

**Universal Service Administrative Company**

**Enterprise Statistician Services RFP - USAC-20-021**

**Questions and Answers**

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1	Please clarify the page count for Volume I - Corporate Information. Is the not to exceed page count three, or four pages?	The page count for Volume I – Corporate Information is four (4).
2	Please clarify the page count for Volume II - Technical. Is the not to exceed page count 10, or 12 pages?	The page count for Volume II – Technical is twelve (12).
3	Attachment 1 - Labor Category Position Descriptions - Since very few post-graduate institutions offer a PhD in statistics and since a PhD in Mathematics aligns with statistics, will the government consider allowing a PhD in Mathematics for the Statistician labor category?	USAC will consider a PhD in Mathematics or Economics with a background/undergraduate degree in statistics.
4	What areas of improvement is USAC wishing to address in the next several years of work under this contract?	Improvements include efficiently developed sampling plans and understanding of the USAC programs.
5	Does USAC expect there to be only one statistician performing the work under this contract? What benefits does USAC see to having two statisticians with sampling experience share the work?	<p>More than one statistician can perform the work under this contract.</p> <p>More than one statistician should be available at all times to ensure continuity of work to address deliverables being due at the same time from different divisions. Having at least two statisticians is essential to ensure timely completion of deliverables.</p>
6	Does USAC have an estimate of the number of hours per contract year required of the statistician?	USAC does not have an exact estimate of the hours needed per contract year. However, USAC will need the statistical services throughout the year.
7	How many hours in each of the previous three years has the current statistician put in on this contract?	USAC does not share the information related to the incumbent contractor/contract.
8	May we have a copy of the final reports produced under the current contract the last three years?	USAC does not share such report/information, if any, with the public.
9	May we have a copy of any documents related to sample design that were produced under this contract in the past three years?	USAC does not share the work products/documents produced by the incumbent with the public.
10	Section 6.C of the contract requests “statistical services for unforeseen requirements ...” In the past three years of the contract, what work, if any, has been performed as statistical services for unforeseen requirements?	Section 6. C, statistical services for unforeseen requirements is referring to the same services as needed for other USAC programs other than the scope of work identified in the RFP. There might be situations when other programs may require statistical services that are not already identified. USAC did not run into such a situation in the past. However, we expect the need for statistical services by other programs in the future.
11	Attachment 1 (Labor Category Position Descriptions) specifies a PhD in Statistics as the minimum education level requirement. Would a proposal with the Statistician key person having a PhD in Economics (where statistics and modeling are extensively covered	This will suffice. PhD in Mathematics or Economics with a background/undergraduate degree in statistics.

	in econometrics classes and applied in empirical research) and with decades of applying sampling, statistical analysis, and modeling in telecommunications and other industries satisfy the requirements for being considered for the analysis USAC is seeking?	
<b>Additional Questions and Answers</b>		
1	Attachment 1 - Labor Category Position Descriptions. The Q&A states "more than one statistician should be available at all times to ensure continuity of work to address deliverables being due at the same time from different divisions. Having at least two statisticians is essential to ensure timely completion of deliverables." Given the need for two statisticians, will USAC consider allowing vendors to add additional Labor Categories to account for statistician support personnel? These personnel are experienced in supporting the analysis of data, developing sampling plans and analyzing results but do not have a PhD?	USAC requires the offerors to submit the labor category/ies and meet the requirement stated in attachment 1. Offerors may propose additional labor categories for USAC review and determination.
2	Attachment 2 - Key Personnel and Price Schedule. Can USAC please confirm vendors are to submit their price in accordance with the Attachment 2 format and include hourly labor rates by period only? Further, please confirm vendors do not need to submit pricing for the sample task order format included on page 46 of the RFP.	USAC is requesting price in accordance with the attachment 2 format and the hourly rates for labor categories proposed.  USAC does not require pricing for sample task order.