expectations or authority regarding the employment status of Key Personnel. We only expect that the contract requirements be provided. If a contractor chooses to give OASIS Key Personnel other corporate responsibilities, that is fine. However, additional duties will not be considered as an excuse for not carrying out OASIS responsibilities.
5	G.2.6, Page 28	Does the Government intend to pay for key personnel, or would that responsibility fall to the contractor? RESPONSE: Please refer to the last sentence of Section G.2.6, which states, "All costs associated with the COPM and COCM shall be at no direct cost to the Government."
6	G.3.1, Page 30	What does the Government anticipate the Contract Access Fee (CAF) will be in terms of percentage? RESPONSE: This is an issue being vetted within GSA right now and is yet to be determined. The CAF will absolutely be no more than the .75% currently charged for other GSA vehicles, but OASIS may utilize a different approach. More to follow on this issue.
7	H.6.2, Page 43; Attachment J.4, Page 2	Section H.6.2 indicates that contractors "are encouraged to have an acceptable estimating system", which suggests that this requirement is desired but optional. However, Section L.5.5 of Attachment J.4 (Offeror's Proposal Checklist) indicates that an answer of "NO" for Question 2 regarding the estimating system makes an offeror ineligible for award. Is an acceptable estimating system a mandatory requirement for award? RESPONSE: The checklist contains a typo. Estimating systems are not required. Thank you for the catch.
8	H.7.4, Page 49	Please provide additional clarification regarding the Government's expectations regarding the development of marketing materials. Other than OASIS-specific brochures, what materials are expected to be developed? Will the Contractor or the Government be responsible for the cost of the development of these materials? RESPONSE: No materials other than an OASIS-specific brochure and contractor website are expected to be developed. Any and all marketing materials are to be provided at the sole expense of the contractor. We will clarify this in the solicitation.
9	H.6.6, page 44	ISO 9001 Certification - Necessary to bid for award of Prime for SB MAC Contract (or just to bid on Task Orders)? RESPONSE: No. The citation states that Contractors are "encouraged" to have this certification. Please also see Sections L and M for Pass/Fail Evaluation Criteria.
10	H.6.8, page 45	CMMI - Necessary to bid for award of Prime for SB MAC Contract (or just to bid on Task Orders)? RESPONSE: No. The citation states that Contractors are "encouraged" to have this certification. Please also see Sections L and M for Pass/Fail Evaluation Criteria.
11	H.6.9, page 45	EVMS - Necessary to bid for award of Prime for SB MAC Contract (or just to bid on Task Orders)? RESPONSE: No. The citation states that Contractors are "encouraged" to have this system. Please also see Sections L and M for Pass/Fail Evaluation Criteria.
12	J.7 and J.9	I notice that there is no DRAFT SECTION J.7 and J.9 in the FBO released documents for OASIS SB. Is that intentional? RESPONSE: Yes.

13	OASIS SB - Section H 6.5 Approved Purchasing System - Page 44	Does the government want an approved system or a certified system? An approved system would require a contractor utilize a previously identified list of approved systems. A certified system is a two-fold process that is out of the contractors control. First, a contractor can purchase an approved system, which is based on industry-leading compliant systems. Any system would then need to be certified by DCAA, which comes at the request of an agency, not the contractor. Additionally, wait times for DCAA audited systems is years. Therefore, if a contractor doesn't get an agency to request or sponsor the system compliant, the contractor cannot get it certified. A very large amount of points is assigned to the Purchasing System. Is the intent to have the Purchasing system audited or does the government request contractors utilize an approved system, which would be inclusive of a certain number of systems? If the later, would the government provide the list of approved systems.
		RESPONSE: We are seeking a system audited and certified by DCAA, DCMA, or any other government agency whose responsibility it is to audit and certify a contractor's purchasing system. One of the matters of complexity that OASIS and OASIS SB are attempting to solve revolves around Ancillary Support (commonly referred to as ODCs). The Purchasing System is critical in addressing this and saves Ordering Contracting Officers an enormous amount of time. Accordingly, a significant amount of points were assigned to this particular system. There is no list of Government "approved" or "compliant" systems that we are aware of, regardless of what any marketing material may suggest.
14	OASIS Unrestricted - Section L.5.3.1 - Page 85	Under the requirement of 5 Prime contracts with at least \$5M per year, there will be no participants in Pools 1 & 2 as that is \$25M revenue to meet this requirement, understanding size standards require 3 years average. Is that the governments intent to not utilize the 6 pools?
		RESPONSE: You seem to be misinterpreting this. On OASIS, companies may be of any size in any Pool. On OASIS SB, this would be a serious consideration, but not on OASIS.
15	H.3.1	It is noted that OASIS SB is a total small business set-aside contract. Does this mean that a small business cannot have a large business as a sub contractor?
		RESPONSE: No. The only limitation for OASIS SB subcontracting is that the OASIS SB Prime contractor must perform at least 50% of the labor performed on the contract. Beyond that, OASIS SB primes may subcontract with whomever they see fit at the task order level.
16	L.5.1.7	Excluding existing CTAs, does GSA want to know about the team? Does the team need to be established at the time of the OASIS SB submittal, or can a team be established dynamically for responding to task orders?
		RESPONSE: We designed OASIS and OASIS SB to be as flexible as possible in responding to task order solicitations. We are not considering teams at the master contract level.
17	L.5.3.2	Under Section L.5.3.2., Relevant Experience Minimum Requirements, there are five VERY limiting requirements for any SB. #1. You may not use experience from a CTA formed specifically for this opportunity, only JV. #2. All work must have been completed as the prime and not a subcontractor - where much of SB get their work; #3. The prime must provide THREE of the SIX core disciplines on each project; #4 each project must be at least \$2M; and #5 at least one of the five project must have completed as a Cost-Reimbursement contact - which comes with expensive DCAA audited accounting requirements. Please let me know if I am misreading these requirements.
		RESPONSE: You are interpreting those requirements correctly except for #3. The relevant experience examples must include 3 of the 6 core disciplines. Those may have been performed by the Prime, a sub, a teaming partner, or whomever. Please bear in mind that we are not looking for every SB to be able to compete for an OASIS SB award. We are looking for the highest technically rated SBs to perform complex requirements. We are looking for SB companies with proven, verifiable success performing complex work as a prime contractor. We are looking for SB companies with the existing systems, certifications, and resources to perform at a high level for these kinds of requirements. Accordingly, the standards are set high. We are certainly open to feedback, but recommendations designed to reduce the standards would only be considered if it is apparent that there would not be a sufficient pool of contractors to compete for the 40 spots we will be awarding in each Pool.
