Human Systems Integration BAA 07-013

Third Group of Questions and Answers 12 March 2007

1. Under section "VI Award Administration Information" subsection "Subcontracting Plans": Although we are proposing integration with other company segments, there will be no subcontractors. The proposal will most likely be above \$550K. The wording appears to suggest that even without using subcontractors; a Small Business Subcontracting Plan will be required. Is this correct? If we need to submit a SBSP, is it simply a condition of award (if selected) and it can be provided later?

Response: Per the referenced section, a Small Business Subcontracting Plan will be required as described, but it is not a condition for selection for award. It would be prepared as part of the contracting process.

2. Under section "VII Other Information" subsection "4. Use of Animals and Human Subjects in Research": We will be proposing products that involve human subjects for testing levels of control. This subsection identifies that for research involving human subjects, various documents need to be provided prior to award. Do we wait until/if our proposal has been accepted, then provide this documentation prior to award, or is it expected to provide this documentation prior to consideration of our proposal?

Response: The subject documentation would only be required for proposals selected for award and they would be prepared as part of the contracting process.

3. Is this BAA is a follow-on to a previous requirement, and if so, what BAA number, or contract number?

Response: This BAA is stand alone document.

4. Is the place of performance going to be at ONR or the contractor facility? (Or if neither, where?)

Response: It depends upon the performer's proposal. Most likely, the Office of Naval Research will not be the on site location where the performer will complete the work.

5. We understand that Volume 1 is limited to no more than 38 pages. Several sections within Volume 1 also have page limitations, i.e., "page limitations on sections within this volume apply, if specified below." If the full page allocation within an individual section of the proposal is not used, may we apply those remaining pages to another section? For instance, if we only use 4 pages of the 5-page allocation of the Management Approach, may we apply that remaining page to another section such as the Technical Approach (10 pages rather than the specified 9 pages)?

Response: Yes; however responses to each section must be complete.

6. On the top of page 15, in the section on Industry-Academia-Government Partnering, please can you provide details to the following statement:

"Funding for any Government partners will not be provided through any awards from this announcement, but rather will be transferred directly to that Government entity." Do we need the Government partners to provide costs? If so, in what

Response: In order to ensure that ONR has a complete picture of such partnerships, the Government entity's costs must be provided as part of the proposal. Such data should be presented similarly to the format provided in the BAA.

7. May we hand deliver the proposal to the address specified on page 22, should the need arise?

Response: Complete proposals may be hand delivered to either of the following contacts:

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8. Do the page limits include figures, or are figures part of a separate page count?

Response: Figures are included in the page count.

9. Is there a different page limit for those proposals that address multiple capability gaps?

Response: The limit of 38 pages is for all proposals.