

Questions and Responses:

Question 1:

Would the Government consider accepting either CMMI-DEV or CMMI-SVC Level 3 or higher since there is majority of process areas are shared between the two constellations and repeatability of processes will not be reduced since both will require Level 3 or higher?

Government Response:

The Government has determined that CMMI-SVC is a relatively new methodology and is in agreement that there is a considerable overlap of process areas shared between the two constellations. The Government is also concerned about unnecessarily restricting competition. Therefore, the Government has determined that it is in our best interest to amend the requirement to allow either CMMI-SVC or CMMI-DEV Level 3 or higher as the required certification. Amendment A001 will be issued through GSA E-Buy, Fedconnect, and on the NETL Electronic Reading Room. The Government does believe that the methodology required under CMMI-SVC Level 3 is the appropriate methodology for this requirement. Therefore, the work performed shall be required to be provided following the methodology of CMMI-SVC Level III when delivering services under this contract. It is our belief that those firms certified at the CMMI-DEV Level 3 or higher are capable of applying the CMMI-SVC methodology to the services provided.

Question 2:

Is this requirement a follow-on to the Information Technology and Engineering Services (ITES) contract currently awarded to Platinum Solutions?

Government Response:

This requirement is a follow-on to the ITES contract that was originally awarded to Platinum Solutions and currently performed by SRA Platinum Solutions. A FOIA released version of that contract is available at the NETL Electronic Reading Room located at: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations/ssc2008/index.html>. However, Offerors are cautioned that requirements have changed significantly and care should be taken in responding to the current requirement provided in the RFP.