

Amendment Number 0003

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) 12-007
"Fiscal Year 2013 Communications and Networking Discovery and Invention"

The purpose of Amendment 0003 is to answer questions received under BAA 12-007.

Q#1: We have read the above BAA with great interest because its objectives are strongly related to our research. My inquiry to you regards the business nature for this BAA.

We noted the comments in the BAA regarding FFRDC participation (p9). While I am a member of an FFRDC, I am also an Adjunct Professor. Discussions with my colleagues at both organizations reveal strong mutual interest in a teaming arrangement. However, we seek clarification regarding limitations of the participation of the FFRDC, particularly concerning the preparation of the cost estimate sheet required for the White Paper and the required structuring the proposed effort.

On behalf of both organizations I represent, we appreciate any guidance in the business arrangements and restrictions in the teaming effort.

A#1: In accordance with BAA 12-007 entitled, "Communication and Networking Discovery and Invention", Section III entitled "Eligibility", "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". Therefore, teams of FFRDs and academia are allowed. However, the specific roles for each team member should be clearly explained and separate funding shown for each team member

Q#2: Can the same individual serve as PI or coPI on more than one preproposal from the same institution?

A#2: Yes, the same individual can serve as PI or coPI on more than one preproposal from the same institution.