18	L.5.3.1; pg 80	Relevant Experience Minimum Requirements #3: Have a total award value of at least \$2 Million Per Year. Does this refer to each cited contract or does the statement refer to the combined value of the cited contracts?
		RESPONSE: The \$2M per year applies to each relevant experience reference.
19	L.5.4.2; pg 82	Past Performance: At least Three (3) out of Five (5) past performance projects must be for work that was for the Federal Government under a contract or task order awarded by the Federal Government AND must be the past performance for the same Five (5) relevant experience projects under Section L.5.3.2. Can a bidder cite an IDIQ-type project as a single reference or must the projects cited be just individual task orders within an IDIQ?
		RESPONSE: As there is no work performed at the IDIQ level, relevant experience should reference a specific task order or contract where work was actually performed.
20	C.2.1. Core Disciplines page 17	How are the Core Discipline Areas related to the NAICS Pools?

		RESPONSE: The core disciplines are not related to the Pools. The pools are based upon size standard and only size standard.
21	H.4.2.1. NAICs Pools page 40	Does a SB have to do 3 of the 6 Core Discipline Areas in each of the 6 NAICS Pools to qualify doing work in a particular Pool?
		RESPONSE: An SB has to provide a total of 5 samples of relevant experience. These samples are not related to Pools. Pools are only based upon size standard.
22	L.5. PROPOSAL CONTENT page 81	In Section L the requirements for Volume's 3 & 4 are close enough to be combined into one volume, why are they different volumes when essentially the same information is requested?
		RESPONSE: While relevant experience and past performance are not the same information, we will take that under advisement.
23	M.3. SCREENING AND EVALUATION PROCESS page 89	In Section M the evaluation process only seems to be a two-step screening process to limit you to the top 40 candidates for each pool and nowhere in either step does it state the relevant experience and past performance is going to be a strong factor in scoring (especially when most sections are Pass/Fail evaluated), can you explain how the process for award will be completed clearly?
		RESPONSE: Please read the entire Section M. Section M.5 clearly indicates the relative scoring for all factors.
24	M.4. ACCEPTABILITY REVIEW PROCESS page 92	If only a contractor is ONLY ENCOURAGED to have certifications than why use it as an evaluation criteria when there will be lopsided results? Will a contractor that has an ENCOURAGED certification be scored with a pass and a contractor without is scored with a fail (again it's only scored on a Pass/Fail evaluation)?
		RESPONSE: Offerors receive points based upon relevant experience, past performance, and systems, certifications, and resources as specified in Section M.5. Certifications are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis.
25	L.5.3.1, page 85	Please confirm that "project" can be a task order, a contract, an MA/IDIQ or a BPA
		RESPONSE: A project can be any contractual vehicle where work has been performed. Receiving a MA/IDIQ contract or BPA is not a project. Task orders, orders, and/or calls made under those vehicles would be considered projects, but the vehicles themselves would not.
26	L.5.3.1, page 85	Please clarify the definition of "total award value" for projects that are completed or active. For projects that are completed, is "total award value" the actual value divided by the number of months of period of performance. For projects that are active, is "total award value" the ceiling value (or total estimated value) divided by the number of months of period of performance.
		RESPONSE: For completed projects, "total award value" is the total obligated value of the project divided by the number of months of period of performance multiplied times 12 to yield an annual value. For active projects, "total award value" is the total estimated value of the project (including all options) divided by the number of months of period of performance multiplied times 12 to yield an annual value. We will clarify this in the solicitations.
27	L.5.3.1 Page 80	The relevant experience instructions state "projects" not "contracts". Is it acceptable to cite multiple "projects" that were performed under one "contract"?
		RESPONSE: No. The term projects was used to try to prevent confusion about the allowance of task orders or other contractual vehicles. All work performed under a single contractual instrument such as a single contract or task order may only count as one project. Multiple, separate task orders under a single IDIQ contract may be counted as multiple projects.
28		If a subcontractor operates a DCAA approved system but a prime contractor does not, would this be considered sufficient?
		RESPONSE: No.
29		Could you please provide guidance to which other auditors or agencies would be considered equivalent to DCAA for the purposes of meeting this requirement (accounting system)?
		RESPONSE: Any federal agency can be considered a cognizant audit agency. Please refer to FAR 42.003 for clarification of cognizant agency and FAR 42.101 for contract audit services. Normally, for contractors other than educational institutions and nonprofit organizations, the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) is the responsible Government audit agency. However, there may be instances where an agency other than DCAA desires cognizance of a particular contractor. In those instances, the two agencies shall agree on the most efficient and economical approach to meet contract audit requirements.
30		Finally, would a provisionally approved system or an active application for a DCAA certification be considered sufficient to meet this requirement (accounting system)?
		RESPONSE: An active application will not meet the requirement. A provisionally approved system will meet the requirement, however, in the event of award, the Contractor shall be placed in Dormant status until the system is in full compliance.
31	C.2 (Pages 16-20)	Will the final solicitation include more detailed descriptions of the Core Disciplines and/or their service areas?
		RESPONSE: No. If you have suggestions as to how that might be accomplished, please advise. We feel that the definitions and examples are sufficient, but we are open to feedback.
32	C.3 (Page 20)	Will the final solicitation include a more detailed description of the Ancillary Support services?

		RESPONSE: No. As the solicitation states, Ancillary Support services are any "other" services required that are integral and necessary to complete a total integrated solution.
33	G.2 (Page 30) and L.5.5.11.2 (Page 86)	Section G.2 states the following COCM qualifications: "The COCM shall have a minimum of 5 years experience in negotiating and administering Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ), multiple award, multiple agency, or agency-wide contract vehicles including all contract pricing types and contract life-cycles." However, Section L.5.5.11.2 (Page 86) states the following COCM qualifications: "The COCM shall have a minimum of 5 years experience in negotiating and administering Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ), multiple award, multiple agency, or agency-wide contract vehicles including demonstrated experience in negotiating and administering all contract pricing types and contract life-cycles."
		RESPONSE: We will edit the solicitation to ensure the passages are identical.
