

FOA 10-023 Amendment 2

The following questions have been received pertaining to FOA 10-023.

Below are the questions and answers:

1. Question:

How does an offeror determine if the 35% indirect cost requirement applies?

Answer:

The 35% indirect cost requirement is calculated based on the type of funding allocated for the award. The 35% indirect cost requirement applies to awards funded with fiscal year 2009 and 2010 basic research appropriations. It is anticipated that a large portion of the funds allocated to this FOA would be basic research appropriations.

2. Question:

Is there any size program that the Government requires or prefers, i.e. local, regional, state or national? For larger scale programs what is the Government's cost limitation above the \$200,000 threshold?

Answer:

The Government does not have a preference regarding whether this program is directed to the local, regional, state or national level, however the program should take into consideration the broadest impact possible.

Regarding cost limitation, Refer to page 8, Section II, Award Information.

3. Question:

Is cost sharing permissible under this FOA? Does it effect the evaluation of the proposal in any way?

Answer:

Cost Share is not required, but is permissible under ONR FOA 10-023.

4. Question:

When will financial awards be made for proposals accepted under ONR FOA 10-023?

Answer:

Awards could be made throughout the open period of this FOA.

5. Question:

For budgeting and planning purposes, what should the proposed start be for proposals submitted under ONR FOA 10-023?

Answer:

For budgeting and planning purposes, offerors should anticipate a start date no earlier than six months for new cooperative agreements and three months for new grants from the date of proposal submission.

6. Question:

Who can propose under ONR FOA 10-023?

Answer:

Refer to page 8, Section III, Eligibility Information.

7. Question:

Can ONR comment on or ensure our eligibility for a proposal under ONR FOA 10-023?

Answer:

See answer to Question 6.

8. Question:

The announcement mentions that their mission includes five goals; inspire, engage, educate, employ and collaborate. Is the announcement seeking proposal to address all five areas or to focus on one or more?

Answer:

Refer to pages 2-6, Section 6, Funding Opportunity Description as well as the Examples of STEM Education & Outreach Projects.