

Amendment 0003
BAA 09-007 titled “Basic Research in Rotorcraft Technology”

The purpose of Amendment 0003 to BAA 09-007 is to answer submitted questions.

SUBMITTED QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS:

Q: Is the BAA targeted at individual researchers only? Is teaming involving multiple performers at multiple organizations permitted? Is teaming preferred? Is it required?

A: BAA Secs. 1.6 and 3 encourage teaming because it may improve the quality of the research. However, teaming is not required, and proposals from individual researchers will not be devalued simply for lack of a teaming arrangement.

Q: May one Offeror (individual researcher or team) submit multiple white papers and proposals?

A: Yes, provided each describes a complete investigation that does not rely on other proposed research.

Q: What are you expecting in terms of Progress reports and/or Project review meetings?

A: Written progress reports should be submitted around the time of the year-end reviews. A final report is expected around the time of the final review. Interim reviews (e.g. mid-year reviews) require only briefing charts. See also Question 12.

Q: Under this BAA, may we propose a project that starts in FY10?

A: No. Projects accepted for funding will start as soon as the contracting or grant process allows. In all foreseeable cases this will occur in FY09.

Q: Will all the estimated FY09-12 funding (Sec. 2) be awarded under this BAA?

A: ONR may award less than the amounts in Sec. 2 under this BAA. Additional projects may be solicited through subsequent announcement(s).

Q: How long will it take for selected projects to be funded?

A: The numerous factors that contribute to this timeline make it impossible to provide an estimate right now. In general, grants will take less time to process than contracts. Also, proposal packages that better adhere to the requirements set forth in the BAA will cause the process to move more quickly. Proposals with inconsistencies or missing elements will likely cause delays in the award process.

Q: Section 4.2.1 asks White Papers to identify "the relevance of potential outcomes to Naval requirements". Is there a specific list of Naval requirements we should refer to?

A: The BAA refers here to the potential relevance of the proposed research to rotorcraft technology needs in the general context of Naval missions and operational concepts. No specific list of Naval requirements is intended. General information on Navy S&T objectives for the future Navy and Marine Corps may be found in the ONR Naval S&T Strategic Plan, available at: http://www.onr.navy.mil/about/docs/0703_naval_st_strategy.pdf