34	Section L.2.3 (Page 74); Section M.2 (Page 89); Section M.3 (Page 90)	"In the event of a tie at the position of number 40, all Offerors tied for this position will receive a contract award." (L.2.3) "In the event of a tie at the position of number 40, all Offerors tied for this position shall receive a contract award." (M.2) "In the event of a tie at the position of number 40, all Offerors tied for this position shall receive a contract award." (M.3) For clarification purposes, this means that technically more than 40 offerors can win contract awards even though there are only 40 award positions?
		RESPONSE: Yes. For example, If two Offerors are tied for the 40th position, 41 awards shall be made. If five Offerors are tied for the 40th position, 44 awards shall be made.
35	Section L.2.4 (Page 74)	"The Government intends to award multiple contracts for the same or similar advisory and assistance services in 6 separate Pools of 40 awardees in each Pool under this solicitation." Will the same conditions stated in Sections L.2.3 (Page 74), M.2 (Page 89) and M.3 (Page 90) apply here in the event of a tie?
		RESPONSE: Yes.
36	Section L.2.4 (Page 74)	"Advisory and Assistance Services" are not clearly defined in the solicitation. Are they the same as the Ancillary Support services discussed in Section C.3 (Page 20)?
		RESPONSE: No. Advisory and Assistance Services are defined at FAR 2.101. Advisory and Assistance Services are a subset of the services that can be performed on OASIS and OASIS SB, so the clause that mentions them is required.
37	Section L.4 (Page 77)	For clarification purposes, as per the Table Legend, the government wants the Cost/Price Rationale discussion submitted in an Excel file (ABC-VOL6.RATIONALE.xls) and not a PDF (i.e., first composed and formatted in a Word file)?
		RESPONSE: Yes.
38	Section L.5.3.1 (Page 81)	If an offeror has a DCAA-certified accounting system, will that be sufficient in place of projects performed under Cost-Reimbursement contracts?
		RESPONSE: The requirement in the draft calls for at least one of the relevant experience projects to have been performed on a cost reimbursement basis, not all five.
39	Sections L.5.5.1 – L.5.5.10 (Pages 83-85)	If an offeror marks "No" for a Volume V section on the Offeror's Proposal Checklist (Section J.4., Attachment (4)), does the offeror still need to include the corresponding proposal section stating that the offeror does not have the representative system, certification or resource (i.e., do offerors include volume sections for items marked "No" on the checklist)? Also, would this apply to Volume I's Existing CTA section (required in Section L.5.1.7 (Pages 79-80))?
		RESPONSE: No. If an Offeror marks "no" for any proposal segment, any corresponding document/attachment should not be present.
40	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	One of the Relevant Experience requirements Section L.5.3.1 states is "The primary scope of work must be One (1) of the Six (6) OASIS Core Disciplines," but this is not represented in the Scoring System table (although the "...integration of at least Three (3) out of the Six (6) OASIS SB Core Disciplines" requirement is).
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System reaches above and beyond the basic requirements.
41	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table begins listing for projects exceeding \$3 million per year in total award values, including options. However, Section L.5.3.1 (Page 80) states that projects must "Have a total award value of at least \$2 Million Per Year." Why doesn't the scoring begin at the minimum requirement?
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System and the points therein are given to recognize distinguishing factors that exceed the minimum requirement. There would be no reason to provide points to be given all Offerors who pass the pass/fail segment of the evaluation.
42	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table begins listing for projects integrating "4 out of 6 Core Disciplines." However, Section L.5.3.1 (Page 80) states that projects must "Involve the performance and/or integration of at least Three (3) out of the Six (6) OASIS SB Core Disciplines." Why doesn't scoring begin at the minimum requirement?
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System and the points therein are given to recognize distinguishing factors that exceed the minimum requirement. There would be no reason to provide points to be given all Offerors who pass the pass/fail segment of the evaluation.
43	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table only lists rows for four (4) past performance projects, but five (5) are required for proposal submission.
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System table is accurate and allows for 5 projects.

44	Section J.4, pages 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8	Item 2 requires each project to exceed at least \$2m per year in total award value or the offeror is ineligible for an award. Why must a small business offeror have 5 eligible projects, each of which must have an annual value of at least \$2m?
		RESPONSE: Given the price of professional labor, we calculated that the \$2M threshold is probably where requirements start to take on an integrated aspect. OASIS and OASIS SB are new contracts. As such, we have no historical information to pull from. Examining some of our GWAC contracts, it seemed that \$2M/year might actually be a bit low, but gathering feedback is what the draft RFP process is for. If we get substantial feedback that \$2M/year is too high, we'll adjust accordingly.
45	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	These 2 sections, along with several others clearly indicate that GSA expects there will be teaming for support of OASIS, as these 2 sections each reference 'subcontracting' requirements. This appears to be somewhat contradictory to the requirement in Section L.3 that proposals may only represent the Prime Contractor (except for existing CTA's) for relevant past experience and associated past performance. Is GSA trying to discourage teaming for response to this solicitation?
		RESPONSE: To be perfectly clear, we are not allowing teaming at the contract level. However, we are allowing and encouraging teaming at the task order level.
46	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	Are there any special rules that GSA anticipates it will require for small business who wish to team?
		RESPONSE: Teaming will not be considered for OASIS or OASIS SB contract level awards.
47	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	Is GSA aware that many small businesses will need to team, particularly in order to support the ancillary services required to enable a full integrated solution response as outlined in Section C.3 page 20?
		RESPONSE: Yes, we are aware of the need to team. Teaming will be done at the task order level and primes will be free to team with whomever they deem the best fit for the requirement at the task order level.
48	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	If a solicitation response is only able to show the experience/past performance of the prime, how is GSA proposing to 'vet' the capabilities/viability of any subcontractors a prime may need in order to provide a comprehensive response?
		RESPONSE: Teaming will not be considered for OASIS or OASIS SB contract level awards.
49	L.5.4.3 / Page 87	As a successful SB, we have only recently become ineligible to compete as a SB under certain NAICS codes. Since we don't qualify as a SB under all the OASIS NAICS, we would like to compete for an OASIS award under the unrestricted RFP. As a SB Prime BPA holder, we established and met or exceeded our socio-economic goals. However, since it was a SB award, we were not required to report it. Therefore, we could not gain any points in the scoring for this paragraph. Is there an alternative for a transitioning SB to get credit for meeting socio-economic goals?
		RESPONSE: No. In accordance with the feedback we received from both Industry and clients, we geared the evaluation strategy towards rewarding actual performance, but also tried to provide ample flexibility in the scoring system to overcome situations like you mention. Any suggestions you might have will definitely be considered.
