

High Energy Laser Multidisciplinary
Research Initiative (HEL MRI)
BAA 07-004

Questions and Answers:

1. The instructions on the ONR BAA 07-004 specifically state that grant proposals must be submitted electronically on Grants.gov. Upon downloading the electronic application, other than the SF 424, there were no other forms contained in the .xfd file. Where would an offeror go to download the "Research and Related Other Project Information" or "Budget" forms?

Answer: The "Research & Related Other Project Information," "Research & Related Budget," and the "Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile" forms are optional. Offerors can use the optional forms or use their own proposal templates, as long as the information required by the solicitation is addressed by the proposal. Those forms are available for use under the Grants.gov electronic application package for BAA 07-004.

2. Please clarify if the funding thrusts for each area are for the first year or for the total three years.

Answer: This profile represents the total planned funding levels for the first year effort only. For proposal preparation purposes, the offeror should plan for the follow on years (FY 08-09 base years and FY 10-11 option years) to be funded to similar levels subject to the availability of appropriations.

3. The prime awardee university plans to purchase a large piece of capital equipment from a vendor. Is that portion of the budget considered part of the university's budget and therefore, would it be part of the 51% required to go to the university?

Answer: Yes. The planned capital equipment purchase that will be located at the University is considered part of the University budget. The only restriction is for industries & others (non-qualified Universities) NOT to exceed 49% of the proposed budget.

4. Can the university supplement the budget with cost share?

Answer: Yes. Cost sharing is always encouraged.

5. Our organization plans to work with the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Does AFIT's portion of the budget get included in the 51% university requirement?

Answer: AFIT, NPS, AF/NAVY Academies are considered qualified for this MRI Call. So, AFIT's portion of the budget should be included in the University 51% university requirement.

6. Can AFIT's portion of the budget be sent directly to AFIT rather than through Notre Dame?

Answer: Yes, if selected, AFIT portion can be sent directly w/o going through the prime.