

FOA 10-023 Amendment 1

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

Below are the questions and answers:

1. Question:

I saw an announcement for the Long Range Funding Opportunity Announcement in STEM for K-12 and Institutions of Higher Education. The announcement said closing dates for the competition are September 20, 2011. I saw on your web site the BAA announcement. Are we able to submit an application at any time up to September 30, 2011?

Answer:

In terms of receiving proposals, the STEM Announcement is much like ONR's yearly Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Navy and Marine Corps Science & Technology. Proposals will be accepted and evaluated throughout the open period of this FOA.

2. Question:

Is there a limit to the number of proposals an institution can submit?

Answer:

There's no limit on the number of proposals an institution can submit.

3. Question:

Is 9-30-2011 the deadline for all grants to be evaluated or will grants be evaluated and funded up to 9-30-2011?

Answer:

See the answer to Question 1.

4. Question:

If a professional grant writing company assists an applicant by developing the grant proposal incorporating the applicant's requirements, does this eliminate the grant writer or anyone working with the grant writing company from being able to provide STEM professional development to K-12 teachers participating in the grant using grant funds to pay for these services? The grant writing company does not and has no plans to provide

SETA (Scientific, engineering, and technical assistance) or similar support to any ONR (Office of Navy Research) technical office(s) through any contract or subcontract vehicle.

Answer:

If the grant company is proposed as a sub-recipient/sub-contractor on the proposal there is no conflict of interest since the "team" normally creates the proposal.

5. Question:

I just want to confirm that the deadline date for this project will be Sept 2011 not 2010?

Answer:

As stated in the answer to Question 1, proposals will be accepted throughout the period from release of the FOA until 2:00 pm 30 September 2011. Although this STEM FOA is open for longer than a year, its ONR's intent to have the open period for future STEM FOAs to roughly coincide with each fiscal year, similar to ONR's Long Range Broad Agency Announcement.

6. Question:

How do you determine the difference between a sub-recipient/sub-contractor vs. consultant?

Answer:

A consultant is typically when there is just one person proposed who will be performing the work and additional costs such as materials/supplies are not proposed. The sub-recipient/sub-contractor term is typically used when more than one person or labor category is proposed and additional costs such as material/supplies, travel etc. are also proposed.

7. Question:

Is fee/profit allowable?

Answer:

Refer to page 14 of ONR FOA 10-023. Fee/Profit is an unallowable cost.

8. Question:

Is ONR FOA 10-023 still active?

Answer:

Yes. See answers to Questions 1 and 5.

9. Question:

Is a White Paper required?

Answer:

Refer to page 9, Section IV Application and Submission Information, paragraph 1, Application and Submission Process- White Papers.

10. Question:

Must ONR FOA 10-023 be submitted through grants.gov?

Answer:

Refer to page 11 of ONR FOA 10-023. The offeror **must** use grants.gov for submission of all Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

11. Question:

What is the expected number of awards, estimated total funding, and award ceiling?

Answer:

Refer to page 8, Section II Award Information.