50	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	Why has GSA chosen to present the OASIS solicitation in such a way that subcontracting appears to be significantly less of a factor for concern in review of a prime's overall capabilities?
		RESPONSE: Your series of questions concern teaming. There are several reasons that we do not support teaming at the contract level. These include: 1. We do not want to compromise flexibility at the task order level. One of the key elements of OASIS and OASIS SB is flexibility at the task order level. Accordingly, we do not want to implement teaming arrangements at the contract level that may not be the best teaming arrangement for individual task order requirements. 2. The Government has no privity of contract with subcontractors or teaming partners, which means that the teaming agreement could literally be changed the day after award. We do not feel that basing an OASIS or OASIS SB award on something that could evaporate the day after award is a sound approach. 3. Our experience and feedback received indicate that teaming arrangements at the contract level generally turn into paperwork exercises and that many team members that were used to get a contract award are never actually utilized in performance under that contract. 4. We are searching for businesses with an actual history of performance, not the promise of what a group of contractors might be able to do. We are very firm in our opinion on this.
51	Page 48, Sections H.6.14 & H.6.15	Given these questions, should a prime still consider responding to the OASIS RFI solicitation with the 'full team' capabilities, even though past experience/past performance of the undisclosed subcontractors will not be presented within the context of the response?; 7) If the answer to question 6 is 'NO', can GSA advise how the issue of subcontracting will be addressed in the context of the future RFP (i.e., solicitation) that will follow this RFI?; 8) if the answer to question 6 is 'YES', can GSA advise how it expects primes to appropriately and fully incorporate the use of subcontractors in its RFI (and future RFP) solicitation responses without addressing any subcontractor past experience in its solicitation response?
		RESPONSE: Teaming will not be considered for OASIS or OASIS SB contract level awards. Proposals submitted from "teams" who are not pre-existing entities shall not be considered.

52	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table begins listing CMMI Maturity at Level 3. While Section L.5.5.8 (Page 84-85) does not state any minimal CMMI Level requirements, Section H.6.8 (Page 45) encourages offerors to have CMMI Maturity Level 3 or higher. Should Section L.5.5.8 say something to the same affect (as well as any evaluation conditions given in Section M of the final solicitation)?
		RESPONSE: Section H are Special Contract Requirements. Section L is Instructions to Offerors. Section M is Evaluation Criteria. These sections do not need to repeat themselves within each other. The systems, certifications, and resources desired for OASIS and OASIS SB Contractors are outlined in Section H. Contractors are provided instruction on how to submit proposal documents in support of those items in Section L. Finally, the relative value of those items is identified in the Scoring System of Section M.
53	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table lists for projects that include OCONUS work, however, it references Section L.5.3.1 (Pages 80-81) which does not state any OCONUS project requirements or preferences.
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System and the points therein are given to recognize distinguishing factors that exceed the minimum requirement. OCONUS work is not mandatory, but does demonstrate an added degree of complexity. Accordingly, more points are provided for OCONUS projects.
54	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table lists for projects that "include Ancillary Support" and were "Performed in Multiple Locations," however, it references Section L.5.3.1 (Pages 80-81) which does not state any requirements or preferences regarding these past performance factors.
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System and the points therein are given to recognize distinguishing factors that exceed the minimum requirement. Projects performed in multiple locations are not mandatory, but those projects demonstrate an added degree of complexity. Accordingly, more points are provided for projects performed in multiple locations.
55	Section M.5 (Page 94-95)	The Scoring System table begins listings for a COPM and COCM each having at least 10 years of experience. However, Sections L.5.5.11.1 and L.5.5.11.2 (Pages 85-86) states "a minimum of 5 years experience" for each position. Why doesn't scoring begin at the minimum requirement?
		RESPONSE: The Scoring System and the points therein are given to recognize distinguishing factors that exceed the minimum requirement. There would be no reason to provide points to be given to all Offerors who pass the pass/fail segment of the evaluation.
56	Section H.6.1, Page 42	This page states that "The Contractor must maintain an adequate accounting system by the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) or other cognizant auditor for the entire term of OASIS SB." Section L.6.2 implies that either a DCAA or a DCMA "approved" bill rate system is acceptable. Please clarify what constitutes a "cognizant auditor." For example is a system approved by DCMA acceptable? Is a private sector audit report acceptable? Are there other organizations or entities that satisfy this requirement in addition to DCAA? If a "cognizant auditor" is used other than DCAA, what documentation is required for submission with the proposal?
		RESPONSE: Please see the other response about cognizant and audit services.
57	Section C.2 starting on Page 16; section L.5.3.1 starting on Page 80 Section L.5.3.1; and M.2 starting on Page 89.	The requirement for past performance submission requires five past performance submissions that meet the minimum conditions described in Section L.5.3.1. In addition, section M.2 states that "A Contractor may be eligible for award in multiple Pools under a single Contract Number." Please confirm that GSA wants only one proposal that covers all possible pools for which the bidder is competing and not individual proposals for each pool.
		RESPONSE: We are seeking only ONE proposal.
58		Please confirm that the requirements listed in section L.5.3.1 apply to the five past performance submission collectively and not for each past performance individually.
		RESPONSE: The requirements listed in Section L.5.3.1 apply to each relevant experience and past performance example.
59		Please clarify how the GSA will evaluate past performance across the various pools when a bidder is competing for an award that would include more than one pool. We see the mix of capabilities that must be included in five past performances as being difficult to achieve for companies that want to compete for an award in more than one pool. Only having five past performances to cover multiple pools appears to be overly restrictive and difficult, and can limit a company's ability to submit a viable proposal-especially where past performance from subcontractors is not permitted. Also, we believe that it also will severely limit competition and the ability of GSA to receive bids companies that would otherwise be very viable candidates for award.

