

**Amendment No. 0002  
Questions and Answers**

**Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Number 09-029**

**“Fundamentals of Cyberspace and Software”**

The purpose of Amendment No. 0002 is to provide answers to questions received in response to BAA 09-029.

Question 1: How should we submit a proposal for a joint venture amongst 3 academic institutions?

Answer 1: If there is a lead institution, then the other two institutions should be proposed as subawards. Subaward budgets can be uploaded using the “Attachments” form in grants.gov. For joint ventures without a lead institution each offeror should submit a proposal through grants.gov. The title of the proposal should indicate that the effort is a joint venture or collaboration. In addition, the technical proposal must address how the offerors will work together and the parameters in place to share information and resources. Offerors should note that the start date of each award will vary.

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Question 2: The proposal format instructions indicate that the Statement of Work must be severable and self-sustaining, what does this mean? Does the severable Statement of Work count against our page limitations?

Answer 2: Offerors do not need to submit an additional Statement of Work as an attachment. The Statement of work should be included in the technical proposal and easily removable or separable from the rest of the technical proposal. The Statement of Work is included in the page limitation.

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Question 3: I am writing to inquire about the indirect costs policy. It states in the BAA: \*In recent years Congress has placed limits on the percentage of facilities and administrative (F&A) costs that can be paid by the government using basic research (6.1) funds. Currently F&A costs paid under contracts and grants for the performance of basic research may not exceed 35 percent. It is unknown at present whether a similar indirect cost restriction will apply to 6.1 funds in FY 2010 or thereafter. Is this limiting F&A to 35% period or 35% TDC?

Answer 3: The 35% limitation is against the total costs.

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Question 4: Given the uncertainty of a definite delivery date when mailing the package, can we hand deliver instead?

Answer 4: As stated on page 6 of the BAA, full proposals must be submitted electronically via grants.gov if a grant award is sought and hard copy via the United States Postal Service (USPS) or a commercial carrier if a contract award is sought. Hand carried proposal packages are not acceptable.

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Question 5: Is an application by a large group (4 offerors) allowed /recommended ? Could the fact that the group is mixed (with PI's from Israel and the US) create problems?

Answer 5: Teaming and subawards are allowed under the proposed effort. For efforts that do not involve export controlled topics, subawards to foreign institutions/contractors are allowed and should not create any problem.

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Question 6: Is a company allowed to submit two research proposals under this solicitation?

Answer 6: Offerors are allowed to submit more than one proposal.

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Question 7: If a subcontractor we intend to partner with is unable to submit a cost proposal by the full due date, may we instead submit a letter of intent from our subcontractor with a rough estimate of their portion of the work to be performed in our cost volume?

Answer 7: As stated on page 9 of the BAAA, "A cost proposal as detailed as the Offeror's cost proposal will be required to be submitted by the subcontractor. The subcontractor's cost proposal can be provided in a sealed envelope with the Offeror's cost proposal or may be sent directly to the Government. Subcontractor proposals must be received and reviewed prior to contract award." It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that full proposals packages are received by the closing date and time.

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Question 8: Suppose we plan to submit a 3-year proposal. Is the potential total funding over those three years expected to be in the \$100K - 400K range, or is a \$300K/year proposal (\$900K total) considered reasonable and within the funding scope of this solicitation?

Answer 8: As stated on page 5 of the BAA, “ONR plans to fund \$100,000 too \$450,000 lump-sum awards per year. However, lower and higher cost proposals will be considered.”

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