

ONR BAA Announcement N00014-16-S-BA06



Future Integrated Training Environment (FITE)

INTRODUCTION:

This publication constitutes a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) as contemplated in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.102(d)(2) and 35.016. A formal Request for Proposals (RFP), other solicitation, or additional information regarding this announcement will not be issued.

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) will not issue paper copies of this announcement. The ONR reserves the right to fund all, some or none of the proposals received under this BAA. ONR provides no funding for direct reimbursement of proposal development costs. Technical and cost proposals (or any other material) submitted in response to this BAA will not be returned. It is the policy of ONR to treat all proposals as sensitive competitive information and to disclose their contents only for the purposes of evaluation.

This BAA is intended for proposals related to basic research, applied research, or advanced technology development and that part of development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware procurement.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Agency Name –

Office of Naval Research
One Liberty Center – 800 North Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1995

B. Research Opportunity Title – Future Integrated Training Environment (FITE)

C. Program Name – Office of Naval Research (ONR) Future Naval Capabilities (FNC) Future Integrated Training Environment (FITE)

D. Research Opportunity Number – N00014-16-S-BA06

E. Response Date -

White Papers: 06/13/2016
Full Proposals: 09/05/2016

F. Research Opportunity Description -

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) is interested in receiving proposals for developing innovative science and technology to enhance training systems for the United States Marine Corps (USMC). The program's goal is to create a robust and efficient enterprise capability that allows the integration and interoperability of legacy, current, and future Marine Corps training information technology assets to enhance warfighter capability. Future Integrated Training Environment (FITE) has been approved as a new five year research opportunity under the Capable Manpower Pillar (CMP) Future Naval Capabilities (FNC) program. FITE is specifically focused on developing science and technology prototype capabilities to support the integration of Air and Ground Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) training simulation capabilities.

Background :

The USMC has developed or procured a number of individual simulation systems and simulators over the last decade. These commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) systems were designed for a specific purpose and were not specifically designed to interoperate with each other. However, now that combat operations are coming to an end and the military is returning to a peacetime preparation of operational forces, it has been decided to retain these systems beyond their specified Acquisition Program Baseline (APB).

To improve training across the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), research and development of architectures that allow disparate simulations and command and control (C2) components to interoperate more easily is needed. This allows for fiscally responsible opportunities for integrated training, in a MAGTF environment.

For example, USMC aviation simulators interoperate using the ADVTE (Aviation Distributed Virtual Training Environment), but ADVTE does not allow seamless or easy integration with ground training components/assets, nor does it currently support the large number of simulated entities required for large-scale training exercises involving various ground training components/assets. Capabilities that enable a common architecture like a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) will promote regular training opportunities between command, ground, air, and logistic agencies. Integrating air and ground training assets is the focus for this effort, but the architecture must be scalable to capture command and logistic elements and link (integrate) C2 components with air and ground components.

Objectives:

This call for science and technology proposals focuses on two technical areas: Synthetic Battlespace Service and Synthetic Environment Service.

Proposals may address one, or both, technical areas. FITE development efforts should incrementally address functional and technical requirements, growing capability in each area over time. FITE capabilities shall achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) Six (6) before being deemed suitable for transition. The government shall seek unlimited data rights and code on all developed hardware, software, and models.

- Synthetic Battlespace Service (SBS)

The SBS will provide an extensible service that allows disparate simulator entities and models to effectively and efficiently interact in real-time based on what each simulation requires for the training event. The USMC simulation systems have varying computational abilities which necessitate the need for the SBS to also scale effects and entity complexity based on per simulator capability. The SBS will act as the "ground truth" for the facilitation of a "fair fight" between dissimilar simulations. The SBS can use existing standards or develop new ones, but it must allow for interoperability with Marine Corps and Joint simulations.

- Synthetic Environment Service (SES)

The SES will provide an agile, real-time correlated terrain compiler/translator that allows each diverse training simulation system to ingest a terrain dataset in its native format using a Common DataBase (CDB) run-time format; or one that feeds into a CDB format. It will provide the appropriate resolution for each training component being conducted with the simulations used (i.e., an aircraft simulation might have a lower terrain fidelity requirement than a first-person perspective virtual training simulation scenario). Real-time updates to the Synthetic Environment should be provided as the exercise progresses. The

compiler/translator must also have a scalable interface for future integration with external systems and data sources like the Joint Exercise Design Tool (JEDT), Terrain Generation Service (TGS) and Order of Battle (OOB) system.

Both the SBS and SES should have the ability to work in a stand-alone ad-hoc network or a connected cloud environment. Initial focus will be on a stand-alone ad-hoc network. These new capabilities must not place additional manpower or resources burdens onto training.

The focus of effort is on the use of simulation within the Marine Corps Tactical Air Control Party, Fires Support Teams, Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC), Forward Air Controller (FAC), or Joint Fires Observers training with Aviation (e.g. ADVTE). The Research and Development efforts to be funded will consist of applied research and advanced technology development. The funds available to support awards are Budget Activity 2 and 3.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TECHNICAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER TYPES OF SUPPORT SERVICES.

G. Point(s) of Contact –

Questions of a technical nature should be submitted to:

Program Manager Name: Dr. Peter Squire
Address: 875 North Randolph Street – Suite 1057
Code: 30
Arlington, VA 22203-1995
Phone: (703) 696-0407
Email: peter.squire@navy.mil

Questions of a Business nature, and suggestions for improvement, should be submitted to:

Primary Business Point of Contact/Contract Specialist:

Mr. Darnell Griffin, Contract Specialist
Address: 875 North Randolph Street – Suite W1272F
Code: 251
Arlington, VA 22203-1995
Phone: (703) 696-2942
Email: darnell.griffin@navy.mil

Secondary Business Point of Contact/Contracting Officer:

Ms. Vera M. Carroll, Acquisition Branch Head
Address: 875 North Randolph Street – Suite 1279
Code: 251
Arlington, VA 22203-1995
Phone: (703) 696-2610
Email: vera.carroll@navy.mil

Any questions regarding this solicitation must be provided to the Technical Points of Contact and Business Points of Contact listed in this solicitation. All questions shall be submitted in writing by electronic mail.

