

Amendment 0002
ONR Broad Agency Announcement N00014-18-S-B003
BAA for Advancing Robotic Capability & Usability for Explosive Ordnance
Disposal (EOD): DoD EOD Applied Research Program

The purposes of Amendment 0002 are to revise the full proposal submission due date and to post questions and answers.

1. BAA N00014-18-S-B003 is hereby amended as follows:
2. Section I.A.6 is hereby revised as follows (changes in **bold** text):

6. Key Dates (See also Section II.D.2 and 4)

Anticipated Schedule of Events *		
Event	Date (MM/DD/ YEAR)	Time (Local Eastern Time)
White Papers Due Date	04/13/2018	3:00 pm
Notification of Initial Navy Evaluations of White Papers*	05/11/2018	3:00 pm
Full Proposals Due Date	08/16/2018	3:00 pm
Notification of Selection for Award *	09/14/2018	3:00 pm
Awards*	12/14/2018	3:00 pm
Kickoff Meeting*	01/07/2019	N/A

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

3. Section II.D.2.a is hereby revised as follows (changes in **bold** text):

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

a. General Information

White Papers: The due date for white papers is no later than 3:00 PM Local Eastern Time on Friday, 13 April 2018. White papers are to be submitted as a pdf file via electronic mail (email) only to brian.almquist@navy.mil . If an Offeror does not submit a white paper before the specified due date and time, it is not eligible to participate in the remaining Full Proposal submission process and is not eligible for funding. Each white paper should state that it is submitted in response to this BAA and cite the particular sub-section of the Research Opportunity Description that the white paper is primarily addressing.

White Paper Evaluation/Notification: Navy evaluations of the white papers were issued

via email notification by Friday, 29 June 2018.

Full Proposals: The due date for receipt of Full Proposals is **extended to 3:00 PM (EDT) on Thursday, 16 August 2018**. It is anticipated that final selections will be made **approximately** four (4) weeks after full proposal submission. As soon as the final full proposal evaluation process is completed, PI's will be notified via email of their project's selection or non-selection for FY19 funding. Full proposals received after the published due date and time will not be considered for funding in FY19.

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.

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

4. Questions are hereby posted and are answered as follows:

1.) What is the page limit for our submissions? What is the format for submission and how many copies?

Answer: We have decided not to provide a page limit to the tech proposal as we think that most authors will respond to the guidance provided in the white paper response email within a reasonable page limit. As a reminder, the additional guidance was as follows:

Please assure your technical approach is clearly described and includes a schedule of subsystem/subtask activities or tests that lead to the overall system test for your applied research. This will assist reviewers in understanding the time phasing of the applied research and retirement of technical risk.

Our review of the proposals is done with very knowledgeable staff, so the definition of a clear technical approach can be viewed from that lens. I hope this helps and I look forward to receiving your proposal.

Please submit three copies of your proposal. Electronic submissions are acceptable.

2.) What trips should be included in the Travel Budget?

Answer: Budget for:

- 1) A trip to Pittsburgh for our Annual EOD S&T Review
- 2) A trip to ONR (Arlington, Virginia) for a program discussion or kickoff meeting.
- 3) One trip to participate/present at the UMST meeting in Sandestin, Florida in January 2019.

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3.) I have a question regarding BAA N00014-18-S-B003. We have been asked to submit a full proposal, and I am trying to determine if our proposed work would constitute fundamental research. I don't believe it is, but I need to make sure that if we state that it is NOT fundamental research that we won't restrict our, or more importantly, our university partners' ability to publish their results. Would you be able to give me any guidance in this area? Namely, would there be any restrictions on publication derived from this work? Are there any other benefits/penalties for work being described, or not being described, as fundamental research?

Answer: This issue is addressed on page 7 of the announcement, applies to university subcontractors, and specific information is needed from the performer to answer this question. The proposal should indicate whether this issue needs to be addressed for a particular proposal submission.

4. Could you please confirm whether each applicable document under Proposal Package in Appendix 3 needs to be submitted as both hard copies (via mail) and electronic versions (via email)?

Answer: The announcement allows for submittal of either hard copy or electronic versions of the proposal.

5. Are there size limits we should be aware of for the email submissions?

Answer: Documents exceeding a size of 5MB are more likely to be undeliverable.

ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.