

**DARPA/MTO BAA09-16 Q & A**

**Q. Is there any guidance on scope for this program?**

**A. No. Determining the scope of the program is a key part of your proposal.**

**Q. Can I submit two Abstracts (corresponding to two teaming/approach arrangements)?**

**A. There is no limit on the number of abstracts that can be submitted from a single organization. It is advisable, however, to focus on what you believe to be the strongest offering -- unless you have a very good reason in mind to advocate two distinct approaches.**

**Q. Would it be possible to receive an electronic copy of the materials distributed on Industry Day? I will not be able to attend the Dec 3rd Industry Day briefing due to other commitments.**

**A. We intend to upload the charts once all approvals have been received. The link should be through the DARPA MTO web site. [www.darpa.mil/mto](http://www.darpa.mil/mto).**

**Q. Is submission of an unclassified proposal deemed a weakness in the proposal?**

**A. No.**

**Q. Is it preferable for the proposal submitted to be lead by a large business, small business, or no preference?**

**A. There is no preference.**

**Q. Can a university team participate in more than one white-paper?**

**A. Yes.**

**Q. Can a university team propose the same or similar device engineering approaches on multiple white papers?**

**A. Yes. However, if two (or more) proposals containing common work were selected for funding, this would become an item to be resolved during contract negotiations. The general rule is that the government does not award funding to teams performing identical work.**

**Q. Would be a single ROM number be sufficient (cost estimate) or do you desire more detail than that?**

**A. There is no requirement per se, but the more information you can provide in the abstract (given the page number constraints), the higher the quality of the response you will receive. You might consider a table by year, by phase, and/or by subcontractor.**

**Q. For the ABSTRACT do you need/require a Summary Slide? (As defined page 20 section H. of the BAA)?**

**A. No.**

**Q. Due to the new rules regarding Indirect Cost Limitation for Basic Research Awards, does the NEXT program fall under basic or applied research?**

**A. Section II, page 10, of the BAA discusses this issue, and you should follow the directions provided. As noted in the BAA, DARPA believes that the goals/objective stipulated in the BAA could conceivably be accomplished by an effort that meets the definition of fundamental research.**

**Q. I would like to submit a proposal under BAA 09-16 for the “NEXT” Program. My interest is to perform applied research {details of technical approach}. Please advise on the merit of the proposed research.**

**A. The technical abstract phase is the proper vehicle for DARPA to provide feedback about the perceived strengths and weaknesses of a proposed technical approach. If you believe that you have an innovative approach to achieve the program goals, you may want to consider submitting a technical abstract.**

**Q. We will be submitting an Abstract to the above BAA and would like to know the start date for the budget. The PI has asked if there is a specific date that we should use?**

**A. There is no specific start date for the budget.**

**Q. The subject BAA states that there is a cap of 35% on indirect cost rates for an award using 6.1 funds. Is the funding for this BAA 6.1 funds?**

**A. See Section II, page 10 of the BAA. No additional information on this subject is available.**

**Q. Will a proposal based on {specific technical approach} automatically be turned down?**

**A. Absolutely not. It is up to the performer, not DARPA, to identify and develop in their proposal a credible approach to achieve the program goals.**