Comments or questions submitted should be concise and to the point, eliminating any unnecessary verbiage. In addition, the relevant part and paragraph of the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) should be referenced.

Questions of a security nature should be submitted to:

Ms. Torri Powell
Industrial Security Specialist
Office of Naval Research
Security Department, Code 43
One Liberty Center
875 North Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1995
Email Address: torri.powell@navy.mil

Note: All UNCLASSIFIED communications shall be submitted via e-mail to the Technical Point of Contract (POC) with a copy to the designated Business POC.

CLASSIFIED questions shall be handled through the ONR Security POC. Specifically, any entity wanting to ask a CLASSIFIED question shall send an email to the ONR Security POC with copy to both the Technical POC and the Business POC stating that the entity would like to ask a CLASSIFIED question. DO NOT EMAIL ANY CLASSIFIED QUESTIONS. The Security POC will contact the entity and arrange for the CLASSIFIED question to be asked through a secure method of communication.

Questions submitted within two (2) weeks prior to a deadline may not be answered, and the due date for submission of the white paper and/or full proposal will not be extended.

Amendments will be posted to one or more of the following webpages:

- Federal Business Opportunities (FEDBIZOPPS) Webpage - <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- ONR Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Webpage - <http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements.aspx>

H. Instrument Type(s) - Contracts

Awards will be issued as Contracts.

Any contract awards resulting from this BAA will incorporate the most current FAR, DFARS, NMCARS, and ONR clauses.

Examples of model contracts can be found on the ONR website at the following link: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submit-proposal/contracts-proposal/contract-model-awards.aspx>. *Please note that these are examples and any contracts issued under this BAA will include the most current FAR, DFARS, NMCARS, and ONR clauses at the time of award.*

ONR Contract specific representations and certifications can be accessed on the following page of the ONR website: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Requests-for-Information.aspx>.

I. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers – 12.300

J. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Titles – Department of Defense (DOD) Basic and Applied Scientific Research

K. Other Information –

Work funded under a BAA may include basic research, applied research and some advanced technology development research. With regard to any restrictions on the conduct or outcome of work funded under this BAA, ONR will follow the guidance on and definition of “contracted fundamental research” as provided in the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) Memorandum of 24 May 2010.

As defined therein, the definition of “contracted fundamental research,” in a DoD grant or contractual context, includes research performed under grants and contracts that are (a) funded by Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Budget Activity 1 (Basic Research), whether performed by universities or industry or (b) funded by Budget Activity 2 (Applied Research) and performed on campus at a university. The research shall not be considered fundamental in those rare and exceptional circumstances where the applied research effort presents a high likelihood of disclosing performance characteristics of military systems or manufacturing technologies that are unique and critical to defense, and where agreement on restrictions have been recorded in the contract or grant.

Pursuant to DoD policy, research performed under grants and contracts that are a) funded by Budget Activity 2 (Applied Research) and NOT performed on-campus at a university or b) funded by Budget Activity 3 (Advanced Technology Development) does not meet the definition of “contracted fundamental research.” In conformance with the USD (AT&L) guidance and National Security Decision Directive 189, ONR will place no restriction on the conduct or reporting of unclassified “contracted fundamental research,” except as otherwise required by applicable federal statute, regulation or executive order. For certain research projects, it may be possible that although the research being performed by the prime contractor is restricted research, a subcontractor may be conducting “contracted fundamental research.” In those cases, it is the ***prime contractor’s responsibility*** in the proposal to identify and describe the subcontracted unclassified research and include a statement confirming that the work has been scoped, negotiated, and determined to be fundamental research according to the prime contractor and research performer.

Normally, fundamental research is awarded under grants with universities and under contracts with industry. Non-fundamental research is normally awarded under contracts and may require restrictions during the conduct of the research and DoD pre-publication review of such research results due to subject matter sensitivity. Potential offerors should consult with the appropriate ONR Technical POCs to determine whether the proposed effort would constitute basic research, applied research or advanced research.

FAR Part 35 restricts the use of Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs), such as this, to the acquisition of basic and applied research and that portion of advanced technology development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware procurement. Contracts and grants and other assistance agreements made under BAAs are for scientific study and experimentation directed towards advancing the state of the art and increasing knowledge or understanding.

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II. AWARD INFORMATION

A. Funding Amount and Period of Performance- Estimated Total Amount of Funding Available (\$K):

NOTE: The amount and period of performance of each selected proposal will vary depending on the research area and the technical approach to be pursued by the selected Offeror. However, the period of performance for any awards made under this BAA shall not exceed five (5) years/sixty (60) months.

<i>FY2017</i>	<i>FY2018</i>	<i>FY2019</i>	<i>FY2020</i>	<i>FY2021</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$2,056	\$2,792	\$5,115	\$3,977	\$785	\$14,725

ONR plans for an award, or multiple awards, with an approximate total value of up to \$2,056,000 during the twelve (12) month base period. During the subsequent forty-eight (48) month option period(s), ONR may award another \$12,669,000 for additional work. The total period of performance will not exceed five (5) years/sixty (60) months. Each proposed program may address one, or more, of the two (2) topic areas and include team members with significant capabilities consistent with the topic description. Teaming between industry, academia, and other eligible performers as described in the BAA is encouraged. Over the course of the research and development activities, each of the awarded teams is expected to design for, and demonstrate, integration and interoperability among the capabilities being developed, as described above. The period of performance for projects may be from FY2017-FY2021.

Although ONR expects the above described program plan to be executed, ONR reserves the right to make changes.

