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[Grayson Dorr] 13:00:29

Good morning. Good afternoon, everyone. Just give it one more minute. We're letting some folks get in, to the webinar at office hours and we'll get started here in just another minute.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:01:16

We'll give just about 30 more seconds and we'll get started.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:01:44

Okay, well welcome everyone to our objectives strategic session. Otherwise known as our informational webinar slash office hours.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:01:53

This session today is being recorded. The slides that you'll see. As well will be posted on to our ConnectWerx opportunity page so you can go back and view this recording as well as check out these slides.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:02:09

They'll be made available. Immediately after this, session today in the, in the webinar recording probably in about a day, 24 to 48 h afterwards.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:02:18

Our goal is to have that online prior to the holiday break. So, 1st and foremost, welcome.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:02:26

My name is Grayson Dorr. I serve as the program manager for ConnectWerx. We are one of the partnership intermediaries or PIs working with the Department of Energy specifically in the Office of Technology Commercialization.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:02:38

For today's session, we are focused on the office of cybersecurity, energy security and emergency response.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:02:46

User, their recent solicitation. And talking through the DRA, or excuse me, DCI risk assessment or DRA opportunity.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:03:00

Just a couple of things on meeting housekeeping, as I mentioned, is being recorded in transcript where we posted.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:03:06

As we close this session today, you'll receive just a brief, 3 question survey. It's just helpful for us if you supply any contacts you may have.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:03:15

Or any feedback directly, pertaining to this for us. It's just helps us keep tabs on you all and making sure we're giving you the right and accurate content you need to help formulate a solicitation response.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:03:28

If you have any difficulties hearing us or audio problems, please use the chat feature. At the bottom of Zoom for that, but otherwise we'll reserve using the QA box at the bottom to capture your questions and that way we can read those out and then invite you to come off mute to engage in that kind of hybrid format.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:03:51

So again, please just use the Q&A. It helps us kind of track those questions and then we get a report from that and it helps us kind of track those questions and then we get a report from that and should it help us kind of track those questions and then we get a report from that and should either be any questions we're not able to answer or and should either be any questions we're not able to answer or need to follow up we can do that

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:02

offline. We're not able to answer or need to follow up. We can do that offline and need to follow up.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:04

We can do that offline and get back with you an appropriate time. So thank you in advance for.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:07

Following those guidelines. For those of you who are not familiar or haven't followed us as far as ConnectWerx.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:14

We do a couple different ways to engage with us. You can visit our opportunities page. You'll see that's broken out by our current opportunities as well as some of the past.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:25

Solicitations last opportunities we've run with the PIA. You'll see a prior one from Caesar that we just closed a couple weeks ago and obviously this one at the very top of the page as well.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:37

And obviously this one at the very top of the page as well. We invite you to join our network if you haven't done so already.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:42

It's a very quick survey if you will response that we capture. And then we keep you informed as far as any upcoming opportunities, deadlines, that sort of thing.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:04:52

We promised not to flood your inbox and really just keep that. Focused on the actual opportunities with the PIA and those types of reminders.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:02

Ways to engage with us are primarily 1st and foremost to our virtual events. You're on our obviously our webinar today.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:11

A lot of times we'll host our host breakout sessions as far as office hours as well. For this particular solicitation, being a very specific target.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:20

A group of eligible respondents. This is really combined into both into one session. So, a little bit different format than we use in the past.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:29

But nonetheless, we're using that to kind of streamline and making sure that. We can kick this project off very soon in the new year.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:37

Another way if you're involved in TechConnect, if you're familiar with it or if not, connect is a division.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:46

Of ConnectWerx. It is a way that we have both involvement in the task as well as in the future with this world conference.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:05:54

There's an SBIR. Conferences well that we just attended but will be in Raleigh in March as well as some others from DOE, we invite you to attend.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:04

We don't have a booth number yet, but we're finalizing those details to be on the lookout for that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:13

And again, before I turn it over to Nabil, just a quick reminder. They is our email address as well as the network form.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:20

If you want to take that. Take your phone out and grab that really quick. You can do that probably before we even go to the next slide.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:28

But again, our mission is to engage. Match and collaborate with you all to meet the needs of the Department of Energy and across various sectors.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:37

So with that, I'll come back on. As we dive into the or jump into the Q&A session.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:44

But without further ado, I'll turn it over to. From Caesar's office and he'll walk through the next few.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:06:50