		<p>RESPONSE: Past performance and relevant experience is not Pool specific. Pools have absolutely nothing to do with the relevant experience and past performance examples. We aren't even asking for the NAICS codes that were reported for these examples. Pools only reflect size standards and nothing more. This is as open and unrestrictive as we can imagine. We are operating from a couple of key principles that might shed more light on this: 1. NAICS codes do not define scope. NAICS codes are reporting codes developed by the Department of Commerce to categorize how the Government spends its money. The SBA decided to use those codes to establish various Small Business size standards across industries. 2. The OASIS core disciplines are present in every single NAICS code assigned to OASIS. 3. We believe that the high quality Contractors that will end up with OASIS and OASIS SB awards will pursue work that they are proficient in and forego work that they are not as proficient in. Every single OASIS and OASIS SB awardee will have experience integrating various disciplines, so our Contractor base will not be "niche" or highly specialized contractors who only have expertise performing one discipline. Accordingly, we feel that OASIS and OASIS SB contractors will only select the Pools they want to perform in, and beyond that, will only propose on requirements they feel they can perform successfully. 4. Failure is not an option in performing OASIS and OASIS SB task orders and we have built in contractual "teeth" to ensure OASIS and OASIS SB contractors perform at a high level.</p>
60	Section K.1.4, starting on Page 68, and Section M.2 starting on Page 89	<p>This section provides the NAICS codes for each pool and past performance instructions. Section M.5 includes the scoring sheet. The blog posting on April 4, 2013 provides examples of how the pool system evaluation will work. In each example in the blog there is an activity where "evaluations" are conducted..." Beyond the pass/fail criteria and the objective scoring in the score sheets, what other types of evaluations will be performed? Will there be scoring or evaluation that counts regarding the technical proposal content, pricing, or the contents within each of the past performance submissions? If there will be, how will those evaluations occur and be scored. If there will not be additional evaluation, does this mean that the only criteria for evaluation is the pass/fail criteria and the objective numbers entered on the score sheet?</p>
		<p>RESPONSE: The Pass/Fail process, the Scoring mechanism, and validation of fair and reasonable pricing make up the entire evaluation process.</p>
61	Section K.1.4, starting on Page 68, and Section M.2 starting on Page 89	<p>This section provides the NAICS codes for each pool and past performance instructions. Section M.5 includes the scoring sheet. The blog posting on April 4, 2013 provides examples of how the pool system evaluation will work. In each example in the blog there is an activity where "evaluations" are conducted..." Beyond the pass/fail criteria and the objective scoring in the score sheets, what other types of evaluations will be performed? Will there be scoring or evaluation that counts regarding the technical proposal content, pricing, or the contents within each of the past performance submissions? If there will be, how will those evaluations occur and be scored. If there will not be additional evaluation, does this mean that the only criteria for evaluation is the pass/fail criteria and the objective numbers entered on the score sheet?</p>
		<p>RESPONSE: Yes, the last sentence is precisely correct. The pass/fail criteria and the objective scoring mechanism is the only evaluation to be conducted.</p>
62	K.1.4, starting on Page 68, and Section M.2 starting on Page 89	<p>This section provides the NAICS codes for each pool and past performance instructions. Please clarify that the first two requirements in section M.2 ("1. The primary scope of work must be One (1) of the Six (6) OASIS Core Disciplines. 2. Involve the performance and/or integration of at least Three (3) out of the Six (6) OASIS SB Core Disciplines. The OASIS SB Core Disciplines are described in Section C and include Program Management Services, Management Consulting Services, Scientific Services, Engineering Services, Logistics Services, and Financial Management Services") mean that the past performance must include performance across all of the NAICS codes in the list for a pool, some of them, or some other combination. It is not clear how the past performance is to be compared to multiple NAICs within each pool.</p>
		<p>RESPONSE: Past performance and relevant experience are tied to the OASIS core disciplines. The OASIS core disciplines make up the scope of OASIS. Past performance and relevant experience have absolutely nothing to do with NAICS codes or Pools. NAICS codes and Pools only determine what size standard applies for a given task order requirement and which group of contractors get to compete for that requirement.</p>
63	Section H.10.2 on Page 52	<p>This page states that "The Government contemplates that leases may be part of a task order solution offered by a Contractor, but the Government, where the Contractor's solution includes leasing, must not be the Lessee. Under no circumstances on any task order awarded under OASIS SB shall the Government be deemed to have privity-of-contract with the Owner/Lessor of the Leased Items; or, the Government be held liable for early Termination/Cancellation damages if the Government decides not to exercise an option period under a task order unless the Contractor has specifically disclosed the amount of such damages (or the formula by which such damages would be calculated) as part of its proposal and the OCO for the task order has specifically approved/allowed such damages as part of the task order terms and conditions." While we understand the government's position on leasing, we believe that this requirement places an extraordinary risk on the contractor and may also increase the government's cost. Request that GSA consider revision to reduce the risk to contractors. In addition, are we correct to assume that the term "personal property includes equipment, vehicles, licenses and other non-</p>

		RESPONSE: Contractors are not required to propose leases as part of task order proposals and should refrain from doing so if they deem it too risky. Please refer to FAR 2.101 for the definition of <u>personal property</u> .
64		Can a GSA Protégé who is interested in Priming OASIS use the Past Performance of their Mentor in qualifying for the effort?
		RESPONSE: No.
65		Can a Small Business use their Prime IT Past Performance Qualifications in qualifying for the effort?
		RESPONSE: No.
66		Will a Small Business be allowed to use their Prime Past Performance, inclusive of their subcontracted work to Team members, in qualifying for the effort?
		RESPONSE: If we read this question correctly, you are asking whether you may use a project where you were the prime and subcontracted out work to other companies. If that is the question, the answer is Yes.
67		Will GSA relax the requirement on Past Performance and allow Small Business to use their Past Performance as a Subcontractor?
		RESPONSE: We will consider it, but are unlikely to do so.
68	L3, Page 75 & form J-10	Given the generic nature of the proposal instructions, it was our understanding that all GSA is seeking to receive by April 29, 2013 is vendor comments, questions and suggestions, etc., provided via this form/format, regarding the multi-part OASIS draft solicitation. However, there are multiple attachments to the solicitation documents and a number of statements/forms that make it appear as though a comprehensive, 6 volume RFI response is being requested at this time. We have encountered significant vendor community confusion regarding the specific requirement for response to this RFI at this time, so we are asking that GSA please confirm decisively the information/response it desires from prospective vendors by April 29th? Thank you.
		RESPONSE: The only thing we are seeking by April 29th are Industry questions and feedback. The draft solicitation has attachments because the actual solicitation will have the same attachments. We provided as complete of a draft as we could to get the most feedback possible.
69	Section B.2.1; page 11	Please clarify how the "Contractor shall become proficient in the use of the BLS SOC system." Is there training available? Is there a website that offers guidance?
		RESPONSE: Contractors who win OASIS awards will be trained by the OASIS Program Office at the OASIS Kickoff meeting and OASIS PMRs in the future.
