Amendment 0001
Special Notice 13-SN-0002
“Text Analytics
Data to Decisions (D2D)”

The purpose of Amendment 0001 is to answer questions submitted in response to Special Notice 13-SN-0002.

**Question #1** What are the guidelines for submission of full proposals?

**Answer #1a.** The required submission for Full Proposals for Contracts under Long Range Broad Agency Announcement BAA 13-001 can be found on page 20, Section 1 entitled, “Application and Submission Information” sub-paragraph b entitled “FULL PROPOSALS”.

**Answer # 1b.** The required submission for Full Proposals for Grants under the Long Range Broad Agency Announcement BAA 13-001 can be found on page 24, Section ii entitled, “INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRANTS”-paragraph 5 entitled “Submission of Grant Proposals through Grants.gov”.

**Question #2** The Special Notice 13-SN-0002 describes three (3) separate Thrust areas. Should offeror’s address one (1) thrust area, or all three (3) thrust areas?

**Answer #2** The proposal submissions can address all three (3) Thrust Areas.

**Question #3** The Special Notice 13-SN-0002 mentions the funding level would be $500,000/year. What is the funding level for each thrust level area?

**Answer #3** The total amount funding for all three (3)Thrust Areas represents $500k.
**Question #4** Can existing Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) software be used towards the development of the program?

**Answer #4** The program is being funded with Budget Activity 2 (Applied Research). The applied research may require the use of an existing platform(s), however the emphasis of the work that is described in the technical proposal shall focus on applied research.

**Question #5** In Thrust Area 2, one component is evolving the visual and semantic analysis at scale. What input types, and by extension, that scale, will the system be expected to handle? (i.e. RSS News; Blogs; or Tweets?)

**Answer #5** The system will be expected to handle RSS News; Blogs; and Tweets as well as any sources that involve text. The scales include a single tweet/blog post/email/after action reports, and etc., and all sources that will complete the content of the internet.

**Question #6** In Thrust Area 3, in support of the system, are there a list of languages? Or would it suffice to demonstrate that the proposed systems incorporates multilingual capabilities?

**Answer #6** No, there is not a list of languages. A single language is sufficient, with a preference towards English.