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Amendment 0001

1. Section IV, "Application and Submission Process," paragraph 1 is revised to include the following language:

Oral Presentations - Selected offerors, whose proposing technologies identified through the proposal evaluations as being of "particular value" to the Navy, will be asked to make an oral presentation of their proposals to a panel of government evaluators. The exact time and location of the oral presentations will be provided at a later date via E-mail notification. However, this presentation is tentatively planned for the week of 03/26/2007 and will take place at the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, VA. Invited universities are not guaranteed an award if selected to present during the oral presentation phase.

2. Section IV, "Application and Submission Process," paragraph 3, Significant Dates and Times is revised to read:

3. Significant Dates and Times

Anticipated Schedule of Events		
Event	Date (MM/DD/YEAR)	Time (Eastern Standard Time)
Full Proposals Due Date	02/16/2007	3:00 PM
Oral Presentations (for invited offerors)	03/27/2007—3/30/2007	N/A
Notification of Selection for Award *	04/20/2007	N/A
Grant Awards *	07/20/2007	N/A

* These dates are estimates as of the date of this announcement.

3. Section V., "Evaluation Criteria," paragraph 1, "Evaluation Criteria" is revised to read:

The DoD expects that the HEL MRI will focus on basic science and engineering research that will eventually lead to applications for defense purposes primarily and also for commercial purposes and further education at the institution.

Award decisions will be based on a scientific technical review of the proposals received **and oral presentations, if applicable.** Evaluations **of proposals and oral presentations** will be conducted using the following evaluation criteria:

Evaluation criteria weighting – 60% equally distributed to criteria (a)–(c).

- a) Overall scientific and technical merit of the proposed research
- b) Innovativeness of research
- c) Potential of basic research transitioning to applied research. This includes the quality of the proposer's plan for establishing linkages with research and

development organizations that transition research findings to application, particularly U.S. industrial organizations, DoD laboratories, and other DoD organizations that perform research and development for defense applications. Examples of approaches that can be proposed are collaboration in the performance of the proposed research (with or without a subaward of HEL MRI funds), exchange of scientific and engineering personnel, and exchange of technical information.

Other evaluation criteria of lesser importance than (a), (b) and (c) will have an evaluation criteria weighting of 40% equally distributed to criteria (d)-(g).

- d) Risk.
- e) Qualifications, capabilities, and experience of the proposed principal investigator, team leader or other key personnel who are critical in achieving proposed objectives
- f) Offeror's record of past projects to include assessment of duplication with already completed or ongoing work
- g) Realism and reasonableness of the proposed cost.

If options are applicable to the requirement, the Government may evaluate options utilizing any one of the following methodologies:

(1) Evaluation Exclusive of Options – The Government may evaluate offerors for award purposes by including only the cost for the basic requirement, i.e., options may not be included in the evaluation for award purposes; or

(2) Evaluation of Options Exercised at Time of Award – Except when determined not be in the Government's best interests, the Government may evaluate the total cost for the basic requirement together with any option(s) to be exercised at the time of award; or

(3) Evaluation of Options – Except when it is determined not to be in the Government's best interests, the Government will evaluate for award purposes by adding the total cost for all options to the total cost for the basic requirement.

Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s) at anytime during the period of performance.

4. Section V., "Evaluation Criteria," paragraph 2, "Evaluation Panel" is revised to read:

Proposals and **oral presentations, if applicable**, will be evaluated by Government personnel. All government personnel participating in evaluation will protect proprietary and source-selection information.

The Government may use selected support personnel to assist in providing both technical expertise and administrative support regarding any proposals **and oral presentations**

ensuing from this announcement. These support contractors are bound by appropriate non-disclosure agreements to protect proprietary and source-selection information.

5. Section V., "Evaluation Criteria," paragraph 3, "Selection Process", is revised to read:

Full proposals will undergo a multi-stage evaluation procedure. The respective evaluation panels will review proposals first and **invite selected offerors to oral presentations**. Findings of the evaluation panels will be forwarded to senior DoD officials who will make funding recommendations to the awarding officials.