Portions of the presentation. Needle over to you.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:06:55

Thanks, and morning everybody. I apologize. I'm a bit under the weather so I won't turn my camera on.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:01

So we're going to go real quick through an overview of Caesar. DCI risk, assessments or DRE or would be an opportunity.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:12

Racing will go back over the application or review process. We'll do the Q&A session.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:18

So, I'm sure most of you all are familiar with Caesar. Our mission is essentially the security of the US energy sector.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:30

We want to make sure we have a secure Brazilian adaptive energy sector to keep up with.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:35

You know, those are for, reliable energy for national defense for all Americans. That can be all hazards.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:44

And, sabotage. And these are 4 core capabilities, risk analysis, energy infrastructure, hardening, cutting edge innovation.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:07:57

D. Work that we do and our response and restoration recovery teams we are going to be focusing on or this, DCI risk.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:08:07

Assessment project will be around the energy infrastructure. Obviously DC. Is a defense critical energy infrastructure.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:08:22

That's where we're going to be focusing in as energy infrastructure hardening. Again, defense critical energy infrastructure.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:08:30

Program objectives. Or to enhance cyber resilience. For the DCI. Apply.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:08:39

Advanced risk assessments. Physical, physical, IEC 6 2 4 4 3. To identify, mitigate, cyber enable sabotage scenarios we want to be able to blend numerous frameworks into our assessments to make sure that we're providing.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:03

As much support as we can to our friends at the critical energy infrastructure. Construction. We want to make sure that they can operate effectively through compromise.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:19

I think, you know, the name of the game is understand that you most likely are compromised. And make sure that you can still continue.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:27

To deliver your critical functions. We want to make sure we strengthen our national infrastructure security through proactive engineering-based solution.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:40

So most all of you should be CC certified. Through I now so all of this information should seem very relevant.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:47

We shouldn't really, I don't think have any questions around it. You know, go on and see, you know, what questions you guys do have.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:54

Next.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:09:58

Grayson, did you want to talk about eligibility? You want me to do that?

[Grayson Dorr] 13:10:02

Yeah, and if you cover this section, I'll jump back. When we get into the application and then cover that for you.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:10:07

And then we'll go right into questions.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:10:08

Yeah. So. You have to meet the domestic entity definition by GSA. Ability to conduct both cyber physical cybersecurity.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:10:21

That assessments not including but not limited to CC and I EC. He also applicants are required to submit a transparency of forward connections disclosures and certification before negotiation negotiating their war sorry You have to have that CC.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:10:45

You have to be certified in CCD and be a licensee. Of CCE from INO, LL.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:10:53

An ability to demonstrate sufficient financial resources to access capital to commence. It's sustained initial project activities prior to the initial payment.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:11:05

Alright, that's good.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:11:10

Thanks.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:11

Alright, thanks to Bill. I'll cover just a little bit on our application and review process and then we will turn it over.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:19

I did confirm. As we get into questions, you're able to come off mute if you would like.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:24

Otherwise, you're more than welcome to ask them anonymously if you don't, would not like to do so.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:30

Little bit on our application for those that have not applied under ConnectWerx or any of the other PS it's very straightforward these required documents.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:46

Have templates assigned to them so for example the project overview and plan and the project schedule and can't chart those are both available online.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:11:55

We encourage everyone to download those, begin to work and review those. You'll see the project overview and plan we like to say is the meet of the application.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:05

That is a 5-page maximum and you see the acceptable. That is a 5-page maximum, and you see the acceptable file types.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:10

If you do submit over 5 pages, beyond the max assigned pages. So just be mindful of that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:20

The templates are available. It's really intended to guide you through the application, but you do have the flexibility.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:28

To format that any way you would like as long as it's within those parameters.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:35

Same thing with the project scheduling GANT. We asked that you download that template.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:41

We've had folks use that many times in the past and again just either submit that Excel file or the PDF.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:47

Appropriately. One of the things you'll see here in addition that's required is project team resumes.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:12:55

So those are 2 pages per person, submitted as one file. So just be mindful of that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:02

And then most of the time you'll see with all of our opportunities you're more than welcome to add letters to support those are optional but if you do submit those, we asked just for a single page letter and you can submit up to 5 letters.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:16

If for whatever reason you have a letter that goes, slightly over, just be mindful of that and try to condense it down if you can.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:23

