

Amendment No. 0001

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Number 09-022

“Sciences Addressing Asymmetric Explosive Threats”

The purpose of Amendment 0001 is to provide answers to questions. This amendment does not change the time or the due date for submission of white papers or full proposals.

Q1. Only the primary awardee (PI organization) is subject to the 35% IDC limitation. Does not apply toward a subcontractor (non-profit University or a for-profit company)?

A1. The limitation applies to an award at the prime level only and does not flow down to subcontractors.

Q2. In the Human Subjects section of the BAA on page 21, it is stated that IRB documentation must be submitted prior to award and we are hoping that means we can submit the proposal without having completed the IRB review process (full IRB review at our institution takes 6-8 weeks). We just want to confirm this since it is not explicitly stated.

A2. BAA 09-022 Section VII, Other Information, Paragraph 2, provides that IRB documentation for research involving human subjects must be submitted by the offeror prior to award. Therefore, this documentation does not have to be submitted at time of full proposal submission.

Q3. Should we submit the proposal through Grants.gov or through procedures/formats established by our Research Administration Office?

A3. If applying for a grant, then use grants.gov as stated in the announcement, i.e. don't use grants.gov if applying for a contract.

Q4. I had a quick question regarding ONR BAA 09-022, the SF 424 (R&R) question 16 on page 2 asks the following: 16. * Is application subject to review by state executive order 12372 process? Yes - this preapplication/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on: date[] no - program is not covered by E.O. 12372; or - program has not been selected by state for review.

A4. Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If “a.” is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State. Please refer to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/rewrite/GRANTS/SPOC.HTML>.

Q5. There seems to be no specific place in the full proposal content description for participant bios or bibliography. White paper instructions do ask for this and do not count it in the page limit but nothing is said in the instructions for the full proposal.

A5. Bios/bibliographies can be included after the duplication of proposals section, and the information provided does count toward the 20 page limit for Volume I.

Q6. BAA asks for "duplication of proposals" in Volume 1. It is not clear if you want the full descriptions only for the pending proposals or also for the existing contracts. Normally, we find this information to be given as part of the cost volume as it can take many pages but this BAA asks for it in Volume 1; we are concerned that it may take too much space and reduce the amount available to describe our technical approach.

A6. The duplication of proposals section does indeed count against the 20 page limit. I would recommend providing only the bare minimum of information required.

Q7. Can I submit a proposal after the white paper deadline?

A7. You may indeed submit a full proposal, and if received by the 8/13/09 deadline, we will consider it. The white paper submission process is designed to provide potential offerors an assessment of the relative competitiveness of their concepts relative to technical quality and military relevance, so you will be submitting without that benefit.