Questions and answers:

Q: Are University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs) allowed to be members of the team proposing to ONR on this BAA?

A: The University Affiliated Research Center would have to check if teeming arrangements are allowed under their DoD URAC contract with their Primary Sponsor. Assuming there is no restrictions on this in the UARC’s contract with its Primary Sponsor, then yes it could propose as a subcontractor under this BAA.

Q: As a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) we cannot receive funds directly from a Prime Contractor due to our conflict of interest policy. Is it possible for us to be a member of the Prime Team (i.e. be a subcontractor) and receive funding directly from ONR for our portion of the effort? If so, how do we proceed proposal wise?

A: Provided there are no restrictions from the Primary Sponsor, any UARC can propose in accordance with the submission requirements of this BAA. While it is not possible to receive funding directly from ONR as subcontractor, ONR is willing to consider sending funds via the UARC Primary Sponsor as a prime contractor.

Q: As a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) can we submit a separate, but collaborative, proposal with our Prime Contractor? Do we describe our component of the effort in a separate proposal in addition to a description of our component which will be provided by the prime as part of the total effort scoped out in the prime proposal? In our separate proposal do we reference the Prime’s proposal, supply the costing and follow all the rules of a full proposal? Does this affect the page limitation requirements? If not, what is the mechanism by which we propose our effort and insure separate funding?

A: No, the UARC cannot submit a separate collaborate proposal under this BAA. Your organization would have to submit as a subcontractor under this BAA. If the teeming arrangement is allowed then the tech/cost proposal would be submitted to the Prime Contractor with the technical proposal describing the teeming arrangement of the UARC. The UARC should work with the prime in accordance to the proposal submission requirements of the BAA. The government’s intent is to keep the 25 page limit for each sub-volume.

Q: If we submit, as a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) with a collaborative Prime Contract, a proposal and the Prime Contract is not awarded, could our proposal be considered as a standalone effort in support of the funded Prime Contractor(s)?

A: Not for this effort, however ONR continuously solicits ideas in the form of white papers and proposal 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.
The following section (Full Proposal Content) has been revised as follows:

Each section of the Technical Proposal DOES NOT need to start on a new page.