But again, court are optional, they're not required. So again, that's a little bit of the breakdown of the actual.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:31

Documents that you would be attaching inside the application when you click on the link on the opportunity page to start applying.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:37

You'll see the basic standard questions that we capture. A lot of those are intended just for metric purposes.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:44

We track those across all of our opportunities. You'll see questions. Such as prior funding.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:13:52

UEI, cage numbers, that kind of thing. So just be mindful. That but we always encourage starting with these documents by downloading them and then it becomes pretty straightforward to when you're ready to apply to submit everything all is one.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:14:08

Again, just overall, Timeline for those that are joining, and you just heard about the opportunity you really didn't miss this much we just launched this Again, you see the very condensed timeline back on December 10.th

[Grayson Dorr] 13:14:23

This became live. We're here today obviously for office hours OSS and then the submissions will close right in the new year after about a week, to get those in as we start.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:14:34

And so, you'll see with what the requirements are. Really with the documents and attachments that should all and all be just about 6, 7 pages worth of required supporting materials to respond.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:14:52

Nabil, I will, I will turn this over to you or I'm happy to cover this if you would like as well on the review criteria.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:14:59

So, understanding technical merit review criteria. Understanding the problem. I'm not going to read every line. I don't want it to be this neat reading to you guys.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:15:16

Proposed solution, innovation, technical expertise and scalability and adaptability. Under the technical marital, in the impact.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:15:20

Broader implications, right? Have you seen energy center impact and national security implications? This will be, and then team qualifications or key personnel, organizational capabilities.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:15:35

Past 4 min and then the cost-effective excellent value. Right, so, 's justification, cost analysis and any and do that.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:15:54

And like everything on that we've been doing for this one. We're condensing our time to 15 min.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:16:01

45 min for Q&A.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:16:04

Okay.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:16:04

Alright, thanks to Bill. We'll go ahead and pull up our next slide just with helpful reminders.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:16:11

But in the meantime, We can begin answering any questions you may have, like I said.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:16:16

You're welcome to ask it and then if you would like we can Take you off mute or just ask directly and reserve that time.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:16:24

So, I'll pause there and we'll check here in just 1 min.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:16:45

Thank you, Paul. I see you. I, very helpful to raise your hand. I'm, you should be able to come off mute and ask your question.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:16:53

Yeah, okay, so real quick here. When do you expect to make the award and then what's the peer to performance or schedule window we should be planning for?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:17:07

Good thanks for the question. Hoping to make the awards that are scheduled to tras. I'll do it with them.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:17:14

Q 1 if not early Q 2 and so what was the second part?

[Paul Stansbury] 13:17:24

The second part was from a scheduling perspective. What's the peer to performance or schedule window we should be planning for there?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:17:32

We're looking for a 12-month pop.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:17:39

Got it. Thank you.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:17:41

Yeah, and Paul, just to piggyback on that and thank you for that question. Just for everyone's awareness too.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:17:48

So, a little bit of the process, the applications close in January. On the ConnectWerx side, we obviously collect all of those, screen them, do a complete, complete.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:18:01

Sanity if you will check and then we turn those over to the DOE for their review. Once selections are made or they have identified those selectees the negotiation period really kicks off and ConnectWerx works manages that on behalf of DOE as far as scheduling those meetings and the coordination between both Nobel and the Caesar office as well as the Office of Technology Commercialization as I

[Grayson Dorr] 13:18:30

mentioned. And that really starts with 2 2 key documents and that's a statement of effort that we extract from your actual application.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:18:39

Is Nebil mentioned kind of focused around that a milestone schedule if you will of those 12 around those 12 months.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:18:47

And then from there we accompany it with the business to business or b 2 b agreement. Our b 2 b agreements that we have in place that is actually with connect works or technically our parent organization called Advanced Technology International or ATI.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:19:04

So that contract is actually with ATI in the selected performer. Not with the DOE. And so that is actually available on our website.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:19:13

We have a boiler of that should you like to review that ahead of time. You're more than welcome to but a lot of the work upfront during that negotiation review period kicks off with focused around that statement of effort, with that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:19:30

And again, we've seen it very, we can move very quickly. It's really just how many performers are selected as well as just willingness and availability on everyone's part to.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:19:44

To continue those. Those discussions and move it move it forward. So.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:19:55

And thank you, Brook. Brooke does a great job. She posted in our chat just kind of our resources tab as well.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:20:00

Where you can see that we post some other. Helpful links as well should you not only be looking at this particular solicitation but others as well.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:20:36

Hey, Grayson, I've got another question. Be ready. I'm just trying to be respectful of other folks, but Okay, can you can you clarify specific contractual terms and maybe some like federal blowdown requirements that might apply to the work?

