

Amendment No. 0002 to BAA #07-021
“Globally Networked Maritime Headquarters with Maritime Operations Center”

The purpose of Amendment 0002 is to provide additional information regarding Industry Day and to post the answers to questions received in response to BAA 07-021.

1. “For those offeror’s who did not register during Industry Day, the web link has been reestablished below for any formal requests for the reference material stated in BAA 07-021. The material (CD) will be sent to qualified respondents who have stated that they are U.S. Citizens and that their company is qualified to submit white papers accordingly. The information can be found under the below website:

<http://www.onr.navy.mil/about/events/regdetail.asp?cid=300&code=4>

*The website will remain active until **22 May 2007**, one (1) day before the White Papers are due. **CD’s containing the reference material will be sent to qualified requestors. Also, all respondents that request materials need to fill out the registration request recently added to the below FORCEnet website:**

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2. The following are answers to questions received in response to the BAA.

Question: Will the Cover Page submitted under the White Papers, count as a part of the 10 pages?

Answer: The cover page will not be counted in the white paper page count. See paragraph 2, entitled “Content and Format of White Papers/Full Proposals-” on page 15 of the BAA.

Question: Could the Government provide clarification as to whether it is the Government’s intent to restrict work on this effort to only U.S. citizens, or to US persons as defined in ITAR Section 120.15?

Answer: Refer to page 13, under Section III, entitled, Eligibility Information which states that the award under this BAA will be made only to U.S. owned firms, U.S. based firms and U.S. institutions of higher education. The performer and all working efforts must be U.S. Citizens. It is expected that DD254’s are required to perform work on this effort. Key Personnel need to be United States citizens. Developmental work on this effort may start out as unclassified, but as the program progresses, classified access shall be required. It is suggested that potential bidders refer to the Industrial Security Manual which explains, requirements for performing work at the proper levels.

Question: What is the anticipated period of performance?

Answer: Refer to page 13, under Section III, entitled Eligibility Information, states, “*Proposed work should be structured for a one (1) year or three year that shall include a Base performance period of twelve (12) months with or one (1); or two (2) twelve (12) month*”

options". The first year is the (12) month base year; and each year after is considered to be an option year. Typically offerors will have two (12) month options.

Question: Is it possible for NSWC-PC to partner with a corporate entity to develop a proposal to this BAA, since the work seems to be well within the areas-of-expertise and capability?

Answer: Refer to page 21, under Section V; entitled Evaluation Information qualifies Industry-Government Partnering. ONR encourages such partnering. However, under Section III, entitled Eligibility Information states that Government Entities and Federal Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) are ineligible to apply as prime contractors.

Question: Please clarify page 16 of the BAA, which states under paragraph Section I "Technical Concept" referring to the incorrect Section I paragraph 6.3; and Section 6.1?

Answer: Page 16 under, "White Paper Content", subsection entitled, "Technical Concept" is replaced with the following:

*"Technical Concept: A description of the technology innovation, the Program thrusts addressed (**described in Section I paragraph 5.0**), and technical risk areas. This section may be six (6) pages or fewer. Include a detailed listing of the technical tasks/subtasks organized by year. Relate the product that results from the task/subtask and briefly state metrics that will be met as a result of the task/subtask. In presenting the technical concept, the paper should explain how the technology proposed is relevant to the operational context described in the unclassified paper described in **Section 5.0** of the BAA."*

Question: Under Section 5, entitled "Research Opportunity Description" of the BAA; describes three (3) levels of experiments. Could clarification be provided to describe each level on the test/experiment events?

1. Table Top Experimentation (TTE)- within 6 months of award
2. Limited Technology Experimentation (LTE) 12 to 14 months after award
3. Limited Objective Experiments/Sea Trial Events (LOE/STE)- last 4 months of base period

Answer: The TTE within the first year, LTE within the second year, and LOE/STE within the third year.

Question: Can any guidance be provided to the desired level of Contractor Support during these events and their durations? For travel budgeting, should the offerors assume TTE and LTE occur in the Washington, DC area? Would LOE/STE be executed from the East or West coast? Would Contractor Support be required on the ship and/or at the G-N MHQ/MOC?

Answer: This has not been yet determined.

Questions:

(1) Can potential offerors still receive copies of the Maritime HQ Maritime HQ Maritime Ops Center CONOP and the JFMCC Planning & Execution Navy Warfare Development CONOP TACEMO 3-32-06 at this time before White Papers are due?

(2) The directions provided for website www.cffc.navy.mil. was not successful, is this email address invalid, if so please provide the correct website to view the documents?

Answer: (1) Refer to Question #1.

Question: Will the phrase Transition Readiness Level (TRL) in the second Technology Approach and Justification slide (#5 in the canonical instructions) correspond with the Technology Readiness Level? If not, could guidance be provided and/or resources so that potential offerors may provide a correct assessment? If this does correspond to Technology Readiness Level, could potential offerors plan to employ the TRL descriptions in the DoD Acquisition Guidebook (<http://akss.dau.mil/dag/welcome/asp>)

Answer: Yes, this is Technology Readiness Level (TRL)