B. Production and Testing of Prototypes-

In the case of funded proposals for the production and testing of prototypes, ONR may during the contract period add a contract line item or contract option for the provision of advanced component development or for the delivery of additional prototype units. However, such a contract addition shall be subject to the limitations contained in Section 819 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2010, as modified in Section 811 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2015.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- A. All responsible sources from academia and industry may submit proposals under this BAA. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (MIs) are encouraged to submit proposals and join others in submitting proposals. However, no portion of this BAA will be set aside for HBCU and MI participation, due to the impracticality of reserving discrete or severable items of this research for exclusive competition among such entities.
- B. Federally Funded Research & Development Centers (FFRDCs), including Department of Energy National Laboratories, are not eligible to receive awards under this BAA. However, teaming arrangements between FFRDCs and eligible principal Offerors are allowed so long as such arrangements are permitted under the sponsoring agreement between the Government and the specific FFRDC.
- C. Navy laboratories and warfare centers as well as other Department of Defense and civilian agency laboratories are also not eligible to receive awards under this BAA and should not

directly submit either white papers or full proposals in response to this BAA. If any such organization is interested in one or more of the programs described herein, the organization should contact an appropriate ONR Technical [POC](#) to discuss its area of interest. As with FFRDCs, these types of federal organizations may team with other responsible sources from academia and industry that are submitting proposals under this BAA.

- D. University Affiliated Research Centers (UARC)s are eligible to submit proposals under this BAA unless precluded from doing so by their Department of Defense UARC contract.
- E. Teams are also encouraged and may submit proposals in any and all areas. However, Offerors must be willing to cooperate and exchange software, data and other information in an integrated program with other contractors, as well as with system integrators, selected by ONR.
- F. Offerors should be aware of recent changes in export control laws. Offerors are responsible for ensuring compliance with all International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR)(22 CFR §120 *et. seq.*) requirements, as applicable. In some cases, developmental items funded by the Department of Defense are now included on the United States Munition List (USML) and are therefore subject to ITAR jurisdiction. Offerors should address in their proposals whether ITAR restrictions apply or do not apply, such as in the case when research products would have both civil and military application, to the work they are proposing to perform for ONR. The USML is available online at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=pt22.1.121>. Additional information regarding the President's Export Control Reform Initiative can be found at <http://export.gov/ecr/index.asp>.
- G. Cost sharing is not expected and will not be used as a factor during the merit review of any proposal hereunder. However, the Government may consider voluntary cost sharing if proposed.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Application and Submission Process - White Paper and Full Proposals

White Papers: Although not required, white papers are strongly encouraged for all Offerors seeking funding. Each white paper will be evaluated by the Government to determine whether the technology advancement proposed appears to be of particular value to the Department of the Navy.

The due date for white papers is no later than 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) on *Monday, 13 June 2016*. White papers must be e-mailed to Dr. Peter Squire at peter.squire@navy.mil. The subject line should read "White Paper Submission in Response to N00014-16-S-BA06". Each white paper will be evaluated by the Government to determine whether the technology

advancement proposed appears to be of particular value to the Department of the Navy. Initial Government evaluations and feedback will be issued via e-mail notification from the Technical Point of Contact on or about *Wednesday, 3 August 2016*. The initial white paper appraisal is intended to give entities a sense of whether their concepts are likely to be funded.

Detailed Full Proposals will be subsequently encouraged from those whose proposed technologies have been identified through the above referenced e-mail as being of "particular value" to the Government. However, any such encouragement does not assure a subsequent award. Full Proposals may also be submitted by any entity whose white paper was not identified as being of particular value to the Government or any entity who did not submit a white paper.

For white papers that propose efforts that are considered of particular value to the Navy but either exceed available budgets or contain certain tasks or applications that are not desired by the Navy, ONR may suggest a full proposal with reduced effort to fit within expected available budgets or an effort that refocuses the tasks or application of the technology to maximize the benefit to the Navy.

Full Proposals: The due date for receipt of Full Proposals is 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) on *Monday, 5 September 2016*. Proposals exceeding the page limit may not be evaluated. As soon as the final proposal evaluation process is completed, the Offeror will be notified via e-mail of its selection or non-selection for an award. It is anticipated that final selections will be made on or about *Monday, 27 February 2016*.

B. Content and Format of White Papers/Full Proposals -

White Papers and Full Proposals submitted under this BAA are expected to be unclassified; however, classified proposals are permitted. If a classified proposal is submitted and selected for award, the resultant contract will be unclassified. An 'unclassified' Statement of Work (SOW) must accompany any classified proposal.

For both classified and unclassified proposals, a non-proprietary version of the Statement of Work must also be submitted. Do not put proprietary data or markings in or on the Statement of Work. For proposals containing data that the Offeror does not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, the contractor shall mark the title page with the following legend:

"This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed--in whole or in part--for any purpose other than to evaluate the proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this Offeror as a result of--or in connection with-- the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without

restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in (insert numbers or other identification of sheets).”

Also, mark each sheet of data that the Offeror wishes to restrict with the following legend:

“Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.”

Titles given to the White Papers/Full Proposals should be descriptive of the work they cover and should not be merely a copy of the title of this solicitation.

1. Unclassified Proposal Instructions:
Unclassified proposals shall be submitted in accordance with this Section.
2. Special Instructions for Classified White Papers and Proposal:
Classified proposals shall be submitted directly to the attention of ONR’s Document Control Unit at the following address and marked in the following manner:

OUTSIDE ENVELOPE
(no classification marking):

“Office of Naval Research
Attn: Document Control Unit
ONR Code 43
875 North Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1995”

The inner wrapper of the classified White Paper and/or Full Proposal should be addressed to the attention of Peter Squire, Code 30, and marked in the following manner:

INNER ENVELOPE
(stamped with the overall classification of the material)

“Program Name:
Office of Naval Research
ATTN: Peter Squire
ONR Code: 30
875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1057
Arlington, VA 22203-1995”

All proposal submissions will be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with FAR Subpart 15.207, applicable law, and DoD/DoN regulations. Offerors are expected to appropriately mark each page of their submission that contains proprietary information.

STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

An 'unclassified' SOW must accompany any classified proposal.