[Grayson Dorr] 13:20:39

Sure. Yeah. No, you're great. You're great.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:20:53

Like IP provisions and cybersecurity clauses or FOIA protections.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:21:00

Sure, do you I'm going to invite others some to join as well, but the B-to-B agreement that you see post on our website that Those that particular agreement has all of the mandatory flow downs, if you will, from our contractual agreement with, the Department of Energy.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:21:20

So, by and large most of that there are some sections obviously we still invite performers to review those.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:21:28

And Go through a discussion of any particular items that they may have concerns or comments on, but by and large, that entire agreement has those, flow downs required to it.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:21:41

And so, Typically, you know, we discuss on the IP side that during that phase as well, I don't want to specifically comment on this particular opportunity, but by and large most that always stays with the performer.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:22:00

I'll ask anybody on the DOE side if there's any further comment they would like to add.

[Sara Harvey] 13:22:09

I think specific exhibits that are going to be added to the b 2 b. Sent out at the time.

[Sara Harvey] 13:22:18

But that overarching, terms and conditions agreement that, Grayson mentioned is on the Connecticut website.

[Sara Harvey] 13:22:25

And that has a lot of those other requirements. A key thing about this type of agreement is that it is a partnership intermediary agreement.

[Sara Harvey] 13:22:34

So it exists outside of financial regulations. So you can kind of see some of those terms there and see sort of what some of those differences are.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:22:47

Yeah, and you'll in the very end of that on the exhibits table, you'll see.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:22:52

Once we go through final determination. There will be sections on if a cybersecurity plan is required.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:23:01

Ip disclosure forms, that sort of thing, if those will be required. During that period so

[Paul Stansbury] 13:23:11

Oh, great. Thanks for that, Sarah. So sort of following up on that as well, like, Regardless like audit rights.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:23:19

You know, can you elaborate on the audit rights and typically what's exercised in practice like for instance, what types of records are reviewed and what level of detail and what points during period of performance.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:23:32

I don't know if that's covered in that documentation as well or there's more you can add to that.

[Sara Harvey] 13:23:40

Yeah, so because these are milestone-based payments, essentially what will happen is in that statement of effort that's delivered at the time of award and that's part of what you negotiate with the DOE.

[Sara Harvey] 13:23:55

It will list out those different milestones in the expected deliverable for each of those milestones, it will tell you exactly what documentation you'll need to submit.

[Sara Harvey] 13:24:03

With your invoice to receive payment. So again, these payments are happening. Incrementally as you complete different milestones and those are negotiated.

[Sara Harvey] 13:24:14

As part of that. Business to business agreement and so that can't chart and schedule that you fill out that will be the basis for those milestone payments.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:24:30

Yeah, and if there's any further specific contractual, questions that, that may weigh as far as determination we can.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:24:41

We can see if we can get answer back to. From our internal contracts team as well so please feel free to send those, send us to us, we'll review them and see, ultimately, who's the appropriate response and who should come from whether it's on DOE side or KANETWORKS on.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:25:03

Gotcha, okay, perfect. I had a question reference to, the budget workbook template.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:25:11

You know, we've been looking at and it appears intentionally pretty high level, which is fine.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:25:17

And requesting only like you mentioned the milestone level costs.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:25:22

However, the review criteria stated that the budget will be evaluated based on the realism and reasonableness of the proposed budget with clear justification for all costs.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:25:33

So we should make sure, you know, to align our submission with DOE's expectations, sort of what level of details that offers provide in the budget justification narrative.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:25:52

Paul, actually I'm looking for something. Pretty high level around the milestones.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:26:01

So.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:26:02

Okay.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:26:05

Yeah, I know. I, I don't need anything. Let's. Into the weeds.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:26:12

So. Really just build up, right? So.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:26:19

What the cost would be to each milestone. And then the overall build up for the year.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:26:27

Okay, yep, understood. Yeah, we just didn't want to come in so high level and then not meet the you know, the clear justification for all cost pieces of it.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:26:37

