

DISA OTA 23-R-EMBM-J Request for Initial Presentation (RFIP)			
Questions and Responses			
#	Reference:	Question:	Government Response:
1	EMBM-J+RFIP, Page 4-5, Section 1.5.1 and 1.5.2	Can the Government provide additional details regarding the timeline post-phase I submission? How much time does the Government anticipate between Phase I evaluations/selections and Phase II notifications?	The Government estimates that notification to vendors selected for Phase-II will be provided around ten (10) business days after the completion of Phase-I.
2	EMBM-J+RFIP, Page 14, A.1.6.a, b, and c.	Can the Government provide the types of decisions they are looking for to result from the COAs developed by EMBM-DS?	COAs must provide the Commander with sufficient information to determine the likelihood of success and perform risk vs reward comparison to identify the EMS activities that best meet COA mission objectives.
3	EMBM-J+RFIP, Page 14, Appendix A.1.6.a, b, and c.	Can the government provide what portions of the JPP it is trying to address in a MVP. Does the government want COA generation, COA Decision with alternatives with those outputs linked to a decision support system that further informs the orders process?	The JPP is provided as reference in its entirety. Please reference JP 3-85 for discussion of the JEMSO JPP. The intent of the cited SON paragraphs are clear. It is the vendor's prerogative to propose the number of COAs shared via machine-to-machine interface. In addition, the "MVCR2 Requirements with elements" spreadsheet provided in the Bidder's Library contains references to the JPP steps of interest. Review the "Requirement" row of the spreadsheet.
4	EMBM-J+RFIP, Page 14, Appendix A.1.6.e	Is there desire for this system to integrate with JSIRO?	There is a possibility that the system may require integration to JSIRO during the Period of Performance of the Prototype and/or Production OTA, but a timeline or requirement has not been established at this time. At a minimum, the system will connect with JSIRO. JSIRO data is available through EMBM-J-SA.
5	RFIP, Section 3.1	If vendors for this effort are supposed to integrate with EMBM-SA, which has been previously awarded, what documentation or source code will be shared with vendors to enable this?	The Government does not foresee the need to provide source code at this time. Basic API documentation is provided in Interface Control Document (ICD) in the Bidder's Library. Additional API information, if necessary, will be provided during the appropriate acquisition phases of this OTA. At this time offerors should assume read-only access to all data available in the common data layer.
6	RFIP, Section 3.1	If vendors are supposed to integrate with EMBM-SA, will the government provide the current API documentation and a demonstration of the current capabilities of EMBM-SA?	See response to Question number 5. If information or a demonstration is deemed to be in the benefit of the Government, and deemed necessary, this will be provided at the appropriate acquisition phase of this OTA. This information is not instrumental in assisting vendors to develop Phase I Presentations.
7	RFIP, Section 1.4	What data sources does the government intend for the vendor to integrate into EMBM-DS?	The MVCR2 Requirements with elements spreadsheet provided in the Bidder's Library contains a listing of potential system and data source connections. This list includes systems and data used to support today's processes. It is not all inclusive and may be adjusted. Each vendor should propose the sources needed to support their proposed prototype solution.
8	RFIP, Section 3.1	Has the government already purchased or planned for cloud infrastructure in support of EMBM-DS, or does the vendor need to factor this into the cost?	No, the Government has not already purchased cloud infrastructure for EMBM-DS. The infrastructure and associated costs required is entirely dependent on the vendor's proposed prototype solution. Vendors should factor costs for cloud infrastructure in support of EMBM-DS accordingly at the appropriate Phase of the Request for Initial Presentation when Government provided ROM Estimate sheet is made available.
9	General	Is there an estimated timeline for eventual migration of EMBM-J capabilities to DISA's Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability (JWCC) when that environment is available at IL6+?	This is a goal but at present there is no mandated timeline.
10	General	Is there an intent and estimated desired timeline for deploying EMBM-J-DS into both SIPRNET and JWICS Production environments?	Yes, under ideal conditions 12 to 15 months to successful field on SIPRNET. Migration to JWICS is anticipated within 3 months after successfully fielding and testing on SIPRNET.