70	Section H.6.14, page 48	Limitations on subcontracting does not speak to the type of concern permitted as a subcontractor. Is a SB concern permitted to subcontract to a large business?
		RESPONSE: OASIS SB primes may subcontract with whomever they so desire on an OASIS task order.
71	Section L.3, page 75	Will the Government provide sufficient time between the final RFP release and proposal due date to allow compliance with the requirement to register in the AAS Business Systems Portal at least one month prior to submitting proposal documents?
		RESPONSE: Unless significant changes dictate otherwise, the OASIS CO intends to leave the formal solicitation open for 30 days. Potential Offerors could sign up for the system right now if they haven't already. The instructions provided are intended to assist Offerors in avoiding last minute complications at proposal due date.
72	Section J.1 (Attachment (1), page 1	Will the Government accept additional experience in lieu of the required degree for the Junior, Journeyman, and/or Senior Level positions?
		RESPONSE: Any exception to the definitions of Junior, Journeyman, and Senior will need to be identified at the task order level. The contract standard is as stated. If you would like to suggest an alternative, please provide us a recommendation and rationale for the recommendation.
73	Section J.1 (Attachment (1), page 1	The draft RFI states, "Contractors may deviate from the definitions above." What is the criteria for acceptance of the deviations under which contractors may propose individuals?
		RESPONSE: We have attempted to provide a great deal of flexibility to both clients and OASIS primes where it concerns labor categories. Deviations will be examined at the task order level to determine how those deviations affect the task order requirement being responded to. We suggest collaboration with the OCO prior to submitting deviations.
74	Section J.1 (Attachment (1), page 1	How do the OASIS SB Labor Categories and BLS SOC map to the NAICS Pools?
		RESPONSE: They don't. The Pools are based on size standards and nothing else. Labor Categories and SOCs are universal.
75		Are there two separate contract vehicles <u>each</u> with 6 NAICS pools and a minimum of 40 contractors in each pool?
		RESPONSE: That is correct.
76		How is a "small business" defined for the purposes of the IDIQ awards?
		RESPONSE: Each OASIS and OASIS SB Pool has a different size standard.
77		Is the NAICS business size based on a 3-year average or based on current year at the time of proposal submittal?
		RESPONSE: 3-year average. Please check with your local SBA representative if you have any questions regarding your Small Business status.
78		When a task order is issued, are all contractors within the applicable pool eligible to bid?

		RESPONSE: Yes. Fair Opportunity shall be provided to all Industry Partners within a given Pool unless a justification for an exception to Fair Opportunity is accomplished in accordance with FAR Part 16.
79		What is the specific process to transition Small Business contractors who outgrow their size status?
		RESPONSE: Please read Section H.11.2 of the OASIS SB draft solicitation.
80		Is the Relevant Experience requirement to address 3 of the 6 SB core areas cumulative across the 5 past performance citations, or does it apply for each citation?
		RESPONSE: We are looking for companies with experience in Integration. The requirement applies to each citation.
81		Is the Relevant Experience requirement to address 4 of the 6 unrestricted core areas cumulative across the 5 past performance citations, or does it apply for each citation?
		RESPONSE: We are looking for companies with experience in Integration. The requirement applies to each citation.
82	L.2.3, page 74	Section states that "The Government intends to establish a Multiple Award IDIQ Contract that consists of 6 separate Pools of Contractors based upon size standards and 40 contract awards for each Pool." Is it the Government's intent to have 40 contracts awarded per pool for both the large and small business contracts for a total of 480 awards?
		RESPONSE: That is the maximum number of potential awards between both contracts. However, we expect that contractors will win multiple Pools.
83	L.5.3.2.2.	Please provide greater detail on how the Government will verify that a past experience is relevant to one of the six core disciplines. Is having a word in the contractual/proposal document that matches one of the core disciplines or its subdisciplines sufficient? Or is a paragraph on relevant material needed? More than a paragraph?
		RESPONSE: There is no set number of words or verbiage. The citation should be self evident.
84	L 5.4.1 / 86	The requirement states "Offerors must verify that the <u>overall</u> past performance evaluation was finalized in CPARS prior to proposal submission." The CPARS process requires that each year of a contract be assessed independently and no one CPAR would cover the <u>overall</u> past performance for a multiple year contract. Given this, we recommend that requirement for the <u>overall past performance be dropped</u> .
		RESPONSE: The CPAR process calls for annual updates during performance and an overall evaluation once the project is complete.
85	Section L.5.3.1, page 85	Please define "total award value" per year. How is this metric to be calculated? What contractual documents are to be used to provide inputs for this calculation?
		RESPONSE: Please see earlier response regarding total award value.
86	M.5	Why are there no points provided for minimum requirements?
		RESPONSE: A contract evaluation strategy is designed to distinguish between Offerors. If points are given for minimum requirements, then everyone scored would receive them. This generates no distinction between Offerors. Accordingly, points are given when Offerors go above and beyond the minimum requirements to distinguish who are the highest rated.
87		What are the GSA costs for customers using OASIS? At one time we had heard standard GSA costs were .75% to the user.
		RESPONSE: That is the standard fee for GSA contract vehicles. The fee for OASIS will not exceed that rate. However, the contract access fee for the OASIS vehicles has not yet been determined.
88		Will Key Personnel be required for each TO or just an overall PM?
		RESPONSE: Task order requirements will vary and be specified in each task order solicitation. The OASIS and OASIS SB master contract requirements for key personnel are identified in Section G.2.6.
89		What do you expect the number of awards or seats to be on each effort?
		RESPONSE: Please see Section L of the Solicitation. The Government intends to establish a Multiple Award IDIQ Contract that consists of 6 separate Pools of Contractors based upon size standards and 40 contract awards for each Pool. A single Contractor may compete for more than one Pool.
90		Is there a maximum ceiling companies can reach for work they win?
		RESPONSE: No.
91		Do we have to bid on every TO once our pools are established?
		RESPONSE: No.
92		Can sole source awards be worked through OASIS?
		RESPONSE: Yes.
93		Will teams who qualify and win seats on both efforts be effected for dual qualification to the negative? How will that dynamic be managed or work be "doled out?"
		RESPONSE: First, we are not considering teams for prime awards. Secondly, we do not understand the remainder of the question. Please clarify.
94		We have seen numerous estimations ranging from \$4B to \$47B of the ceilings for both efforts? Are you any closer to providing rough or true estimates?
