

## F6 Questions and Answers

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### Questions for Clarification:

1. Q: § 2.0 The BAA states: *If the proposed effort is inherently divisible and nothing is gained from the aggregation, Proposers should consider submitting it as multiple independent efforts.* Please confirm that page count limits apply to each proposal independently.

A: Yes, the page count limits apply to each proposal independently.

2. Q: § 4.2.2 The BAA states: *A brief bibliography of relevant technical papers and research notes (published and unpublished) which document the technical ideas upon which the proposal is based. Copies of not more than three (3) relevant papers can be included in the submission.* Can the bibliography include more than three papers? Is there a page count limit to the number of pages included in the relevant papers? Are proposers discouraged from generating new unpublished works that are listed as *relevant*? What is the intent and purpose of Section IV?

A: Yes. the bibliography can contain more than three papers. No, there is no page count limit to the number of pages in relevant papers. The intent is to receive proposals in a common format, making them easier to evaluate. It ensures that the evaluation team doesn't have to waste time "searching" for information.

3. Q: Does § 8.3 imply that the SOW, IMS and cost estimates pertain to Phase 1 only?

A: Yes – only ROM cost estimates are required for additional phases. No SOW or IMS are required beyond Phase 1.

4. Q: Does § 8.3 imply that go/no go are only relevant for Phase 1?section 9

A: At the end of each Phase there will be a down-select based on the go/no-go metrics listed in section 9. There are go/no-go criteria for follow-on phases listed (2 and 3) in this section as well. For the purposes of selection only your ability to meet the Phase 1 criteria will be evaluated. The other criteria are to facilitate for your future planning for the program as a whole. The Phase 2 go/no-go criteria may be modified during Phase 1 performance. The same holds true of the Phase 3 go/no-go criteria.

5. Q: Where should the contractual data be placed in the volume (Small Business Subcontracting plan, Limited Rights data, etc.)?

A: The contractual data should be placed in Volume 2, the Cost Proposal.

6. Q: If respondents should only include activities in Phase 1 within their proposal what level of information is expected for Phases 2, 3, and 4?

A: Only ROM cost estimates are required for additional phases. No SOW or IMS are required.

7. Q: Is there a page limit on the Statement of Work portion of the Technical Volume?

A: The SOW counts against the 100 page limit for Volume 1, Technical proposal. The distribution of page limits between the elements of Volume 1 are left to the proposer as long as the total does not exceed 100 pages (bibliography and attached papers do not count towards the 100 page limit).

8. Q: Will the SOW will be incorporated into any resultant contract, and do we need to leave off the restrictive header/footer from the SOW?

A: The government intends to incorporate the SOW into the resulting contract/agreement as an attachment. However, any proprietary/restrictive markings will be removed prior to the SOW being incorporated into any contract/agreement. Note that the final contents of the SOW are subject to change during the negotiation process. In the event a proposal is not selected, the proposed SOW will be treated as source selection sensitive information per FAR 2.201 and 3.104 and not disclosed outside the Government.