Questions and Answers
BAA# N00014-19-S-B002, Amendment A00001
Advanced Technology Development Future Naval Capability (FNC) Program
Technology Demonstrator Design, Fabrication, Test & Demonstration

Question #1: Can a contractor submit an independent Concept Proposal for just a portion of the ARV concept (i.e. the lethality / firepower portion)?

Answer: ONR previously had a BAA (N00014-18-S-B002) where interested parties could submit proposals for "Advanced Component and/or Subsystem Technology Research and Development" related to the ARV program. That BAA has since closed. At this time, we are not looking for these types of proposals. If that changes, we would recommend interested parties submitting a response via our long-range BAA (currently N00014-18-S-B001).

Question #2: If a contractor submits an independent Concept Proposal could there be a possibility of being chosen to participate in the Tech Demonstrator phase on whatever vehicle OEMs ONR picks? Basically could ONR dictate to one of the OEMs to integrate a subsystem for experimentation as the Tech Demonstrator? If so, should we include “integration” efforts as a separate line item in the cost proposal & production timeline?

Answer: While ONR cannot dictate how a prime contractor manages its program, if any subcontractors are interested in this program, they should coordinate with interested prime contractors regarding inclusion in the prime's proposal.

Question #3: Does ONR already have an OTA model available to support the subject ARV BAA? Can that be sent to me for review?

Answer: The only models we have are the ones listed in the ARV BAA link.

Question #4: There's some confusion on my part as to whether this BAA is soliciting proposals or is only a draft. It's listed as draft in FBO, but the actual text of the BAA requests submission of proposals by mid-November. Please advise if you are expecting offeror proposals by the specified due date in November or not, and if not, when do you anticipate releasing the final BAA/solicitation.

Answer: This is the actual solicitation. The dates in the current solicitation are correct and are when proposals are due. FBO does not give us an option to post a solicitation without issuing a pre-solicitation notice. However, pre-solicitation notices are not required per FAR SubPart 35.016(f) so this is our workaround.

Question #5: Would you be able to tell me whether it is open to applicants worldwide or only those based in the US? Any information you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Answer: Please see the "Eligible Applicants" section of the BAA. All contractors must be registered in SAM in order to submit a proposal.

Question #6: It is not clear if the Government will consider either a cost-type or FFP structure. The chart on page Appendix 3-3 contains both FFP and CPFF fee ranges suggesting to us that both, or either, contract types would be acceptable. Can you please clarify this area for us?
Answer: It is ultimately up to the Contracting Officer and negotiable upon award but generally we award CPFF contracts for this type of requirement.

Question #7: This particular effort is only focused on blast/ballistic hulls, correct?

Answer: We are looking for a fully operable technology demonstrator platform plus two blast/ballistic hulls.

Question #8: Is this a new requirement or is there an incumbent vendor? If available, can you please send along the incumbent contract number?

Answer: This is a new standalone requirement and there is no incumbent vendor in relation to this solicitation.

Question #9: Will ONR be responsible for covering all test facility costs during the Government’s 6-Month testing phase?

Answer: ONR will be covering the facility costs associated with government testing. We do expect the selected awardee to provide test support whose costs will also be covered by the government as expressed in the BAA.

Question #10: While the proposal requires submission on or before 19 November 2018 @ 3:00 PM; will there be an opportunity to submit electronically to a secure FTP site due to potential file size or will it have to be an email attachment? Also, can the hard copy submission be submitted within a few days after the 19 November 2018 submittal of electronic copies?

Answer: Electronic submissions can be provided via AMRDEC SAFE (https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/) to the email address listed in the solicitation. The electronic version of the full proposal is absolutely required by 3:00 PM EST on November 19, 2018. Hard copies must be received by 3:00PM EST on November 21, 2018. Any proposals that do not meet these stated deadlines will be considered late and will not be evaluated.