

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

Questions and Answers:

16. Will applicants who pass the first screening be required to give an oral presentation at JTO?

Answer: Yes, prior to an award determination, selected universities will be requested to present their proposals during an oral presentation phase. This phase will allow universities to provide additional information to support their proposal. Invited universities are not guaranteed an award if selected to present during the oral presentation phase. The oral presentation will take place at the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, VA.

17. In our group, the Principal Investigator (PI) is less directly involved with this research than the Associate Investigator (AI). If talks are required, may the Associate Investigator give the talk? Both the PI and the AI are the primary University technical contacts.

Answer: Yes, the Associate Investigator may give the presentation, if invited to the oral presentation phase, the university may select who will provide the oral presentation. The individual selected must be able to address all aspects of the proposal to include both the technical and programmatic elements.

18. Under Volume I technical proposal, the cover page states you show the annual funding requirements and under facilities, you are to list the equipment planned for acquisition. Are we to leave all costs associated with the equipment out of this section in Volume I?

Answer: No, the equipment cost should be included in the annual funding requirements. As outlined in the BAA Section IV paragraph 2, the Volume 1 Technical Proposal: the cover page must include the "Annual Funding Requirements." These funding requirements represent a summary of all costs per FY that support the proposal. A more detailed equipment and facilities breakout of the proposed cost should be documented in Volume 2 under the Volume 2 Cost proposal, Part 1 Other Direct Costs -- "particularly any proposed items of equipment or facilities. Equipment and facilities generally must be furnished by the contractor/recipient."

The technical proposal should, as stated in Volume 1 Technical Proposal, Facilities - "describe the equipment planned for acquisition under this program and its application to objectives."

19. To cover the 3 base years and 2 option years by Government fiscal year, we are planning to split the budget into 7 periods. Is this correct?

Answer: No, this is not correct. Please see the answer to Question 12. To further clarify the answer to that question, the cost proposal should outline a detailed budget for each FY based upon the period of performance listed in Question 12.