

Amendment 0001
BAA 09-0007 titled “Basic Research in Rotorcraft Technology”

The purpose of Amendment 0002 to BAA 09-007 is to: 1) Make a correction under Section 5.1 and 2) Answer FAQs.

1. UNDER SECTION 5.1, “EVALUATION CRITERIA”, CRITERION 1 IS REVISED AS FOLLOWS (CHANGES IN **BOLD**):

1. Overall scientific and technical merits of the proposal
 - (a) Uniqueness of and degree of innovation in the proposed research; **potential for new scientific knowledge and theoretical understanding.**
 - (b) Soundness of technical concept
 - (c) Offeror’s awareness of the state of the art and understanding of the scope of the problem and the technical effort needed to address it

2. SUBMITTED QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS:

Q: May we propose more than one project per white paper or proposal?

A: Propose only one project per white paper or proposal. Offerors may submit more than one white paper or proposal; however each project will be evaluated on its own merits, without reference to or dependence on other proposed projects.

Q: May projects combine sub-projects addressing different topics?

A: Each white paper/proposal should present focused, stand-alone efforts addressing single topics. Doubtful cases that appear to combine two or more distinct topics will be discussed with Offeror at time of white paper evaluation.

Q: If teaming with another organization, do we each submit a white paper/proposal?

A: Submit only one white paper/proposal identifying the Prime Offeror, the subcontractors, and the role each is to play in the project execution.

Q: Are the sample topic areas listed in Section 1.6.2 and 1.6.3 "preferred" in any sense? If we have an idea that doesn't fit in one of these areas, will the proposal be devalued?

A: No. Although the sample topic areas in Sections 1.6.2 and 1.6.3 are of interest to the Navy, they are provided for illustration only. However, note that proposals under Sec. 1.6.1 (Advanced Aerodynamics for Aircraft/Ship Dynamic Interface) are limited to the topic areas listed.

Q: The BAA calls for basic research, yet some of the sample topic areas seem to relate to applications. Please clarify.

A: The sample topic areas provide examples of rotorcraft technology needs that may inspire basic scientific inquiry. Although proposals must be relevant to rotorcraft technology needs, they do not need to show a path to immediate or specific application.

Q: Could you confirm if "Basic Research in Rotorcraft Technology", Solicitation Number: 09-007 will be issued with 6.1 or other funding?

A: Yes. As the BAA states on page 6, this announcement is restricted to basic research. Any resultant award will be funded with 6.1 money only.

Q: Does the DoD indirect cost cap apply to this basic research program?

A: Yes. As any resultant award will be funded with 6.1 money, which cannot be used to pay indirect costs in excess of 35% of the total cost of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

Q: Are University Affiliated Research Centers eligible for award?

A: Yes.

Q: Can an eligible offeror partner with a DoD organization?

A: Yes. If a successful offeror has proposed to subcontract to a DoD organization, it is anticipated that the funding would be transferred directly to that organization via a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR).