

BROAD AREA ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA) HM1582-04-0004
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1: Would it be possible to submit a classified proposal?

Answer: The BAA was issued as an unclassified solicitation to allow dissemination to the widest possible audience. Interested parties may submit a classified proposal in response to this BAA. If a classified proposal is recommended for award (BAA paragraph 6.2C), the potential awardee will have the addition requirement to comply with DD Form 254, DEC 1999, Contract Security Classification Specification. The DD Form 254 will be made available prior to execution of the contract.

Question 2: Does the Government anticipate award of Cost Plus Fixed Fee or Cost Plus Award Fee contract?

Answer: It depends. Ultimately, contract type (to include fee) will be negotiated between the Government and those parties who have submitted a proposal that is "recommended for award" (paragraph 6.2c). As the work is Basic Research, contracts using a cost share basis, a Cost Plus No Fee, or a Cost Plus Fixed Fee would be more appropriate than a Cost Plus Award Fee contract.

Question 3: Is it acceptable to submit a proposal that focuses only on a specific Area 1 algorithm research topic (e.g. Automated Registration (AR)), rather than a less-detailed proposal that encompasses all 4 of the listed algorithms?

Answer: Yes. The proposals will be judged according to the criteria in the BAA announcement in the sub-areas offerors choose to address, not on how many of the sub-areas they address.

Question 4: Is it acceptable to submit more than one proposal?

Answer: Yes.

Question 5: Will the Government make multiple awards?

Answer: The number of awards made will ultimately depend upon the number of proposals recommended for award and the available funding. Given, that more than one proposal is recommended for award and there is sufficient funding to award more than one proposal, multiple awards may be made.

Question 6: Are references included within the 10 page limitation of the technical proposal.

Answer: Yes.

Question 7: Does the Government wish offerors to cost out option years?

Answer: Yes.