

Amendment 0001

ONR BAA Announcement Number 10-019

Questions and answers:

Q: Page 15 of the BAA references a Task Order 0001 proposal. Page 16 and 17 of the BAA references Task Order 0001/0002. What task order should be included and referenced?

A: Task Order 0001. Task Order 0002 will be for Phase II, and will be submitted near the end of Phase I.

Q: The last sentence on Page 15 of the BAA requires that each section of the Technical Proposal must start on a new page. The page limits for each sub-volume 1 & 2 as listed on Page 15 are limited to 25 pages. There are 14 required sections in Sub-Volume 1 and 13 Sections in Sub-Volume 2. If each section of the proposal must start on a new page only 11 or 12 pages can be used for the Technical Approach and Justification. Is this the government's intent, since the RFP also states that the Technical Approach and Justification section is limited to 15 pages? Additionally, on Page 19 an additional section is added to the IDIQ volume on the Commitment to Small Business. Is this section counted in the 25 page limit?

A: The government's intent for this BAA is to keep the 25 page limit for each sub-volume. The Technical Approach and Justification section can be less than 15 pages, so there is no conflict. The Proposal Checklist and the Table of Contents should not be included as part the page limit.

Regarding the commitment to small business question, "yes", it counts against the page limit.

Q: In Phase 1B the BAA states the government will provide the ship for testing. Can the government list the sensor suite that will be available to the contractor on that ship?

A: No, given the uncertainty regarding the platform for Phase IB testing, we are unable to provide the sensor suite at this time. Performers will be required to provide any sensor packages required for their system. The teams will be provided with details pertaining to shipboard integration and implementation during Phase IB, after the test platform has been selected.

Q: In Phase IB – will an instrumented test range be provided in addition to the ship?

A: The government will only provide in-situ wave buoys for measurement of "ground truth" wave conditions during the Phase IB test, in order to validate system performance. This data will be available to the performer for post-test analysis.

Q: Is it acceptable to bid as a prime on only part of the scope of the BAA?

A: Not for this effort, however ONR continuously solicits ideas in the form of white papers and proposals under the Long Range BAA (11-001). We would gladly accept a white paper under BAA 11-001 covering a subset of the scope outlined in BAA 10-019 for future consideration.

Q: On page 15 of the BAA is the statement, "Copies - one (1) unbound signed original, 6 unbound copies, and one electronic copy on a CD-ROM or DVD, (in Microsoft Word or Excel)." Does the Government want the proposals clipped together using binder clips or in separate folders? Also, should the pages be three-hole punched?

A: The original and hard copies should be submitted in three-ringed binders and pages three-hole punched.

Q: In paragraph IV.1 on page 14 are the sentences, "The due date for receipt of Full Proposals is 2:00 P.M. (Local Eastern Time) on 15 Nov 2010. It is anticipated that initial selections will be made by 15 Dec 2010." At the bottom of page 20 is the statement, "For pricing purposes, assume that performance will start no earlier than six (6) months after submission of the proposal." Is it correct that the Government intends to award contracts within 30 days of proposal submission, but not issue notices to proceed until five months after award?

A: Offers will be notified of selection or non-selection by 15 Dec. It is anticipated that performance will start no earlier than six (6) months after selection of this notification. The contract award date is expected to be the same as the performance start date.

Q: Are Australian based companies eligible for this work?

A: Foreign companies are not restricted from this competition, however, if a company proposes to have work subcontracted to a non-US entity, it should discuss the question of ITAR issues with the Technical Point of Contact (POC) listed on the BAA, in advance of submitting a proposal.

The following section (**VOLUME 2: Cost Proposal**) paragraph 2 has been revised as follows:

1. All Offerors shall only use and submit a Proposal Spreadsheet and the accompanying instructions Cost Proposal Format Instructions as the basis for the cost proposal. The Proposal Spreadsheet can be found by following this link: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submit-proposal/contracts-proposal/cost-proposal.aspx>. Click on the "Proposal Spreadsheet" link and save a copy of the spreadsheet. Instructions for completion have been embedded into the spreadsheet. This cost proposal format spreadsheet must also be submitted for subcontractors over \$150,000.

The following section (**Full Proposal Format – Volume 1 - Technical and Volume 2 - Cost Proposal**) paragraph 1 has been revised as follows:

- Volume 1: Technical Proposal

- Sub-Volume 1: IDIQ proposal (Address Program Phases IA/IB and II separately)

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- The following sections are limited to a total of no more than 25 pages: Proposal Checklist, Table of Contents, Technical Approach and Justification, Operational Naval Concept, Operational Utility Assessment Plan, Project Schedule and Milestones, Assertion of Data Rights, Technology Transition, Software Development Plan, Technical/Design Reviews, Management Approach, Organizational Conflict of Interest, Pending Proposal Submissions, Qualifications, and Commitment to Small Business.