11	General	Are you able to disclose the team composition (i.e. Industry partners) performing the work currently underway as part of the first increment of EMBM, EMBM-SA?	The Government is not able to disclose vendors currently working on other aspects of this solution. Vendors should familiarize themselves with publicly available information related to information provided in this RFIP.

12	General	Please confirm that the non-government advisors from MITRE and CDS2, will not be allowed to compete for or earn any work resulting from this presentation. Nor will they be allowed to submit derivative works, or relay competing strategies to their own internal R&D department	As stated in the RFIP, MITRE and Command Decisions Systems and Solutions (CDS2) will assist the Government in a technical advisory role only. Moreover, MITRE Corporation is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center that provides the Government and associated agencies support in a multitude of areas included technical and acquisition support. Finally, personnel from MITRE and CDS2 are required to sign Non-Disclosure Agreements and abide by their terms.
13	General	Will the Government be providing teaming events or interested party(ies) information for this Request for initial Presentation (RFIP)?	The Government does not intend to host a separate event for teaming and networking to industry under this RFIP. Interested vendors are encouraged to attend the Question and Answer Session and may bring this forward as a topic for attendees and share their information for potential teaming. The Government may consider providing an Interested Party List to those parties that have expressed interest in this requirement.
14	General	Will the Question and Answer Session be one on one with interested parties or open to all vendors.	The Question and Answer Session will be an open forum for all interested parties to attend. Government personnel will be available to respond to technical and non-technical questions related to this requirement.
15	General	Please confirm it is acceptable for the presentation to be formed around a use case.	Vendors may provide the presentation in a format of their choosing. Vendors must adhere to instructions provided in RFIP sections 1.5.1 and 3.2 and time limitations.
16	General, Question #15 follow-on	If Vendor's can form the presentation around a use case, would the Government provide a specific scenario or a use case to allow Vendor's to tailor the presentation for the specific example provided?	See response to Question number 15.
17	General	Who is the audience for this presentation?	The audience for Phase I Presentations will be JEMSOC command staff, Government stakeholders and SME's, contractor technical advisors, and DISA OTA procurement personnel. All parties participating will be introduced at the start of each Presentation.
18	General	Will the EMBM-SA tool provide Order of Battle / Common Operating Picture (COP) to develop the course of action(s) (COAs) against and will it be consistently updated for Near-Real-Time (NRT) threats?	Vendors must specify data requirements relevant to the proposed prototype. It is reasonable for the purposes of the Presentation to depict EMBM-SA as the source of the required data so long as the source/feed is listed as part of EMBM-SA in the Bidder's Library.
19	Paragraph 3.5.5	Paragraph 3.5.5 Materials Submissions contains the following statement: "All information that is marked or verbally stated as being "Proprietary" will be handled accordingly." Please confirm whether this statement applies to the non-Government advisor(s) employed with the following companies: a. The MITRE Corporation b. Command Decisions Systems & Solutions, Inc. (CDS2) If the statement does not apply to non-government advisor(s), we respectfully request the Government provide a Point of Contact from each company that we can engage with to establish a Non-Disclosure Agreement to protect our proprietary information?	Please refer to the Government response to Question 12 and NDA requirements set for contractor's assisting in technical advisory roles to support this effort. All information provided to the Government for this RFIP shall be submitted through the appropriate channels identified within the RFIP. Per the RFIP all communications should be provided to the Agreements Officer, Agreements Specialist, and OT Agreement Inbox. The Agreements Officer and Agreements Specialist will route information based on the requirements and intent of the submission. No other point of contact information will be provided to industry for internal and external Government or contractor personnel.
20	General	Does the Government have a scenario and scenario details they would like the vendor to utilize for Topic 1?	Please refer to the responses provided to Questions 15 and 16.