For both classified and unclassified proposals, a non-proprietary version of the SOW must also be submitted.

a. WHITE PAPERS

White Paper Format

- Paper Size - 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Margins - 1 inch
- Spacing - single spaced
- Font - Times New Roman, 12 point
- Maximum Number of Pages permitted: five (5) pages (excluding cover page, resumes, bibliographies, and table of contents)
 - Resume of the Principal Investigator(PI) should not exceed two (2) pages
- Electronic Copy - One (1) electronic copy in Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word (2007 or later) delivered via email. Electronic (email) submissions should be sent to the attention of the TPOC at peter.squire@navy.mil. The subject line of the email shall read "ONR BAA N00014-16-S-BA06 White Paper Submission." The white paper must be a Microsoft Word 2007 compatible, or PDF format attachment to the email. There is an email size limit of 5MB per email.

NOTE:

- 1. Do not send hardcopies of White Papers (including Facsimiles) as only electronic submissions will be accepted and reviewed;**
- 2. Do not send .ZIP files; and**
- 3. Do not send password protected files.**

In order to provide traceability and evidence of submission, Offerors may wish to use the "Delivery Receipt" option available from Microsoft Outlook and other email programs that will automatically generate a response when the subject email is delivered to the recipient's email system. Consult the User's Manual for your email software for further details on this feature.

White Paper Content

- **Cover Page:** The Cover Page shall be labeled "WHITE PAPER", and shall include BAA number N00014-16-S-BA06, proposed title, Offeror's administrative and technical points of contact, with telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, and shall be signed by an authorized officer.

- **Technical Content:** A description of the technology innovation and technical risk areas. Relevance of the proposed effort to the research areas described in Section F.
- **Operational Naval Concept:** A description of the project objectives, the concept of operation for the new capabilities to be delivered, and the expected operational performance improvements.
- **Operational Utility Assessment Plan:** A plan for demonstrating and evaluating the operational effectiveness of the Offeror's proposed products or processes in field experiments and/or tests in a simulated environment.
- **Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM):** Provide a ROM cost estimate by year segregated by task and a total cost for the proposed effort.

b. FULL PROPOSALS

i. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRACTS

Proposal Package:

The following four documents with attachments comprise a complete proposal package:

- (1) Proposal Checklist (pdf)
- (2) Technical Proposal Template (Word)
- (3) Cost Proposal Spreadsheet (Excel)
- (4) Adequacy Checklist for Pre Award Audit (SF 1408) (as applicable)
- (5) Stand-alone Non-Proprietary Statement of Work (SOW) (Word)
- (6) ONR Representation and Certifications

Items 1-6 above are located at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submit-proposal/contracts-proposal/cost-proposal.aspx>. All have instructions imbedded into them that will assist in completing the documents. Also, both the Technical Proposal Template and the Cost Proposal Spreadsheet require completion of cost-related information. Please note that attachments can be incorporated into the Proposal Checklist.

Offerors responding to this BAA must submit a separate list of all technical data or computer software that will be furnished to the Government with other than unlimited rights. The Government will assume unlimited rights if Offerors fail to identify any intellectual property restrictions in their proposals. Include in this section all proprietary claims to results, prototypes, and/or deliverables. If no restrictions are intended, then the Offeror should state "NONE."

For proposals below the simplified acquisition threshold (less than or equal to \$150K), the Technical Proposal Template and Proposal Checklist documents, and the Cost Proposal Spreadsheet are required. In addition, if a purchase order will be awarded, the effort will be fixed price. Purchase orders can also contain options, as long as the total amount of the base and all options does not exceed \$150K.

The format requirements for any attachments are as follows:

- Paper Size- 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Margins – 1 inch
- Spacing- single or double spaced
- Font- Times New Roman, 12 point
- Page Limitation for Technical Proposal Template – ten (10) pages

For proposed subcontracts or interorganizational transfers over \$150,000, Offerors must provide a separate fully completed Cost Proposal Spreadsheet in support of the proposed costs. This spreadsheet, along with supporting documentation, must be provided either in a sealed envelope with the prime's proposal or via e-mail directly to both the Program Officer and the Business Point of Contact at the same time the prime proposal is submitted. The e-mail should identify the proposal title, the prime Offeror and that the attached proposal is a subcontract, and should include a description of the effort to be performed by the subcontractor.

Offerors should submit an appropriate number of hard copies as discussed with the cognizant Program Officer of their proposal package. The electronic copy should be submitted in a secure, pdf-compatible format, except for the electronic file of the Cost Proposal Spreadsheet which must be submitted in a Microsoft Excel 2007 compatible format and the Statement of Work Template which must be submitted in Microsoft Word format. All attachments should be submitted in a secure, pdf-compatible format.

The secure pdf-compatible format is intended to prevent unauthorized editing of the proposal prior to any award. A password should not be required for opening the proposal document, but the Government must have the ability to print and copy text, images, and other content. Should an Offeror amend its proposal, the amended proposal should be submitted following the same hard and electronic copy guidance applicable to the original proposal.

Any proposed options that are identified in the Technical Proposal Template or Proposal Checklist documents, but are not fully priced out in the Cost Proposal Spreadsheet, will not be included in any resulting contract, cooperative agreement, or other transaction. If proposing options, they **must** be separately priced and separate spreadsheets should be provided for the base period and each option. In addition to providing summary by period of performance (base and any options), the Contractor is also responsible for providing a breakdown of cost for each task identified in the Statement of Work. The sum of all costs by

task worksheets MUST equal the total cost summary.

The electronic submission of the Excel spreadsheet should be in a “useable condition” to aid the Government with its evaluation. The term “useable condition” indicates that the spreadsheet should visibly include and separately identify within each appropriate cell any and all inputs, formulas, calculations, etc. The Offeror should not provide “value only spreadsheets” similar to a hard copy.