So, but that makes sense.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:26:53

Right, just doing a quick check as a reminder, you're welcome to ask in our Q&A box or raise your hand.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:27:01

We can take you off mute as well. Thank you for those great questions.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:27:28

Nabil asked this question. I don't know. If we'll be able to provide context given it's.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:27:36

Somewhat preliminary but I'll ask it and see if there's anything you can add to it. So that says the solicitation indicates.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:27:45

The 2 awards will be made under this opportunity. Could we clarify how the 2 awards will be structured and differentiated and how offer should reflect this in their pricing assumptions.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:27:59

And I believe, correct me if I'm on, we're saying up to 2 awards, correct?

[Grayson Dorr] 13:28:05

If they're, the, so for everyone's just to add to this the total available funding is just over \$850,000 so the awards that We're looking to make or up to 2, but there's no requirement that 2 awards should be or have to be made.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:28:25

Is that fair or correct? Nobel.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:28:27

Yeah, that's correct. So it's up to 2 awards. That could be.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:28:40

Apologies. I, to say I was thinking. Add another 100 so it's 9, just over \$940,000.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:28:47

Yeah.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:28:48

Yup.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:28:52

But I don't think I understand. About the differentiation. I mean, I think if we find that 2 of the applicants.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:29:03

Have strong proposals. We may.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:29:14

Okay.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:29:16

So sorry, the next question I guess is that DOD and Utility Partners been identified for this effort.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:29:23

Caesar and the You know, I now team are working towards. Identifying that information.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:29:32

Thank you, and that the question just. Everyone almost has have DOD and utility partners been identified so there's work ongoing for that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:29:58

All right, next question, Nabil, pulling from the box for, DCI sites to be could offers expect onsite remote or hybrid assessments of those activities.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:30:12

If onsite work is anticipated, what access requirements. Security processes, escorting vendor coordination and data access limitation should we plan for when developing our schedule and pricing.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:30:28

So it could be all 3. Through the CC methodology. Typically, there is a, you know, preliminary onsite visit that's done.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:30:43

Typically, no, keys or hand, you know, hands on keys. It really, you know, it will depend.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:30:51

On the DCI, the owner operators and what they, you know, what they're asking for.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:31:02

But for the proposal, I would ask that you assume it's a CC effort. That you're being asked to do because that is what your license to do.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:31:17

So you've all gone through the, you know, identical. License training for it. Based on the 4 phases.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:31:26

Which is, Hey. Thank you. Onsite. Preliminary and typically an onsite wrap up, but everything else is done.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:31:43

Typically remote or hybrid, right? So that's what I would ask if this was a question about how you're supposed to build your proposals.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:31:51

Say it to build up.

[Paul Stansbury] 13:31:57

Yeah, so thank you for that. And the second part of that question is, revolved around access requirements to what should we expect for like security processes and escorting and vendor coordination.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:32:10

Yeah, so again with the I would go with what we know through CC which you would have buy and from stakeholders that would allow you the access you need in order to be able to do the assessments.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:32:27

That we're being asked to do. So if you need access to a system or you need access.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:32:36

To a facility. That that is granted to you. Now typically you know, we, you would do.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:32:44

Most likely over the shoulder, right? Because they are not going to grant you. A 100% access and bad you to have network access but you would probably shoulder surf or sit next to somebody who's an owner operator that provides you the necessary information that you need.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:33:01

That you can map out. Right the different systems and how they interact with one another.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:33:11

Does, does that help all?

[Paul Stansbury] 13:33:17

Yes, sir. Thank you.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:33:18

Yeah.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:33:24

Thank you.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:33:25

We have a couple more questions that have come in. Nabil, I will, pause just for a minute and we can look and see.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:33:44

So I believe let me go back really quick. So in the efforts of we just talked about with .

[Grayson Dorr] 13:33:50

D. Utility Partners is there an idea on the number of assessments you expect covered in phase 2?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:34:02

So for the overall proposals. I would ask that you assume

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:34:11

One CCE assessment. For pricing.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:34:18

So that way we have a good baseline. That makes sense.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:34:27

Is that it?

