



Elusive Surface Target Engagement Technology

Information Exploitation Office

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

BAA 07-15

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. Is government laboratory-industry teaming acceptable? Is a government lab led team acceptable?

A1. All teaming arrangements that comply with Federal Acquisition Regulations are acceptable.

Q2. I'm interested in possibly bidding on Human-computer Interaction. I cannot find the DARPA technical lead in that area to discuss the subject area. Can you please provide that information, as we are usually encouraged to discuss these technical approach issues in advance where appropriate?

A2. No specific individual has been identified as the technical lead for any of our areas of interest. Visit the IXO web site to learn about our Program Managers' interests.

Q3. We are looking at combinations of various sensors in hopes of proving that the combination of their data, when correlated, would provide detailed information about buried mines and ordnance. Is this a viable application for submission under this BAA?

A3. Yes.

Q4. Do the rules of this BAA allow us to have face-to-face exploration discussions with the technical POC prior to abstract submission?

A4. Discussion of ideas with all IXO Program Managers is encouraged.

Q5. I have been developing a device for remotely assessing the health of electro-mechanical systems. Would this technology be of relevance to the DARPA BAA 07-15?

A5. All technologies that can contribute to the areas outlined in the PIP are relevant to this BAA.

Q6. We have a teaming agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). Can we submit a proposal with our MSFC colleagues/team members?

A6. All teaming arrangements that comply with Federal Acquisition Regulations are acceptable.

Q7. Are cryptology methods of interest to IXO?

A7. No.

Q8. On page 10, Sec B.1.4, it is stated that "No technical contributor can be proposed in more than one response." I understand the motivation for this in the context of proposals. However, since one of the purposes of the



Abstract submission process is to identify concepts that should be carried forward, it is expected that more concepts would be submitted in this phase than in the proposal phase. Is it therefore acceptable to submit multiple abstracts that may have overlapping contributors? The assumption being that only full proposals with non-overlapping contributors would be submitted (if encouraged based on the abstract).

A8. The constraint that “no technical contributor can be proposed in more than one response” applies only to proposals. However, multiple redundant abstracts are discouraged.

Q9. Section B.1.4 of the PIP states, "No technical contributor can be proposed in more than one response."

1. Does this refer to multiple responses to a single topic, or to multiple responses to the entire BAA?

2. Does this preclude a single person from submitting multiple white papers against different topics?

A9. The constraint that “no technical contributor can be proposed in more than one response” applies only to proposals. However, multiple redundant abstracts are discouraged.

Q10. We are interested in applying technology from the game and entertainment industry to some of the topic areas listed in the PIP. Is this acceptable?

A10. IXO encourages technical ideas based on progress in non-military areas. However, responses should include an explanation of how these ideas enable significant improvements in warfighting capabilities.

Q11. We have a radar imaging technology that is clearly applicable to military problems. The technology continues to mature but is not a product. We have strategic alliances with partners to assist commercialization. Should we submit a white paper?

A11. DARPA’s mission is to accelerate the development of emerging technologies, or to combine novel sets of technologies into systems that support warfighting capability. Proposals to insert existing technologies into existing systems, or into commercial applications, are unlikely to be found consistent with this mission.

Q12. What are the procedures/deadlines for classified addenda?

A12. Obviously classified material cannot be submitted through the BAA website. If classified information is crucial to your ideas, describe the nature of that information (data sources, models, performance goals, etc.) and provide a point of contact through which arrangements can be made for classified discussions.