Fixed Fees on ONR Contracts

The Government Objective is set in accordance with the DFARS 215.404-71. See the below table for range and normal values:

Contract Risk Factor	Contract Type	Assigned Value (Normal range)	Normal Value
Technical (1)		3% - 7% (2)	5%
Management/Cost Control (1)		3% - 7% (2)	5%
Contract Type Risk	Firm Fixed Price	2% - 6% (3)	3% - 5% (4)
Contract Type Risk	Cost Plus Fixed Fee	0% - 1% (2)	0.5%

1. Assign a weight (percentage) to each element according to its input to the total performance risk. The total of the two weights equal 100%.
2. Assign a weighting score relative to the Risk Factor.
3. Depends on the specific Contract Type (With/without financing, performance-based payments, and/or progress payments).
4. Depends on the specific Contract Type.

Technology Incentive (TI) is rarely utilized at ONR, because the contracts issued by ONR typically are not eligible for TI (See DFARS 215.404-71-2(c) (2)). Any consideration of TI requires strong and convincing justification in the proposal, which are then subject to negotiation and determination of a fair and reasonable fee, within the context of the specific award.

Typically the range of fee is 5% to 7.5% on an ONR awarded contract.

C. Significant Dates and Times –

Event	Date	Time
White Paper Due Date	06/13/2016	4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Notification of White Paper Evaluation*	08/03/2016	
Full Proposal Due Date	09/05/2016	4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
Notification of Selection: Full Proposals*	02/27/2017	
Awards*	06/05/2017	
Kickoff Meeting	06/12/2017	

**These dates are estimates as of the date of this announcement.*

D. Submission of Late Proposals (Applicable to White Papers and Full Proposals) -

Any proposal, modification, or revision, that is received at the designated Government office after the exact time specified for receipt of proposals is “late” and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the contracting officer determines that accepting the late proposal would not unduly delay the acquisition and

- (a) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the announcement, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or
- (b) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of proposals and was under the Government’s control prior to the time set for receipt of proposals; or
- (c) It was the only proposal received.

However, a late modification of an otherwise timely and successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

Acceptable evidence to establish the time or receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that proposals cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the announcement, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the announcement closing date, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the announcement on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

The contracting officer must promptly notify any Offeror if its proposal, modifications, or revision was received late and must inform the Offeror whether its proposal will be considered.

E. Submission of White Papers and Full Proposals for Contracts

White Papers must be e-mailed to Mr. Peter Squire at peter.squire@navy.mil. Full Proposals, including all supporting documentation for Contracts, shall be mailed to the Office of Naval Research at the following address:

Point of Contact
Office of Naval Research Attn: Dr. Peter Squire ONR Department Code: 30 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1057 Arlington, VA 22203-1995

*Hand carried and e-mail submissions are not an acceptable form of delivery for proposal packages.

V. EVALUATION INFORMATION

A. Evaluation Criteria -

Awards under this BAA will be made to Offerors on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below, and program balance to provide overall value to the Government. The Government reserves the right to request any additional, necessary documentation once it makes the award instrument determination. The Government reserves the right to remove Offerors from award consideration should the parties fail to reach agreement on award terms, conditions, and cost/price within a reasonable time, or the Offeror fails to timely provide requested additional information.

In accordance with FAR 35.016(e), the primary basis for selecting proposals for acceptance shall be technical, importance to agency programs, and fund availability. Cost realism and reasonableness shall also be considered to the extent appropriate. Therefore, the following criteria will be used for evaluation:

- 1) Overall scientific and technical merits of the proposal.
- 2) Potential Naval relevance and contributions of the effort to the agency's specific mission.
- 3) The Offeror's capabilities, related experience, facilities, techniques or unique combinations of these which are integral factors for achieving the proposal objectives.
- 4) The qualifications, capabilities, and experience of the proposed Principal Investigator (PI), team leader, and key personnel who are critical in achieving the proposal objects, and
- 5) The realism of the proposed costs and availability of funds.

Criteria 1 through 4 are significantly more important than Criterion 5, and Criteria 1 through 4 are of equal value.

The ultimate recommendation for award of proposals is made by ONR's scientific/technical community. Recommended proposals will be forwarded to the ONR Contracts and Grant Awards Management office. Any notification received from ONR that indicates that the Offeror's full proposal has been recommended does not ultimately guarantee an award will be made. This notice indicates that the proposal has been selected in accordance with the evaluation criteria above and has been sent to the contracting department to conduct cost analysis, determine the Offeror's responsibility, and to take other relevant steps necessary prior to commencing negotiations with the Offeror.

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B. Commitment to Small Business - (For Contract Awards Only)

The Office of Naval Research is strongly committed to providing meaningful subcontracting opportunities for small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs), woman-owned small businesses (WOSBs), historically underutilized business zone (HUBZone) small businesses, veteran-owned small business (VOSBs), service disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs), historically black colleges and universities, and minority institutions, and other concerns subject to socioeconomic considerations through its awards.

Businesses unfamiliar with doing business with the government and that require assistance may contact the state-specific Department of Defense (DoD) Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). DoD PTACs serve as a resource for businesses pursuing and performing under contracts with DoD, other federal agencies, state and local governments and with government prime contractors. Assistance provided by the PTACs is usually free of charge. PTAC support includes registration in systems such as SAM, identification of contract opportunities, understanding requirements and preparing and submitting

proposals. The PTACs have a presence in each state, Puerto Rico and Guam. To locate a local PTAC visit:

<http://www.dla.mil/SmallBusiness/Pages/ProcurementTechnicalAssistanceCenters.aspx> or <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/> .

1) Subcontracting Plan - For proposed contract awards exceeding \$700,000, large businesses and non-profits (including educational institutions) shall provide a Subcontracting Plan (hereafter known as ‘the Plan’) that contains all elements required by FAR Subpart 19.704, FAR 52.219-9 and as supplemented by DFARS 252.219-7003.

NOTE: Small businesses are exempt from this requirement.

The Plan must be submitted as an attachment to the “Proposal Checklist” and will not be included in the page count. If a company has a Master Subcontracting Plan, as described in FAR 19.701 or a Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan, as described in DFARS 219.702, a copy of the Plan shall also be submitted as an attachment to the “Proposal Checklist”.

