

**Amendment 0005**  
**BAA 09-007 titled “Basic Research in Rotorcraft Technology”**

**The purpose of Amendment 0005 to BAA 09-007 is to answer submitted questions:**

Q: May we include letters of support from industry or government sources?

A: Yes. Letters of support not exceeding one page each may be appended to Volume I of the proposal following the "Past Performance" section. These letters will not be counted against any maximum page count.

Q: The BAA (sec 4.2.2) asks that costs be broken down by calendar or Government fiscal year. Do we need to prepare an additional by-project-year breakdown to show compliance with the anticipated award ranges in Sec 2?

A: The anticipated award ranges are intended for general guidance on funding profiles. They are not hard requirements and there is no need to prepare a separate project-year cost breakout.

Q: For budgeting purposes, what date should we assume for start of period of performance?

A: It is impossible to estimate this because of the many factors that go into evaluation and placement of an award. At the earliest, the following dates are suggested: For grants, 30 April 2009, and for contracts, 31 July 2009.

Q: What is expected in the section on "External Interactions" and how is that different from "Past Performance". Can they overlap?

A: "External Interactions" is an opportunity to identify ongoing interactions with other organizations, for example other Government organizations, Universities, Professional Associations, and Industry. These could be cooperative projects, seminars given, funded research, etc., provided that it is related to the proposed project. "Past Performance" relates more to completed projects and similar accomplishments. For the sake of conciseness, we prefer that the information not be repeated in the two sections.