[Grayson Dorr] 13:34:29

Yep, and there's another. Let's see. Another question that may be tied to that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:34:39

Obviously you would do better than I would. So the information protection. Requirements of NAS, 800 dash 1, 71 and DOD, C, MC come into play here.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:34:52

You know, I'll have to look into that and follow up.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:34:59

Alright, so we'll leave that.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:35:16

Alright, so Mark and we will follow up on that. Next question, how will, DEAL, ConnectWerx facilitate coordination with the DCEI utilities and site.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:35:26

Stayholders and to what extent will the assessment team be expected to independently coordinate interviews, data requests, and onsite activities.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:35:36  
Yeah, so DOE being the

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:35:42  
Federal SR. Will have to facilitate and coordinate with the DC, yeah, utilities and site stakeholders.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:35:54  
Based on my understanding. Yes, the assessment team won't really do. Independent coordinated. Interviews at the beginning, right?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:36:06  
So, there will be. Typically, a federal lead. That's available. Oh, to initiate those conversations.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:36:16  
And data requests. And typically, also on the onsite activities.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:36:23  
So, there will be most likely hand off at some point. But initial conversations will all take place with a federal employee whether it's from.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:36:38  
Or my organization within Caesar or One of the other organizations.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:36:52  
Thanks, Nabeel. Doing a quick check. We still have about 25 min.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:36:58  
Again, this is intended to be everyone's time as we. Have blended the webinar slash office hours so we'll keep given some brief pauses, but we don't have any additional questions coming through.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:37:12  
We'll do a last call here in just another couple of minutes. But feel free to continue to ask, should you have any?

[Grayson Dorr] 13:37:51  
And as a quick reminder, we're waiting on questions and looking through them at the deadline. As you see here in front of you is that Wednesday, January 7th at 5 p.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:01  
M. Obviously everyone is welcome to use the maximum amount of time, and we understand the quick turnaround.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:12

However, please ensure that you're starting or at least have your application submitted. Before the deadline that way for whatever reason if there are any issues you're having we can troubleshoot that with you prior to the close.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:25

We've had a few folks in the past that have had issues and obviously that's because the application does come down officially at 5 0 1 p.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:33

M. So that link will no longer be available to submit if you are starting and opening that that particular application link.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:45

So please be sure to start as soon as you're able to but also we respect that. We know that many will need the full amount of time.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:52

On that date.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:38:57

Let's see. Nabil, looks like we have just one more question and I'll do, a last call for questions at this time.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:39:04

And then we will turn to wrap if we don't see any. But again, feel free to continue to ask this is your time that we're providing to help you for answer any of these so Sunnivia, what information will DOE, ConnectWerx provide prior to an assessment.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:39:25

And when can we expect it to be made available ahead of the assessment?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:39:30

Yeah, so DO. Cesar will provide whatever information you have available that's been shared with us yeah, it all depends on the stakeholder.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:39:42

How quickly they provide that information. And how readily available it is to get it over to you. So

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:39:52

Really up to the stakeholders. Since all that information will live with them.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:40:21

All right, before we wrap up, I'll do last. Reminder about ConnectWerx and then I'll turn it over.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:40:29

To you Nobel for the final word. But again, thank you everyone for the time today. Especially reviewing and considering applying for this opportunity through Caesar on DRA.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:40:43

We recognize the quick turnaround in the work potentially for some prior to the holiday but we encourage everyone obviously if you're able to take that break and come back ready to go in the new year.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:40:54

If you haven't like I mentioned please consider joining the network by checking out our opportunity pages our opportunity page we have a couple open solicitations at this time.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:41:04

This one along with another one from GDOs, Carla. So again, please check those.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:41:08

You're also welcome to look back at prior solicitations. To gauge opportunities, you may be tracking in the future.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:41:18

And then Brooke also pointed our. Posted in the chat a link to directly do that. We promise not to flood your inbox and will really keep these reminders focused on new opportunities, webinars, deadlines, that sort of thing.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:41:34

But I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Turn it over to the veil and look forward to working hopefully with many of you in the new year on this.

[Grayson Dorr] 13:41:42

So, Nabil, over to you.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:41:45

Thanks, everybody. I do appreciate it. I know this is a quick turn. So, everyone that joins, thank you very much for joining.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:41:54

Obviously, you know this is one of the administration's priorities that you've been following. So, do you see a hard name with something that?

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:42:04

Energy has always been a leader on and something that we want to continue to lead on. Looking for partners to join us.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:42:12

And achieving the administration's goals.

[Nabeel Ahmed] 13:42:18

So, thank you and happy holidays