

**AMENDMENT 0008 FOR
BAA 09-011
ELECTRICALLY ACTUATED SUBMARINE CONTROL SURFACES**

1. Question: Are we correct in assuming the Statement of Work to be proposed in the technical section for the proposal due 11 March is for Phase I only?

Answer: Yes, the Statement of Work to be proposed in the technical section of the proposal due 11 March is for Phase I only.

2. Question: Will ONR provide contractors or the ship integrator(s) with the submarine noise requirement limits that should be applied to the development effort?

Answer: No, for Phase I the contractor and/or ship integrator shall use best judgment as to submarine noise requirement limits for their proposed technology. As published in the BAA, it is anticipated that ONR will provide noise goals during the third quarterly review of Phase I for any contract resulting from this BAA.

3. Question: Will ONR provide guidance to contractors or the ship integrator(s) on what submarine class the integration studies should be tailored to?

Answer: No, as published in the BAA, the proposed research and development is for a notional submarine platform. Technology that satisfies the key performance parameters published in the BAA will be applicable to any potential platform.

4. Question: The BAA states a deliverable for Phase I is "Computational Models of system components suitable for integration into Government simulations and analysis, compatible with ONR Virtual Test Bed". Please provide more information on the nature of the technical information that the contractor will need to provide during Phase I to support this.

Answer: Information on the ONR Virtual Test Bed is available at <http://vtb.engr.sc.edu/>. Contractors may also contact the director of the VTB project, Dr. Roger Dougal. His contact information is: dougal@engr.sc.edu, (803) 777-7890

5. Question: Does the Cover Page and the Table of Contents count toward the 20 page limit on the Technical volume of the full proposal? I do see where the resumes do not count in the 20 page limit.

Answer: No, they are not included in the 20-page limitation.

6. Question: Is a Secret security level required to submit the proposal or will it only be required if the contract is won?

Answer: In accordance with the BAA, U.S.-owned firms with a Defense Security Services) "Secret" level facility and DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances are eligible as prime contractors to receive an award. Or, if the entity is a foreign-owned firm with Special Security Agreements (SSAs) granted by DSS as well as DSS "Secret" level facility and DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances are eligible as prime contractors to receive an award. Refer to Section III, 'Eligibility Information' within the BAA as follows:

"III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The following types of entities are eligible as prime contractors under this solicitation:

1. U.S.-owned firms with a Defense Security Services (DSS) "Secret" level facility and DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances.
2. Foreign-owned firms with Special Security Agreements (SSAs) granted by DSS as well as a DSS "Secret" level facility and DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances.

All work requiring access to and use of classified information must be performed in the U.S.

Any subcontractor working with classified information must meet the following criteria:

1. U.S.-owned firms with DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances.
2. Foreign-owned firms with SSAs granted by DSS including DSS "Secret" level personnel clearances.

It is preferred that any subcontractor working with classified information have a DSS "Secret" level facility in which to conduct its work. If a proposed subcontractor working with classified information does not have a DSS "Secret" level facility, then the subcontractor must have a formal arrangement with the prime contractor for all work to be completed and stored in the prime contractor's DSS "Secret" level facility. Any situation described above must be solidified in a written agreement, and that agreement shall be available for Government review.

If proposing the use of any subcontractors, the prime contractor must clearly delineate the following information within its proposal:

1. Whether the subcontractor will be working with classified or unclassified information;
2. Whether or not the entity is U.S.-owned;

3. Whether the firm has a DSS "Secret" level facility clearance in the U.S.;
and
4. Whether the firm has DSS "Secret" personnel clearances in the U.S. For
all personnel it proposes to use under this program.

It is the prime contractor's responsibility to ensure proper protection and
disbursement of classified information."