

This protest filing relates to NIH NITAAC's CIO-SP4 solicitation 75N98121R00001. A draft RFP was released for comment in May 2020 and the actual RFP was released May 25, 2021. This protest concerns CIO-SP4 Amendment 7 issued July 19, 2021. We believe this Amendment creates an Unreasonable Response Time.

Amendment 7 changed the method in which a Small Business offeror (SB, WOSB, SDVOB, etc.) can receive points for the experience, certifications and qualifications of a Large Business subcontractor. It also extended the proposal due date to 14 days after the issuance of the Amendment.

Prior to Amendment 7 a Small Business could receive points for the experience, certifications, and qualifications of a Large Business sub. Amendment 7 (Section L.3.7.3) eliminated these points by requiring all points for the experience, certifications and qualifications come from Small Business partners (no points from Large Business subs). Amendment 7 also extended the proposal due date by 14 days. Pluribus Digital spent approximately 12 months constructing a 9.601(2) team to fulfill the requirements of CIO-SP4. This team included a Large Business subcontractor. The two-week notice provided by Amendment 7 is insufficient to reconstruct a new team. An extension of 6-12 months or a reversion to the original requirements seems appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.