

Amendment Number 0001  
Questions and Answers

Broad Agency Number 09-019

Information Integration and Automated Image  
Understanding Applied Research Programs

**Question #1:** In section II, 'Award Information', the BAA says "Anticipated Number of Awards: Six (6) to ten (10) awards per Topic/Thrust..." I see that funding is available for this BAA from GFY 2010 – 2012. Is the stated anticipated number of awards the number expected to be awarded per year, or the expected number to be awarded in total over the 3-year period?

**Answer #1:** The government anticipates that six (6) to ten (10) awards will be made under this BAA during FY 2010. The period in which funding will be provided for those awards is from GFY 2010 through 2012, depending upon the availability of funds. ONR issues a BAA for the Applied Research program on an annual basis.

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**Question #2:** I have question regarding Classification Levels. The solicitation indicates that Classified Submissions are acceptable; however, the highest level of acceptable Classification is not indicated. The question is, is "Secret Collateral" the highest level, or is there interest (and a mechanism for submitting) Classified submissions at a higher Security level (e.g. TS//SCI).

**Answer #2:** ONR is interested in advancing the state of technology. Hence, it is generally incompatible with classified proposals.

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**Question #3:** The PIP states: "Federally Funded Research & Development Centers (FFRDCs), including Department of Energy National Laboratories, are not eligible to receive awards under this BAA. However, teaming arrangements between FFRDCs and eligible principal bidders are allowed so long as they are permitted under the sponsoring agreement between the Government and the specific FFRDC." We are an UARC (University Affiliated Research Center), not exactly an FFRDC. Does the restriction above also apply to UARCS?

**Answer#3:** Yes, UARCs can submit a response to this BAA.

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**Question #4:** We are in the process of submitting a white paper on information integration, please suggest the preferred method for its submission?

**Answer #4:** Please refer to Section IV entitled "APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION" for details on the preferred method of submission of white papers.

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**Question #5:** We would like to submit a white paper in response to BAA 09-019 for the topic of Information Integration and would like to find out if this topic is ITAR restricted. The solicitation states that some of the topics are restricted but doesn't specify which ones. Can you please let us know if Information Integration (focus on Data Fusion) covers restricted technologies?

**Answer #5:** It is not the government's responsibility to determine whether or not a research area/topic is a restricted technology. There is no ITAR restrictions permitted for development, but it maybe imposed during testing.

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