

Amendment 0004
Solicitation Number ONRBAA 12-018
“USV Payloads for Single Sortie Detect to Engage (SS-DTE) Mine Counter Measures”
Date 11 SEP 2012

The purpose of Amendment 0004 is to revise white paper submission instructions and respond to questions submitted.

BAA 12-018 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Questions and Answers are provided as follows:

Question 1: The BAA instructions direct delivery of a copy of a non-password protected copy of the white paper via electronic mail to ton.swain@navy.mil and to john.dudinsky@navy.mil. Our company’s International Traffic in Arms compliance policy, however, does not allow transmission of non-password protected files that may contain ITAR-sensitive material via electronic mail. Instead, we propose to use the Army’s AMRDEC SAFE file exchange facility to transmit the file (see <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/SAFE2/>). The recipient will receive an email message with instructions on downloading the file from the AMRDEC site. Will this be acceptable?

Answer 1: Offerors shall submit white papers through the web dropbox stated in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of the BAA. If Offerors would prefer to not submit their white papers through email, then the Offeror shall send an email (without the white paper attached) to John Dudinsky confirming the white paper has been submitted through the web dropbox. In addition, the email only needs to be sent to john.dudinsky@navy.mil as stated in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of the BAA. As a side note, Dr. Swean’s email stated in the question above is wrong. Dr. Swean’s email address is tom.swean@navy.mil.

Question 2: We have been working through various ideas in response to Task 3 of BAA 12-018 and hoped to get clarification on the scope of the project. We're wondering if the Government is interested in a DRS that would attach to an existing USV, or can the proposed DRS be a part of specifically designed USV?

Answer 2: ONR does not have any preconceived notion regarding the USV to be utilized by the SS-DTE effort. Thus, either approach that you are considering could be of interest. We recommend that you review the answers to questions 10 through 19 of Amendment 0002 of this BAA as well as the Task 3 section of the reference document for additional details affecting USV characteristics that is currently known.

2. The BAA is hereby amended as follows:

a. Section IV, Paragraph 1 entitled, “Application and Submission Process” is revised to read as follows:

1. Application and Submission Process - White Paper, Full Proposals

White Papers: The due date for white papers is no later than 4:00 PM (EDT) on Thursday, 13 September 2012. White papers are to be submitted in the format described below to the following web dropbox (select Dr Swean as program manager):

<http://onroutside.onr.navy.mil/ASPPProcessor/annual321oe/>

In addition, please email all submissions to:

john.dudinsky@navy.mil

If an Offeror would prefer to not send the white paper via email, then the Offeror shall send an email (without the white paper attached) to the above address confirming the white paper has been submitted through the web dropbox.

If an Offeror does not submit a white paper before the specified due date and time, it is not eligible to participate in the remaining Full Proposal submission process and is not eligible for funding. Each white paper should state that it is submitted in response to this BAA and cite the particular sub-section (task) of the Research Opportunity Description that the white paper is primarily addressing.

The Future Naval Capabilities team will evaluate each white paper and indicate in its email response to the proposer whether a full proposal would appear to have a high or low probability of success if submitted. The Government may provide recommendations related to contract structure (e.g., options) when providing results of White Paper Review. Submission of a full proposal will be either encouraged or discouraged; however, a full proposal may be submitted by a proposer, even if its white paper was not well received, and it will receive full consideration.

White Paper Evaluation/Notification: Navy evaluations of white papers will be issued via email notification on or about 15 October 2012.

Full Proposals: The due date and time for receipt of Full Proposals is no later than 29 November 2012, 4:00 PM EST. It is anticipated that the final selections will be made on or about 4 January 2013. As soon as the final full proposal evaluation process is completed, each PI will be notified via email of the project's selection or non-selection for FY13 funding. Full proposals received after the published due date and time will not be considered for funding, except as may be allowed under the "Submission of Late Proposals" clause below.

b. Section IV, Paragraph 2 ,Subparagraph a. entitled, "White Papers" is revised to read as follows:

a. WHITE PAPERS

White Paper Format

- Paper Size - 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Margins - 1 inch
- Spacing - single spaced
- Font - Times New Roman, 12 point
- Max. Number of Pages permitted: 5 pages (excluding cover page, resumes, bibliographies, and table of contents)
- **Copies - One (1) electronic copy in Adobe PDF or Word 2007 delivered in accordance with Section IV, Paragraph 1. The subject line of the email shall read "ONR BAA12-018 White Paper Submission."**

NOTE: 1) Do not send .ZIP files; 2) Do not send password protected files.

In order to provide traceability and evidence of submission, Offerors may wish to use the "Delivery Receipt" option available from Microsoft Outlook and other email programs that will automatically generate a response when the subject email is delivered to the recipient's email system. Consult the User's Manual for your email software for further details on this feature.

White Paper Content

- Cover Page: The Cover Page shall be labeled "WHITE PAPER", and shall include the BAA number, proposed title, Offeror's administrative and technical points of contact, with telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and Internet addresses, and shall be signed by an authorized officer.
- Technical Concept: A description of the technology innovation and technical risk areas. The technical section shall state which areas and topics are being addressed and shall consist of clear descriptions of objectives, technical issues and risks which must be resolved to accomplish objectives, approach to resolving these issues, particular prior experience of the offeror in targeted technology area, and a clear description of and schedule for demonstration of the significant aspects of the concept.
- Other Requirements: Include Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) requirements associated with your proposed approach excluding UUV platforms and UUV mockups. A cost estimate for GFE is not required. In addition, include a high level cost estimate for all costs (except GFE) associated with each task.