		RESPONSE: There have been no ceiling estimates provided by GSA. This is an issue that is being vetted internally at this time.

95		Regarding OASIS SB Draft Solicitation Number: OASIS_SB_RFI, can you please clarify whether a small business can include a large business on their team in responding to this solicitation?
		RESPONSE: No. Small businesses may subcontract to large businesses on task orders, but teams are not being considered for OASIS SB prime awards.
96	Page 30 - G.2.6.1.	"Corporate OASIS Program Manager (COPM): The COPM duties include, but are not limited to: Implementing the Contractor's Marketing Plan, incorporated into OASIS by reference." Is the market plan part of the proposal?
		RESPONSE: No. This reference was left in by mistake and shall be removed.
97	Page 31 – G.3.2.	Does the OMM exist? Has it been tested and is it ready for operations? Can contractors review it now?
		RESPONSE: No. The OMM is currently in development.
98	Page 34 - G.3.3.1.	"ISR Reporting: Contractors are encouraged to meet the subcontracting goals presented in the table." We are smaller than many large businesses. Can we be awarded a contract if our Subcontracting plan does not use these specific goals? Bidding OASIS is a major investment for a company our size, and the federal market is in a period of contraction. To make this investment while essentially committing to providing at least half of the business to other companies is a significant burden, restrains trade, and places an unfair burden on capable companies who exceed an arbitrary size standard based on the selected NAICS codes. The OASIS PMO should seriously consider an arrangement that allows for a sliding scale of small business goals based on an inverse relationship between the size of the company making the offer and the size of the ISR goals. For example, a scale like the following might be considered: >\$1 Billion revenue or >10,000 employees = ISR goal of 50%; <\$1 Billion revenue or <10,000 employees = ISR goal of 40%; <\$100 Million revenue or <3,000 employees = ISR goal of 30%; and <\$10 Million revenue or <1,000 employees = ISR goal of 20%. We believe this helps level the playing field among large businesses of varying sizes and will enable successful small businesses who have grown beyond small business standards to make the investment in bidding by seeing the potential for a sustainable return on investment. For small businesses it will provide the opportunity to team with companies with cultural affinity closer to their own and with a record of success doing what they are trying to do – grow.
		RESPONSE: In response to the first question present, a company can potentially be awarded a contract even if their subcontracting goals do not match those provided in the solicitation. However, we strongly encourage the use of these goals and do not agree that utilization of small business for subcontracting inhibits corporate growth.
99	Page 42 - H.4.2.1.	What is the purpose of the NAICS Pools for the Unrestricted Solicitation? Based on your responses to Round 1 Questions, it appears that any company can apply for all pools in the unrestricted solicitation.
		RESPONSE: The purpose of Pools on the Unrestricted solicitation is to account for the different size standards on the OASIS and OASIS SB contracts. A business may be considered large or small depending upon which size standard is applied.
100	Page 49 - H.7.4.	NAICS Pools: We qualify as a SB in pools 4, 5, and 6. Do we require a subcontracting plan? Are we considered a SB or a LB?
		RESPONSE: A subcontracting plan is not required on the OASIS SB contract.
101	Page 49 - H.7.4.	"Marketing: The Contractor shall develop company specific OASIS brochures for distribution at trade shows, conferences, seminars, etc., and distribute printed materials to enhance awareness of OASIS. The Contractor shall participate in various conferences and trade shows to facilitate outreach efforts for federal agency customers and to aid in the marketing of OASIS." Is the government really requiring contractors to invest in specific marketing materials, at the company's own cost when awarded an ID/IQ contract? This can greatly increase the overhead and unallowable budgets. This is a major burden for smaller businesses. Is the OASIS Program Office ready to address this marketing activity with the appropriate client audit agencies to accept these expenses as allowable expenses since it is required or is the PO ready to relieve businesses of this requirement?
		RESPONSE: Yes and yes.
102	Page 74 - L.2.3. and L.2.4., Page 75	Is the government really going to award 40 contract awards for each of 6 separate Pools on the unrestricted solicitation? This seems excessive given that all companies can compete for all pools in the unrestricted solicitation.
		RESPONSE: Yes. We are seeking the highest technically rated Offerors within each size standard.
103	Page 100 - M.5.	Grading Criteria for L.5.4.3. "Meets or Exceeds Total Small Business Goal." L.5.4.3. merely requires the submission of the Individual Summary Report (ISR) or Summary Subcontract Report (SSR) that was finalized in the eSRS system. However, the grading criteria mentions goals. Is this referencing the goals in Section L.5.1.6.2? If the latter is the case, how will you account for companies that were small businesses when they were awarded the contract used for the relevant past performance project? As a small business, we were required to perform 51% of the work and therefore could not have subcontracted 50% of the work to other small businesses.
		RESPONSE: If the project was performed as a small business, the ISR or SSR would not apply.
104	L.5.3.1 Relevant Experience Min	Do you want exactly five projects (no more, no less) whose total aggregate value is at least \$5million per year?

		RESPONSE: No. We are asking for exactly five projects whose total average value is \$5M each.
105	L.5.3.1 Relevant Experience Min	Can one or more of the five include a blanket purchase agreement under which we have been awarded individual task orders?
		RESPONSE: No. Please see the earlier response regarding BPAs.
106	B.1.3, p. 10	Will alternative proposals be allowed at the task order competition level?
		RESPONSE: Task order terms and conditions will dictate this. There is nothing in the OASIS contracts that forbids it.
107	B.2.5, p. 12	Given the standardized labor category and pricing approach of OASIS, will contractors be allowed to discount from their OASIS labor category price list on individual task order competitions?
		RESPONSE: There are no fixed prices on OASIS. Offerors may provide any pricing appropriate to their offer on competitive procurements.
108	B.3.1, p. 14	GSA has stated that it may, based on specific task order needs, add new labor categories to OASIS during the contract. How will contractors propose against new labor categories? Will there be a rate negotiation process?
		RESPONSE: Additional labor categories should be proposed at the task order level and will be negotiated at the task order level. Offerors should pre-coordinate with OCOs prior to submitting new labor categories.
109	G.3.12, p. 37	Could you clarify the intent of the statement "...and maintaining a strategic partnership between the OASIS SB Contractors..."? Given that OASIS small business primes will be competing against one another, what is the expectation in terms of strategic partnering amongst the primes?
