Question and Answers for IARPA-BAA-15-10 8-12-15

6. Question: Is there a limit on allowable indirect costs (overheads) for foreign institutions?

Answer Q6: Contracts resulting from this BAA will be subject to the cost principles outlined in Federal Acquisition Regulations, Part 31 and may also be subject to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Part 231 and other Agency and Federal regulations. Grants or cooperative agreements will be guided by the appropriate OMB Circulars. If individual deviations or exceptions are requested or additional cost supporting information is required, that will be handled in negotiations with the contracting officer after selection for award.

7. Question: May US companies be named as external collaborators and commit to carrying out tasks in the project if they do not request costs to be funded by IARPA? If so, how do we include them in the application forms?

Answer Q7: Please list any external collaborators as a Resource Share in your proposal, reference BAA section 4.B.1.3.I.:

"Resource Share: Include the type of support, if any, the offeror might request from the Government, such as facilities, equipment or materials, or any such resources the offeror is willing to provide at no additional cost to the Government to support the research effort. Cost sharing is not required from offerors and is not an evaluation criterion, but is encouraged where there is a reasonable probability of a potential commercial application related to the proposed research and development effort."

The tasks that the company proposes to complete and the personnel must be clearly identified. A letter of commitment must be included in the proposal. The proposal will be evaluated based on the criteria listed in the BAA and all proposals selected are subject to successful negotiations for award. The prime is ultimately responsible for completion of all proposed tasks and contract performance.

8. Question: How should subcontractors submit full disclosure proposals? Should we be uploading to IARPA IDEAS on September 1, or is there an email address to which we may submit proprietary cost proposals?

Answer Q8: If selected to negotiate for award, subcontractor proprietary cost data will be requested by and can be submitted directly to the contracting officer. Subcontractors should provide sufficient data to the prime to enable the prime to complete their full budget submission. Reference BAA Section 4. and Appendix F.