

**Multi-Disciplinary Basic Research in the Science of Autonomy with Naval
Relevance
BAA 09-008**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS 1 – 8
As of 29 October 2008**

Q 1:	<p>“I am writing to confirm that our Institute is eligible to submit a white paper/proposal to the subject BAA.</p> <p>The Institute is a non profit 501(c) (3) research institute dedicated to deep sea research . . .”</p>
A 1:	Refer to Section III of BAA 09-008. This Section does not exclude nonprofits; therefore, nonprofits can submit proposals.
Q 2:	Is industry allowed to team with academia on the subject BAA? Although the eligibility section (III.) mentions “academia and industry” at the end of the 3rd paragraph, it is not clear whether industry is allowed.
A 2:	According to Section III, teams are encouraged to submit proposals in any and all areas.
Q 3:	<p>I note that while this BAA is clearly targeted at Universities, it does not specifically address for-profit companies. If a for-profit was included as a collaborator in a proposal in which University research is central, would it disqualify that proposal?</p> <p>I ask this as we are currently engaged with several university groups who may want to respond to the BAA.</p>
A 3:	According to Section III, teams are encouraged to submit proposals in any and all areas.
Q 4:	Eligibility for the subject BAA seems to be restricted to university applicants. Are business organizations excluded as primes? If so, can a business organization participate as a subcontract to a university prime?
A 4:	Refer to Section III of BAA 09-008. This Section does not exclude businesses; therefore, businesses can participate.
Q 5:	Are University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs) permitted to receive government funding under ONR BAA 09-008?
A 5:	Refer to Section III of BAA 09-008. This Section does not exclude UARCs; therefore, UARCs can participate.
Q 6:	The BAA solicitation clearly states white papers and proposals can be submitted against single focus areas or multiple focus areas. Can a single organization or team submit white papers on more than one focus area, or do

	you prefer if an organization is interested in more than one focus area they submit a single white paper against multiple focus areas?
A 6:	Refer to Section I.6 of BAA 09-008. According to this Section, proposals may address single or multiple focus areas.
Q 7:	Is it your wish to start entire new lines of research through this effort, or use it to shore up some of your other research efforts?
A 7:	ONR is interested in new approaches to the types of problems called out in the BAA. Particularly, ONR is interested in ones that can exploit new connections between different disciplines.
Q 8	This email is in response to ONR BAA Announcement Number 09-008. We are a small business and before we submit any white papers to this topic we wanted to make sure we are eligible to compete for this topic. The main reason for our concerns is that we noticed that there were a lot of references to Universities and we are not associated with a University nor do we work for one.
A 8:	Refer to Section III of BAA 09-008. This Section does not exclude businesses; therefore, businesses can participate.