

Ninth Addendum

The Issuing Office has received an inquiry seeking clarifications regarding the notification sent to Offerors providing guidance for the presentations scheduled for February 14 and 15.

It was the intention of the Issuing Office to direct Offerors to not address *in any fashion* the fee schedules they submitted for their card programs, their small diverse minority business submissions, their staff augmentation submissions, or their value added services submissions during their presentations. Discussion of any of these topics would very likely include – even if inadvertently or unintentionally – references to financial details that RFP Committee members will not consider prior to completing their evaluation of the technical submittals for each Offeror. Thus, the prior notification should not be interpreted to authorize or encourage an Offeror to present or discuss any element associated with i) the fee schedules it submitted for its card program, ii) its small diverse minority business submission, iii) its staff augmentation submission, or iv) its value added services submission.

Nothing in the prior notification, however, should be construed to limit or prevent an Offeror from discussing in its presentation any other areas it considers relevant and valuable to the Committee. Except as noted above, an Offerors may discuss any aspect of its initial submission or any material provided as supplemental content in response to inquiries or requests for clarification from the Issuing Office.