Plans will be reviewed for adequacy, ensuring that the required information, goals, and assurances are included. FAR 19.702 requires the apparent successful Offeror to submit an acceptable Plan. If the apparent successful Offeror fails to negotiate a Plan acceptable to the contracting officer within the time limit prescribed by the contracting officer, the Offeror will be ineligible for award.

Offerors shall propose a plan that ensures small businesses (inclusive of SDBs, WOSBs, HUBZone, VOSBs and SDVOSBs) will have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contract performance consistent with efficient performance.

As a baseline, Offerors shall, to the best extent possible, propose realistic goals to ensure small business participation in accordance with the current or most recent fiscal year subcontracting goals found on the DoD Office of Small Business Program website at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/>. If proposed goals are below the statutory requirements, then the Offeror shall include in the Plan a viable written explanation as to why small businesses are unable to be utilized and what attempts were taken to ensure that small business were given the opportunity to participate in the effort to the maximum extent practicable.

2) Small Business Participation Statement –

If subcontracting opportunities exist, all prime Offerors shall submit a Small Business Participation Statement regardless of size in accordance with DFARS 215.304 when receiving a contract for more than the simplified acquisition threshold (i.e., \$150,000). All Offerors shall provide a statement of the extent of the Offeror’s commitment in providing meaningful subcontracting opportunities for small businesses and other concerns subject to

socioeconomic considerations through its awards and must agree that small businesses, VOSBs, SDVOSBs, HUBZones, SDBs, and WOSBs concerns will have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in contract performance consistent with efficient performance.

This assertion will be reviewed to ensure that it supports this policy by providing meaningful subcontracting opportunities. The statement should be submitted as an attachment to the “Proposal Checklist” and will not be included in the page count.

3) Subcontracting Resources -

Subcontracting to a prime contractor can be a good way to participate in the contracting process. The following is a list of potential resources that may assist in locating potential subcontracting partners/opportunities:

- *Companies Participating in DoD Subcontracting Program Report
- *DAU Small Business Community of Practice (SB COP)
- *DefenseLink ≥ \$7.0 M Award Notices
- *DoD OSBP Prime Contractors and Subcontractors with Subcontracting Plans
- *Dynamic Small Business Search
- *Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS)
- *Federal Business Opportunities (FEDBIZOPPS)
- *Navy SBIR/STTR Search – Website or Brochure
- *DoD Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)
- *Small Business Administration (SBA) Subcontracting Opportunities Directory
- *SBA Subnet

For a description and associated websites visit the ONR Office of Small Business webpage at:: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/small-business.aspx>.

In accordance with FAR Subpart 5.206, the following entities may transmit a notice to a Government Point of Entry (GPE) to seek competition for subcontracts, to increase participation by qualified small businesses, VOSBs, SDVOSBs, HUBZones, SDBs, and WOSBs, and to meet established subcontracting plan goal as follows:

- (a) A contractor awarded a contract exceeding \$150,000 that is likely to result in the award of any subcontracts; and
- (b) A subcontractor or supplier, at any tier, under a contract exceeding \$150,000, that has a subcontracting opportunity exceeding \$15,000.

The notices must describe—

- (a) The business opportunity;
- (b) Any prequalification requirements; and
- (c) Where to obtain technical data needed to respond to the requirement.

An example of a GPE is the SBA SUB-Net which is a place in which prime contractors may post solicitations or sources sought notices for small business. The SUB-Net database provides a listing of subcontracting solicitations and opportunities posted by large prime contractors and other non-federal agencies.

C. Options -

The Government will evaluate options for award purposes by adding the total cost for all options to the total cost for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the options during contract performance.

D. Evaluation Panel -

Technical and cost proposals submitted under this BAA will be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with FAR 3.104-4 and 15.207. The cognizant Program Officer and other Government scientific experts will perform the evaluation of technical proposals. Restrictive notices notwithstanding, one or more support contractors may be utilized as subject-matter-expert technical consultants. However, proposal selection and award decisions are solely the responsibility of Government personnel. Each support contractor's employee having access to technical and cost proposals submitted in response to this BAA will be required to sign a non-disclosure statement prior to receipt of any proposal submissions.

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

- A. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code - The NAICS code for this announcement is "541712" with a small business size standard of "500 employees".
- B. System for Award Management (SAM): All Offerors submitting proposals or applications must:
 - 1. be registered in the SAM prior to submission;
 - 2. maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration by any agency; and
 - 3. provide its DUNS number in each application or proposal it submits to the agency.

The System for Award Management (SAM) is a FREE WEBSITE that consolidates the capabilities you used to find in CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. Future phases of SAM will add the capabilities of other systems used in Federal procurement and awards processes.

SAM may be accessed at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

NOTE TO FORMER CCR REGISTRANTS: If you had an active record in CCR, you have an active record in SAM. You do not need to do anything in SAM at this time, unless a change in your

business circumstances requires a change in SAM in order for you to be paid or to receive an award. SAM will send notifications to the registered user via email 60, 30, and 15 days prior to expiration of the record. You can search for registered entities in SAM by typing the DUNS number or business name into the search box.

C. Access to your Contract Award

Office of Naval Research (ONR) award/modification documents are only available via the Department of Defense (DoD) Electronic Document Access System (EDA) within the WideArea WorkFlow e-Business Suite (<https://wawf.eb.mil/>).

Unless otherwise specified by the Offeror, notifications for the posting of award and modification documents to EDA will be directed to both the Technical Point of Contact and the Business Point of Contact identified in the Offeror's proposal.

EDA is a Web-based system that provides secure online access, storage and retrieval of awards and modifications to DoD employees and vendors.

If you do not currently have access to EDA, you may complete a self-registration request as a "Vendor" via <https://wawf.eb.mil/> following the steps below:

1. Click "Accept"
2. Click "Register" (top right)
3. Click "Agree"
4. In the "What type of user are you?" drop down, select "Vendor"
5. Select the systems you would like to access (iRAPT at a minimum)
6. Complete the User Profile and follow the site instructions

Allow five business days for your registration to be processed. EDA will notify you by email when your account is approved.