		RESPONSE: All OASIS primes will be expected to treat each other with respect. We expect an environment of sharing best practices and lessons learned. We expect collaboration through Special Interest Groups. The OASIS Program Office intends to foster a "family" or "team" environment amongst OASIS contract holders and our clients. It is our fundamental belief that the success of one vendor does not come at the expense of another vendor and that the OASIS contracts will be at their strongest when all OASIS contract holders are successful. Together, everyone achieves more.
110	H.4.2, p. 40	It is our understanding that the pooling concept around NAICS codes is strictly to determine size standard, not necessarily NAICS functional areas. For example, though the codes for Pool 2 are predominately financial type codes, it does not mean that an engineering or logistics task order could not be competed in Pool 2 because it is a better fit from a size standard perspective (i.e., a slightly larger small business would have a greater potential for successful execution vice a smaller small business). Is this interpretation correct?
		RESPONSE: You are 100% correct in that the pools are based upon size standard. The OCO will select a NAICS code that best represents the task order to be competed. That NAICS code will automatically determine which Pool the task order gets competed within. No contracting officer has the authority to select any size standard they want for their task order requirement. Size standards are based upon NAICS code selection. So while the Pools are not functional areas, they are associated with NAICS codes simply because every NAICS code has an associated size standard.
111	L.2.5, p. 74	Our understanding is that protests are not allowable at the task order competition for the DHS TABSS IDIQ. Will the same approach be used for OASIS?
		RESPONSE: The limitation on protests on IDIQ task orders applies to all IDIQ contracts, including OASIS and OASIS SB. Please refer to FAR 16.505 for details.
112	B.2.1, p. 11	The Contractor shall become proficient in BLS SOC system to submit cost/pricing proposal? Is this proficiency obtained just through use of the system or are there specific expectations?
		RESPONSE: Proficiency should be obtained through use of the system as well as OASIS Program Office training that will be provided after contract awards and throughout the life of the OASIS contracts.
113	G.3.1, p. 30	Is the Contract Access Fee (CAF) similar to the Industrial Funding Fee of .75% assessed to our GSA contracts?
		RESPONSE: Yes.
114	G.3.2, p. 30	Are there any particular requirements for a company to be able to access the OMM within the GSA AAS Business Systems Portal other than registering?
		RESPONSE: The OMM does not yet exist. It is currently in development.
115	General	Will GSA OASIS include a "bid-up" option, allowing Pool 1 primes to bid-up into Pool 2-6 (and so on) on task order competitions? Or, will OASIS SB primes be restricted to task order competitions in their pool?
		RESPONSE: As of right now, OASIS and OASIS SB primes are restricted to task order competitions in their awarded Pool(s). We are, however, exploring the idea of a "bid-up" approach on OASIS SB.
116	L.3 on page 75	Offerors are hereby instructed to register in the AAS Business Systems Portal at least one month prior to submitting proposal documents. Please verify RFP response dates will be greater than 30 days in order to comply with requirement upon receipt of Final RFP.
		RESPONSE: Potential Offerors may register for the system at any time, including right now. The stated instructions are intended to prevent last minute complications at the proposal due date.

117	Section L.5.3 VOLUME 3 Relevant Experience	For relevant experience, can offerors use GSA Schedule projects, if the project had multiple disciplines, more than one SIN, and more than one schedule?
		RESPONSE: Yes, so long as it is a single task order.
118	Section C.2.1.4, Engineering Services; page 18	Section C.2.1.4 states "Engineering Services covered by the Brooks Architect-Engineers Act (40 U.S.C. 1102) are not covered by OASIS and are specifically prohibited to be performed on OASIS task orders." In many cases, A/E firms provide a wide range of services under Brooks Act A/E services contracts that would not be considered A/E services and do align with the scope of services in the OASIS contract. <i>Is it allowable to include such task orders as part of our Relevant Experience that clearly are not A/E design services, but are delivered under a Brooks Act procurement?</i>
		RESPONSE: If the relevant experience example could not have been performed under the OASIS contract, it is not an acceptable submission.
119	Section C.4, Services Not in Scope; page 21	Section C.4, Services Not in Scope, lists Hazmat Abatement as a service that will not be issued under the OASIS contract. <i>Please define, specifically, the scope/services that would constitute Hazmat Abatement. We want to clearly understand the difference between that and "Environmental Consulting and Remediation" services listed under Section C.2.1.4, Engineering Services (page 18).</i>
		RESPONSE: The Section actually states, "The OCO shall not issue a task order and a Contractor shall not accept or perform work for the following services when the primary task order scope of work is..." Hazmat abatement, on it's own, is typically included as Service Contract Act labor under "Hazardous Waste Pickup and Disposal Services" and not considered professional labor. This labor could be added as ancillary when integral and necessary to the overall requirement, but not be the primary scope of a task order. The distinction here is what the primary scope of work to be performed is and the utilization of professional labor.
120	Section L.5.3.1, Relevant Experience Minimum Requirements; page 85	GSA states, "Using the relevant experience template in accordance with the instructions in Section L.5.3.2, the Offeror must demonstrate five (5) distinct projects . . ." <i>Please confirm whether multiple task orders from the same contract may be combined under a single project description. The previous Q&A response to Question 20 (April 4, 2013) did not specifically address this aspect of the question.</i>
		RESPONSE: No. Task orders may not be combined.
121	Section H.6.14 on Page 48	This page states that "In performance of services awarded under OASIS SB, at least 50% of the cost of task order performance incurred for personnel shall be expended by the OASIS SB Prime Contractor." Does this requirement apply to each task order awarded or across task orders over a period of time (e.g. one year or five years)? Also, please confirm that this 50% requirement is for labor pricing only and not for ODCs, licenses, equipment purchases or other expenses.
		RESPONSE: As the rules currently exist, this requirement exists at the contract level and applies to the cumulative of all task orders performed. We plan to review this annually. However, it is our understanding that a proposed change may take affect that changes this requirement to the task order level, would apply to all dollars spent, and would allow for subcontracting to other small businesses to count towards the 50%. We will implement whichever rule is in effect at the time of contract awards.
122	G.3.2.4, p. 32	Are there specific requirements a small business would need to meet in order to pay CAF via pay.gov?
		RESPONSE: Answer pending.
123	G.3.8, p. 35	FAPIS – is entering required information accomplished by the information we enter into SAM (old CCR stuff)?
		RESPONSE: Answer pending.
124	G.3.10, p. 36	Are there particular requirements needed prior to award in order to complete FSRs reporting requirements?
		RESPONSE: Answer pending.