

ELECTRONIC WARFARE TECHNOLOGY
BAA 08-004
Questions and Answers
As of 02/01/2008

Question #1: Will ONR post the list of Industry Day attendees on the ONR website?

Answer #1: Yes.

Question #2: Is radar Electronic Protection (EP) considered Electronic Warfare (EW)?

Answer #2: No, in the context of the ONR EW program, EP is not considered EW unless it uses an EW system to achieve it.

Question #3: Can a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) submit white papers?

Answer#3: Yes, although not necessarily in response to the BAA. When the BAA was released a separate solicitation with the same content (research areas of interest, white paper format and due date) was sent from ONR to Navy laboratories and warfare centers. These organizations would not be funded by a contract so the guidelines and stipulations of the BAA do not formally apply to them, but ONR still wishes to receive their responses to the areas of interest listed in the BAA. Therefore, whether a UARC should respond to the BAA or to the informal solicitation really depends on how ONR would fund a UARC effort if it is selected. If it will be via a direct contract or grant from ONR then a BAA response is appropriate. If it will be via an existing government contract vehicle that would only require a government-to-government funding transfer, then a response to the informal solicitation is appropriate. However, since the same white paper guidance and deadlines apply to both, it really makes no difference to the white paper submission process. ONR will work with the submitting organization to determine the best means of funding any efforts that are chosen to submit full proposals.

Question #4: Is it feasible for industry to work in conjunction with a Navy Lab?

Answer #4: Yes, but ONR will not act as a facilitator in establishing a teaming relationship.

Question #5: Does industry compete with the Navy labs for the same resources?

Answer #5: Yes, ONR will choose which efforts to fund based solely on the evaluation criteria and not on whether the submission was from industry, academia, government lab, Navy warfare center, Federal Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), UARC, or any other organization. The anticipated funding resources listed in the BAA will be distributed based solely on the merits of the proposals and the requested level of effort.

Question#6: If industry teamed with a Navy lab what would be the process for funding the team members?

Answer #6: It could vary. If there is an existing contract between the Navy lab and the industry partner then funds could be sent to the Navy lab to be applied to that contract. If there was no existing contract then ONR could split the funding between a direct contract to the industry partner and a

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separate funding transfer to the lab. The program plan in the proposal should clearly indicate which method would be advised or preferred.

Question #7: Will ONR request more full proposals to be submitted than there are resources to fund?

Answer #7: No, ONR will request full proposals from only those entities whose efforts ONR intends to fund starting in fiscal year 2009. However, if the final approved DoD budget for fiscal year 2009 includes less funding for ONR EW Discovery and Invention (D&I) efforts than is currently anticipated, it may be necessary to limit the awards to match the funding available.

Question #8: Is your emphasis this year on Electronic Attack (EA)?

Answer #8: Yes. Because of the strong emphasis in Electronic Support Measures (ESM) technology in the efforts chosen for funding last year, and to provide some balance in the overall Electronic Warfare program portfolio, the primary focus in fiscal year 2009 will be on EA. However, ONR reserves the right to select any innovative EW science and technology effort that is deemed to have sufficient merit, regardless of EW application.

Question #9: Will the briefing slides shown today be posted on the ONR website?

Answer #9: Yes, pending final approval by the ONR publication release authority.

Question #10: Regarding program funding, is there a profile that is considered more desirable than others?

Answer #10: Not necessarily, but the profile should make sense with respect to the effort being proposed. One would normally not expect the funding to be frontloaded but rather spread out over the life of the program, possibly with a slightly higher profile in the final year as testing and other more costly events occur. But whatever profile is proposed it must be justified by the program plan.

Question #11: What happens to white papers that are not selected for further consideration? Are they destroyed?

Answer #11: Yes, they are destroyed.

Question #12: Regarding paragraph 6.2, item (i.) of the BAA which discusses Advanced Electronic Protection (EP), does this include new technologies for the protection of receiver front-ends from High Powered Microwaves and other Directed Energy Weapons?

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Answer #12: No. The listing of Advanced Electronic Protection (EP) is in reference to the capabilities of the threat we are attempting to defeat. In other words, the BAA area of interest is in developing countermeasures to defeat the use of Advanced EP by hostile forces and not in developing Advanced EP for U.S. systems.

Question #13: Would you have any interest in receiving white papers that are outside the area of Electronic Warfare but still of great interest to the U.S. Navy?

Answer #13: No, the focus of this BAA is on Electronic Warfare so other responses would be inappropriate. For other topics of interest to the U.S. Navy ONR BAA 08-0001 may be a more appropriate. However, you are encouraged to seek out the appropriate Program Officer within ONR that handles the technology area of interest and discuss the matter with him or her before submitting any white paper or proposal in response to BAA ONR 08-0001. Consult the ONR website to determine the best point of contact.

Question #14: Can the white papers submitted be classified at the SECRET level?

Answer #14: Yes. They will need to be properly marked with the authority that the classification is derived from (classification guide, etc.), as well as the declassification date, and be sent by an approved method for handling classified material (USPS certified mail, FedEx, etc.). As in the case of unclassified white papers, you must submit one (1) original, seven (7) copies, and one (1) electronic copy on CD-ROM, (in Microsoft Word or .PDF format). It is recommended that classified white papers be sent well in advance of the 12 February due date because processing by the ONR Document Control office can delay delivery to the ONR program office by a few days in some cases.

Shipping address for classified white papers:

(Outer wrapper)	(Inner wrapper)
Office of Naval Research	Office of Naval Research
ATTN: Document Control	ATTN: Peter Craig, ONR 312
875 North Randolph Street	875 North Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1995	Arlington, VA 22203-1995

Question #15: We have three related technical areas that we would like to propose for ONR BAA 08-004. The two page limit makes it very difficult for us to describe these three technologies in detail. Would you prefer that we submit three separate white papers (one for each topic), or only provide minimal detail for each topic in a single white paper?

Answer #15: There is no limit as to the number of white papers that can be submitted under the BAA. An offeror may submit as many white papers as they feel appropriate, as long as each effort is complete on its own and is not dependent on another separate effort to achieve its objectives. In this instance, you should submit three separate white papers, one for each topic.