To access awards after your registration has been approved, log into <https://wawf.eb.mil/>, select "EDA", select either EDA location, Select "Contracts", select your search preference, enter the Contract Number (or, if applicable, enter the Grant Number in the Contract Number field), and select "View".

Registration questions may be directed to the EDA help desk toll free at 866-618-5988, commercial at 801-605-7095, or via email at disa.ogden.esd.mbx.cscassig@mail.mil.

VII. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Applies to Contracts only:

i. Government Property/Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) and Facilities
Government research facilities and operational military units are available and should be considered as potential government-furnished equipment/facilities. These facilities and resources are of high value and some are in constant demand by multiple programs. It is unlikely that all facilities would be used for any one specific program. The use of these facilities and resources will be negotiated as the program unfolds. Offerors should indicate in the Proposal Checklist, Section II, Blocks 8 and 9, which of these facilities are critical for the project's success.

ii. Use of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives

Safety

The Offeror is required to be in compliance with DoD manual 4145.26-M, *DoD Contractor's Safety Manual for Ammunition and Explosives* if ammunitions and/or explosives are to be utilized under the proposed research effort. (See DFARS 223.370-5 and DFARS 252.223-7002)

If ammunitions and/or explosives (A&E) are to be utilized under the proposed research effort, the Government requires a preaward safety survey in accordance with DFARS PGI 223.370-4(C)(iv) entitled *Preaward survey*. The Offeror is solely responsible for contacting the cognizant Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) office and obtaining a required preaward safety survey before proposal submission. The Offeror should include required preaward safety surveys with proposal submissions.

If the Offeror proposes that the Government provide Government-furnished A&E containing any nitrocellulose-based propellants and/or nitrate ester-based materials (such as nitroglycerin) or other similar A&E with a tendency to become chemically unstable over time, then NMCARS 5252.223-9000 will also apply to a resulting contract award. (See NMCARS 5223.370-5)

Security

If arms, ammunition or explosives (AA&E) are to be utilized under the proposed research effort, the Government requires a preaward security survey. The Offeror is solely responsible for contacting the cognizant DCMA office and obtaining a required preaward security survey before proposal submission. The Offeror should include a required preaward security survey with proposal submission. (See DoD manual 5100.76-M, *Physical Security of Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition and Explosives*, paragraph C1.3.1.4)

If AA&E are to be utilized under the proposed research effort, the Government may require the Contractor to have perimeter fencing around the place of performance in accordance with DoD 5100.76-M, Appendix 2.

If AA&E are to be utilized under the proposed research effort, the Offeror is required to provide a written copy of the Offeror's AA&E accountability procedures in accordance with DoD 5100.76-M. If the Offeror is required to provide written AA&E accountability procedures, the Offeror should provide the respective procedures with its proposal submission. See DoD 5100.76-M Appendix 2.12.

iii. System for Award Management (SAM)

FAR 52.204-7 System for Award Management and FAR 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance are incorporated into this BAA, and FAR 52.204-13 will be incorporated in all awards.

iv. Employment Eligibility Verification (E-verify)

As per FAR 22.1802, recipients of FAR-based procurement contracts must enroll as Federal Contractors in E-verify and use E-verify to verify employment eligibility of all employees assigned to the award. All resultant contracts from this solicitation will include FAR 52.222-54, "Employment Eligibility Verification."

v. Conflicts of Interest

(1) Organizational Conflicts of Interest. All Offerors and proposed subcontractors must affirm whether they are, or are not, providing scientific, engineering, and technical assistance (SETA) or similar support to any ONR technical office(s) through an active contract or subcontract. (For the purposes of this BAA, SETA is defined as work that provides analysis and engineering services in a consulting capacity as opposed to performing research and development.) All affirmations must state which office(s) the Offeror supports and identify the prime contract numbers. Affirmations shall be furnished at the time of proposal submission. Offerors and proposed subcontractors must disclose all facts relevant to the existence or potential existence of organizational conflicts of interest (FAR 9.5). The disclosure shall include a description of the action the Offeror has taken or proposes to take to avoid, neutralize, or mitigate such conflict. Unless a waiver is granted under FAR 9.503, a contractor cannot simultaneously be a SETA and a research and development performer. Proposals that fail to fully disclose potential conflicts of interests will be rejected without technical evaluation and withdrawn from further consideration for award. Additional ONR OCI guidance can be found at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/About-ONR/compliance-protections/Organizational-Conflicts-Interest.aspx>.

(2) Personal Conflicts of Interest. All Offerors and proposed subcontractors must report whether any covered employees are performing acquisition functions closely associated with inherently governmental functions for ONR, as defined in FAR 3.11. Offerors must include which ONR office(s) those covered employees support and identify the prime contract numbers. This information must be furnished at the time of proposal submission. Offerors and proposed subcontractors must disclose all facts relevant to the existence or potential existence of any personal conflicts of interest involving covered employees and describe any actions taken to avoid, neutralize, or mitigate any such conflicts. Proposals that fail to fully disclose potential personal conflicts of interests will be rejected and withdrawn from further consideration for award.

(3) If a prospective Offeror believes that any conflict of interest exists or may exist (whether organizational or otherwise), the Offeror should promptly raise the issue with ONR by sending his/her contact information and a summary of the potential conflict by e-mail to the Business Point of Contact in Section I, item 7 above, before time and effort are expended in preparing a proposal and mitigation plan. If, in the sole opinion of the Contracting Officer after full consideration of the circumstances, any conflict situation cannot be effectively avoided, the proposal may be rejected without technical evaluation and withdrawn from further consideration for award under this BAA.

vi. FAR / DFARS Provision:

The following are examples of clauses that may be incorporated into an ONR contract:

#	Provision
52.204-7	System for Award Management
52.215-16	Facilities Capital Cost of Money
52.215-22	Limitations on Pass Through Charges - Identification of Subcontract Effort
52.216-1	Type of Contract
52.216-27	Single or Multiple Awards
52.217-4	Evaluation of Options Exercised at time of Contract Award
52.217-5	Evaluation of Options
52.222-24	Preaward On-Site Equal Opportunity Compliance Evaluation (Applies if exceeds \$10M)
25.226-2	Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Representation
52.230-7	Proposal Disclosure - Cost Accounting Practice Changes
52.232-15	Progress Payments not included
52.233-2	Service of Protest
52.252-1	Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference

