

Question #1: When will the contract be extended?

Answer #1: It will be extended at the conclusion of the base year, at the discretion of the U.S. Government.

Question #2: Will the hotels selected for an award be located mainly in Jerusalem?

Answer #2: The hotels selected for an award will only be located in Jerusalem.

Question #3: When is the contract due to begin?

Answer #3: The contract commence date will be reflected on the SF 1449 Block 3 (Award Effective date).

Question #4: How can the offerors determine the option years' prices based upon the potential for changes in the lodging per diem rates?

Answer #4: As articulated in the solicitation, the U.S. Government does not – as a matter of policy – pay above the maximum, approved, lodging per diem rate for any given locale or city except in specific circumstances that are outlined in the Federal Travel Regulations, Foreign Affairs Manual, and Foreign Affairs Handbook. As official U.S. delegations travel to the State of Israel and rooms are reserved, the lodging per diem rate that is in effect at the time of the reservation will apply. The U.S. Embassy acknowledges that per diem rates are fluid and may increase or decrease at any given time and for any given period of time. Please reference Section 4, page 27 of the solicitation.

Question #5: What type of contract is this?

Answer #5: The contract type for this requirement is Indefinite Quantity with firm-fixed price task orders.

Question #6: Are “black-out” dates acceptable?

Answer #6: The hotel needs to advise the U.S. Government of such dates in its proposal so that this can be taken into consideration during the evaluation process.

Question #7: What types of amenities are necessary for the US Government guests?

Answer #7: In accordance to the continuation of SF-1449, page 8 of the solicitation,

“The Contractor understands and agrees that the individual traveler shall be responsible for all expenses incurred in the hotel restaurants, gift shops, bars and entertainment clubs, health clubs/spas and other facilities and services that are not explicitly mentioned to be included in the room rate.”

The amenities that are included in the room rate shall be what is the commercially available amenities given to all hotel guests for the type of rooms requested in section II, II and IV of the solicitation.

Question #8: What is the definition of a deluxe room?

Answer #8: It can be described as a room of superior quality that is commensurate with the stature and import of the respective official U.S. Government delegation.

Question #9: Is it correct to assume that the Embassy guests cannot occupy rooms located on the first and second floors?

Answer #9: Security concerns will be addressed by the Regional Security Office set-up and operational phases of booking.

Question #10: Who is responsible for making the hotel reservations?

Answer #10: Reservations will be made by the Contracting Officer's Representative.

Question #11: What is the approximate number of meetings that will be held per year?

Answer #11: It is not possible to determine or confirm how many official USG delegations visit per year. Official USG delegations visit the State of Israel based on schedules and needs that are not directly or fully controlled by the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. As a result it is not possible to determine the number of meetings that will be held per year.

Question #12: How will the contract number be determined?

Answer #12: It will be generated by the U.S. Embassy.

Question #13: Who does the Value Added Tax apply to?

Answer #13: VAT is applied to all services. It is reimbursed by the Government of Israel in situations where the recipient of the service is exempt from paying VAT. The offerors may add VAT to their proposals, but the Embassy acknowledges that all services will be augmented with VAT.

Question #14: How many contracts will be awarded?

Answer #14: Post shall award 2 or more multiple award contracts based on this solicitation. This amendment also inserted Clause 52.216-27, Single or Multiple Awards into section 3 of the solicitation.

Question #15: Does the contract apply to the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem?

Answer #15: No.