1. Section 3. Bonding states “During the Bond Validity Period, the Proposer may not withdraw or modify its Proposal without the penalty of forfeiting the Proposal Bid Bond to ARRC”:

   a. We anticipate that if invited to negotiations in September/October, within the 180 day period from 9/4/20 that some values in our proposal would change (for example, negotiated compensation to ARRC). Would the changes be considered a violation to the bid bond and subject to penalty?

      Answer:

      ARRC expects changes will occur during good faith negotiations.

   b. Please further define “modify” in the context of the submitted proposal as stated in the language referenced previously in section 3. Bonding

      Answer:

      Modify – means after submission of a proposal the proposer cannot come to the table at the start of negotiations with material changes to its Proposal. Material changes effect to price, quantity, quality, delivery or would have adversely impacted the evaluation of the Proposal.

2. Would ARRC accept a bid bond form one entity, and then accept the replacement with an equal bond/LOC at a later time (within the 180 period)?

   Answer:

   A replacement bond may be accepted if it meets the IFP requirement and does not reduce or negate the requirement.