21	General	Can the vendor have additional SMEs in attendance for the presentation who are only available during Q&A?	Vendors may, at the discretion of the Agreements Officer (AO), invite additional personnel to join for the Question and Answer Session and the Initial Presentation. These individuals can be participants, or in listen only mode. Vendors should ensure that during these events they are represented and supported by a team of technical subject matter experts that can fully engage with the Government in presentations, discussions and question periods. Vendors should ensure that personnel are limited to the technical SME's and not business personnel that may lack the knowledge to appropriately address the Government's questions and to ensure that technical information is exchanged quickly due to the time limitations outlined in the RFIP.
22	EMBM-J+RFIP+Amendment+0001, Page 14, A.1.7.a.	What FUPLANS/FUOPS do you anticipate extracting data from? Will the Government provide the data formats for these data extractions?	Vendors should assume current and future plans are in a format either created by or in a format that the proposed prototype can ingest.
23	General	Will the Government provide feedback on a proposed MVP following the presentation phase?	Per the RFIP please note that OT Agreements are not subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), and a formal debriefing will not be provided. Additionally, the Government may provide vendors that participated in Phase I a brief explanation of selection or non-selection.
24	General	Is there a target value range the Government is anticipating a vendors offer to be within? If so, what is that target value range?	The Government has developed an internal government estimate for this requirement. However, in order to allow for maximum innovation, the Government will not provide a target value range to vendors.
25	Section 1.5.3	"The Government may make an award to the responsible vendor(s) whose offer(s), conforming to the EMBM-DS requirements is(are) determined to represent the best overall value to the Government, considering both price and other factors." Is there a maximum number of awards that would be made?	The Government has not set a maximum number of awards. This decision will be made at later stages of the acquisition process and will depend on the solutions submitted by the industry.

26	RFIP, Section 3.1	Will any additional documentation or source code, beyond the EMBM ICD, be shared with vendors to enable integration with planned changes to the EMBM Data Services and Data as a Service capability build upon Databricks?	See response to Question 5.
27	RFIP, Section 3.1	Will the government provide bidders with a demonstration of the current capabilities of EMBM-SA and its Data Services framework?	If information or a demonstration is deemed to be in the benefit of the Government, and deemed necessary, this will be provided at the appropriate acquisition phase of this OTA. This information is not instrumental in assisting vendors to develop Phase I Presentations.
28	RFIP, Section 1.4	Has the government identified any additional data sources outside of those EMBM-SA already ingests that the government intends for the vendor to integrate into EMBM-DS?	See response to Question 27.
29	General	During the Q&A Session there was a common theme of the USG's desire to obtain the best overall value to the Government and provide the best information possible within the bidder's library. To that end and for potential vendors to obtain a stronger understanding of the workflow, would the Government provide a demo or include additional information in the bidder's library on the EMBM-SA workflow/user interface?	See response to Question 27.
30	General	Can DISA or NGA provide reference as to the current C2S/C2E commercial compute and processing capabilities/services afforded by the NGA Secret & TS cloud environment?	"For services available at IL4/5 (GovCloud) and IL6 (Secret) you can go to this website: <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/services-in-scope/">https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/services-in-scope/</a> Click on the DoD CCSRG tab and you'll find all the services available. The Government will provide AWS POC information at the appropriate Phase of the RFIP for SIPRNET and JWICS costing for refined ROM estimates."
31	General	Will the Government consider an extension to the RFIP Phase I - Initial Presentations?	The Government is not considering an additional extension beyond the current March 17, 2023 due date as defined in the RFIP.
32	General	Will the Government provide a ROM template for Phase I - Initial Presentations.	The Government does not intend to provide a ROM template for the Phase I – Initial Presentation. The vendor provided ROM/Price Estimate should be included and presented as a part of the Initial Presentation. A more refined, Government provided, ROM template will be included at later acquisition phases.
33	General	Should the ROM include hosting environment and deployment costs?	See response to Question 5.
34	General	Can the Government provide additional details regarding the tight acquisition timeline mentioned during the Q&A Session? When does the Government anticipate making an award to the successful vendor(s) as a result of the Phase III - Request for Project Proposals (RFPP)?	The Government intends to award the Prototype OTA no later than the end of 1st Quarter FY 24.