52.252-3	Alterations in Solicitation
52.252-5	Authorized Deviations in Provisions
252.203-7005	Representation Relating to Compensation of Former DoD Officials
252.204-7004	Alternate A, System for Award Management

252.204-7008	Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defense Information Controls (DEVIATION 2016-O0001)(OCT 2015)
252.204-7012	Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting (DEVIATION 2016-O0001)(OCT 2015)
252.215-7003	Requirements for Submission of Data Other than Certified Cost or Pricing Data - Canadian Commercial Corporation
252.219-7000	Advancing Small Business Growth

vii. Combating Trafficking in Persons

Appropriate language from FAR Clause 52.222-50 will be incorporated in all awards.

viii. Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan:

Prior to award of a contract, for the portion of the contract that is for supplies, other than commercially available off-the-shelf items, to be acquired outside the United States, or services to be performed outside the United States, and which has an estimated value that exceeds \$500,000, the contractor shall submit the certificate as specified in paragraph (c) of 52.222-56, Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan.

ix. Updates of Information regarding Responsibility Matters

FAR clause 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matter, will be included in all contracts valued at \$500,000 where the contractor has current active Federal contracts and grants with total value greater than \$10,000,000.

B. Applies to all Contracts

i. Security Classification

In order to facilitate intra-program collaboration and technology transfer, the Government will attempt to enable technology developers to work at the unclassified level to the maximum extent possible. If access to classified material will be required at any point during performance, the Offeror must clearly identify such need in Section II, Block 11 of the Proposal Checklist.

If it is determined that access to classified information will be required during the performance of an award, a Department of Defense (DD) Form 254 will be attached to

the contract, and FAR 52.204-2 - Security Requirements will be incorporated into the contract.

ii. Use of Animals and Human Subjects in Research

If animals are to be utilized in the research effort proposed, the Offeror must submit prior to award a Full Appendix or Abbreviated Appendix with supporting documentation (copies of IACUC Approval, IACUC Approved Protocol, and most recent USDA Inspection Report) prior to award. For assistance with submission of animal research related documentation, contact the ONR Animal Use Administrator at (703) 696-4046. Guidance: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/About-ONR/compliance-protections/Research-Protections/Animal-Recombinant-DNA.aspx>

Use of Human Subjects in Research:

Similarly, for any proposal for research involving human subjects, the Offeror must submit prior to award: documentation of approval from an Institutional Review Board (IRB); IRB-approved research protocol; IRB- approved informed consent form; proof of completed human research training (e.g., training certificate or institutional verification of training); an application for a DoD- Navy Addendum to the Offeror's DHHS-issued Federal wide Assurance (FWA) or the Offeror's DoD-Navy Addendum. In the event that an exemption criterion under 32 CFR 219 101(b) is claimed, provide documentation of the determination by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair, IRB vice Chair, designated IRB administrator or official of the human research protection program including the category of exemption and short rationale statement. Determinations that the activity is not research involving human subjects must also be provided. This documentation must be submitted to the ONR Human Research Protection Official (HRPO), by way of the ONR Program Officer. Information about assurance applications and forms can be obtained by contacting ONR_343_contact@navy.mil. If the research is determined by the IRB to be greater than minimal risk, the Offeror also must provide the name and contact information for the independent medical monitor. For assistance with submission of human subject research related documentation, contact the ONR Human Research Protection Official at (703) 696-4046.

For contracts and orders, the award and execution of the contract, order, or modification to an existing contract or order will include a statement indicating successful completion of HRPO's review serves as notification from the Contracting Officer to the Contractor that the HRPO has approved the assurance as appropriate for the research under the Statement of Work and also that the HRPO has reviewed the protocol and accepted the IRB approval or exemption determination for compliance with the DoD Component policies. See, DFARS

252.235-7004. Guidance: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/About-ONR/compliance-protections/Research-Protections/Human-Subject-Research.aspx>

iii. Recombinant DNA

Proposals which call for experiments using recombinant DNA must include documentation of compliance with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recombinant DNA regulations, approval of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), and copies of the DHHS Approval of the IBC letter.

iv. Institutional Dual Use Research of Concern

As of September 24, 2015, all institutions and USG funding agencies subject to the [United States Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern](#) must comply with all the requirements listed therein. If your research proposal directly involves certain biological agents or toxins, contact the cognizant Technical Point of Contact.. U.S. Government Science, Safety, Security (S3) guidance may be found at <http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse>.

v. Department of Defense High Performance Computing Program

The DoD High Performance Computing Program (HPCMP) furnishes the DoD S&T and RDT&E communities with use-access to very powerful high performance computing systems. Awardees of ONR contracts, grants, and other assistance instruments may be eligible to use HPCMP assets in support of their funded activities if ONR Program Officer approval is obtained and if security/screening requirements are favorably completed. Additional information and an application may be found at <http://www.hpcmo.hpc.mil/>.

vi. Project Meetings and Reviews

Individual program reviews between the ONR sponsor and the performer may be held as necessary. Program status reviews may also be held to provide a forum for reviews of the latest results from experiments and any other incremental progress towards the major demonstrations. These meetings will be held at various sites throughout the country. For costing purposes, Offerors should assume that 40% of these meetings will be at or near ONR, Arlington VA and 60% at other contractor or government facilities. (This statement does not apply to international Offerors submitting proposals to ONRG. International Offerors should contact the cognizant ONRG Administrative Director (AD) for guidance prior to submitting a proposal.) Interim meetings are likely, but these will be accomplished via video telephone conferences,

telephone conferences, or via web-based collaboration tools.

vii. Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards

The FAR clause 52.204-10, "Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards," will be used in all procurement contracts valued at \$25,000 or more.

C. Other Guidance, Instructions, and Information

None.