

Question 1. Will ONR provide the unclassified industry day slides to vendors who attended the industry day? If we are, are we providing these slides via email separately?

Answer: The unclassified VGs are intertwined with the classified VGs in the briefs. They will be mailed with the classified VGs as a single slide deck.

Question 2. Will ONR provide the industry day slides showing annual goals and budgets associated with the program?

Answer: Yes, these are the unclassified VGs intertwined with the classified VGs in the briefs. They will not be supplied separately, but will be mailed out with the classified VGs.

Question 3. A vendor asked if industry would be allowed to include JHU/APL content and work scope as part of a proposal for AMASS?

Answer: ONR will directly fund JHU/APL to provide array and in-buoy signal processing algorithms to the selected industry contractor. Industry may approach JHU/APL to suggest that JHU/APL teams with industry to supply technical support other than developing array and in buoy signal processing. The nature of any such arrangement is a matter to be determined by the parties, consistent with the terms of the BAA. Any such arrangement is subject to the BAA's organizational conflict of interest restriction (see BAA, Appendix 2, Section F). Generally, ONR will directly fund JHU/APL. It is up to JHU/APL to decide whether it wishes to team with industry in any particular case.

Question 4. Does the Navy plan on using wavetrains of multiple HFM pulses in the upcoming AMASS at-sea testing?

Answer: No, single HFM pulses and single pulses of other waveforms will be transmitted. The purpose of the APD is to demonstrate detection, not tracking

Question 5. Regarding a visit to JHU APL in the current environment; if vendors are unable to conduct the visit will details on the demonstrator be made available digitally?

Answer: Due to implementation of unforeseen mandatory COVID-19 travel restrictions, there will not be any tour available of the JHU APL site. ONR will answer specific questions about the APD consistent with security restrictions. Details of the APD design will be available digitally as GFI to the selected contractor.

Question 6. During the AMASS Industry Day Q&A session it was asked what the \$38.8M cover? An ONR representative stated that the \$38.8M listed was the contractor's costs only and do not include JHU/APL signal processing algorithms or at-sea test assets.
Requesting clarification: Should the contractor incorporate Navy test facility charges (e.g., sonar system design verification tests at NUWC Seneca Lake) in our cost estimate? Or should we assume that the government cover those tests?

Answer: The contractor will be responsible for the testing of the system and all associated costs including the test facilities with the exception of the final demonstration costs.

Question 7. A vendor asked if it is acceptable to hand deliver a classified package in response to the AMASS Special Notice.

Answer: Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, there are no hand deliveries for the classified AMASS materials.

Question 8. Can a foreign company submit a White Paper or proposal in response to AMASS Special Notice?

Answer: Foreign entities are eligible to submit white papers under the BAA; however, a SECRET facilities clearance will be required to review any classified materials and to work on the project.

Question 9. If a foreign company is not eligible to submit a White Paper or proposal, could a foreign company through an American company submit a proposal acting as the foreign company's front for issues requiring a security clearance?

Answer: ONR is not in a position to advise on such matters.

Question 10. Is the beamwidth requirement for the source array stated correctly in the AMASS Industry Day slides for the AMASS System Demonstrator?

Answer: The beamwidth for the AMASS System Demonstrator source array is correctly stated in the Industry Day slides. The beamwidth has increased from the AMASS Phenomenology Demonstrator to enhance overall performance of the system. This parameter is part of a larger trade space that includes source level, duty cycle, and pulse duration, all aimed to enhance M of N detections at the maximum detection range. Alternate proposed solutions to enhance M of N at the maximum detection range are encouraged.

Question 11. Typically, a PDR is the next level of design maturity beyond a Concept Design. Does ONR wish to have a Conceptual Design deliverable or a Preliminary Design deliverable for the SD?

Answer: ONR would like only a Conceptual Design of how the buoy and its components are deployed from stowage on a ship into the water. This Conceptual Design will be presented during the full system PDR.

Question 12. If the System Deployment deliverable (per the “TRL 6” slide referenced above) is a “System Deployment Conceptual Design” and unlike the other principal AMASS elements (Buoy 1, Source Array 1, Receive Array 1) for which CDR is planned, when in the program structure is the System Deployment design matured and then fabricated in order to support lake and at sea testing?

Answer: The full complete system deployment is broken into two aspects. The first contains the stowage of the system and how it is deployed from a connex box into the water. This aspect is only conceptual. The subsequent deployment is the automatic deployment of the complete AMASS system when it is in the water. This deployment will be fully designed, built, and tested. ONR would like only a Conceptual Design of how the buoy and its components are deployed from stowage on a ship into the water. This Conceptual Design will be presented during the full system PDR.

Question 13. In the White Paper Evaluation Notification we received from ONR, it states “If you choose to submit a full proposal, please visit Beta Sam at <https://beta.sam.gov> before doing so to review a forthcoming amendment to BAA # N00014-20-S-B001 for updated guidance and instructions on how to submit full proposals to ONR through the FEDCONNECT system.” Would the Government inform Offerors when the amendment is going to be posted on <https://beta.sam.gov>?

Answer: Amendment to BAA is available in Beta Sam. Vendors must ensure proposals meet with current guidance and instructions available in Beta Sam prior to submitting proposals.

Question 14. ONR BAA N00014-20-S-B001 and the Technical Proposal Template (stipulated in Appendix 2 of the BAA) do not specify a page limit for the technical proposal. Would the Government consider setting a 40 page limit for the technical proposal, excluding key personnel resumes, and a 3 page limit for each key personnel resume?

Answer: There will be no updates to the BAA with regards to Proposal Submission formatting.

Question 15. ONR BAA N00014-20-S-B001 Appendix 2 specifies paper size of 8.5 by 11 inches. Would the Government consider allowing the use of 11" x 17" paper for graphics/illustrations with one side of an 11" x 17" sheet of paper counting as two pages?

Answer: There will be no updates to the BAA with regards to Proposal Submission formatting.

Question 16. ONR BAA N00014-20-S-B001 Appendix 2 specifies Times New Roman, 12 point font. Would the Government consider allowing the use of an alternate font, e.g. Arial 10 point font, for graphics/illustrations?

Answer: There will be no updates to the BAA with regards to Proposal Submission formatting.

Question 17. ONR BAA guidelines include a recommended fee between 5% and 7.5%, will ONR accept a proposal with a fee higher than the rates in the BAA?

Answer: ONR will follow the ONR BAA guidance in Appendix 2.

Question 18. Will ONR give consideration to extending the due date for full proposal submission?

Answer: Yes. The new date for submission of full proposals is 15 June 2020. Please review Special Notice Amendment P0002 available in Beta Sam for additional information.