

**Navy Decision Science Incubator  
Program Announcement: N00014-20-S-B002  
Question and Answers  
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The following list includes all of the questions concerning the Decision Science Incubator (DSI) received to date as well as responses to each.

**Question 1:** Please clarify whether the government is looking to award a contract to a single company that would manage the overall new OTA, similar to the C5, UTIC or NAMC etc. OTA, and then have members of the new OTA perform the R&D?

**Response 1:** The Office of Naval Research (ONR) does not intend to establish a consortium or similar arrangement to manage the DSI. ONR contemplates a single award to a responsible Applicant to conduct research into decision science, develop prototypes which promote the application of decision science methods and techniques, and perform the management and administrative functions necessary to operate the DSI. Interested parties are directed to the following sections of the Program Announcement for more information on this topic. There are no changes to the Program Announcement as a result of this question.

**Section I Overview**

**Section II Detailed Information**

- a. Program Description
- b. Federal Award Information
  - 3. Funded Amount and Period of Performance
    - A. Anticipated Number of Awards
- c. Application Review Information
  - 2. Review and Selection Process
    - B. Subcontracts, Teaming Arrangements, and Partnerships

**Question 2.** When writing the proposal, should we assume that PhD-level personnel with expertise in decision science will review the proposal or will the reviewing group include a broader set of readers (e.g., active duty Navy officers)?

**Response 2:** The identities and backgrounds of Government evaluators are source selection sensitive. ONR will not address this question further.

**Question 3.** We plan to include evidence of access to space with SECRET security clearance. Is there a preferred site where such classified extensions of fundamental research would take place?

**Response 3:** No.

**Question 4:** Given that the initial areas of focus include improving military readiness through reinforcement of signature behaviors and reduction of destructive behaviors, would it make sense for us to include specific pre-selected proposals on these topics? Alternatively, is it better to assume that all proposals will go through the same [REDACTED] (sic: Management Plan) screening process that we propose to develop?

**Response 4:** Applicants may propose however they see fit. However, Applicants are cautioned that a successful proposal must include a response to all requirements of the Program Announcement and are reminded about the page count limitation stated in Appendix I – Requirements Applicable to Contracts and Other Transaction Agreements. There are no changes to the Program Announcement as a result of this question.

**Question 5:** Would it be OK if I reached out to [REDACTED]

**Response 5:** Applicants may seek participation from individuals as they see fit. There are no changes to the Program Announcement as a result of this question.

**End of Questions and Responses**