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Question 1: BAA Section III.C states, "Proof of Concept phase will be conducted with technical personnel in various potential locations including Washington DC, Florida (Miami, National Law Enforcement Communications Center (NLECC) (Orlando) and Colorado (NIST) facilities." Question: Do offerors have discretion as to which location they conduct Proof of Concept phase? If not, which location should be used for estimating travel costs?

Answer 1: No, the location of the Proof of Concept is at the discretion of the govt. Currently, the Proof of Concept phase is being planned to take place at NIST's Public Safety Communications Research Lab (PSCR) in Boulder Colorado.

Question 2: BAA Section III.C states, "Field demonstrations will be conducted with operational users located in various locations identified in the Proof of Concept phase and field locations on the northern and southern borders." Question: Do offerors have discretion as to which location they conduct field demonstrations? If not, which location should be used for estimating travel costs?

Answer 2: No, the location of the Field Demonstration is at the discretion of the govt. Currently, the Field Demonstration location is TBD. The locations were provided as examples of the range of environmental/topographical conditions that the technology should be able to perform. For cost estimating guidance please use a South West region (California/Arizona/Texas) to provide a conservative travel estimate.

Question 3: BAA Section III.D states, "The objective of the above identified structure is to support immediate technology transition wherever possible." Please clarify whether proposals should include support of "immediate" technology transition and if so, clarify if "immediate" transition activities are to be considered concurrent, consecutive, or subsequent in time with the activities performed under this BAA.

Answer 3: This refers to the objectives of the BAA as an acquisition vehicle. It applies to the ability of the technology to be ready to transition into a commercial environment right after the BAA or whether the technology would still need additional development. In some cases, the offeror may propose a COTS solution as part of the BAA. This BAA does not imply a requirement for additional support (concurrent, consecutive, or subsequent) from the offeror to transition the technology into a commercial environment. The BAA will only consist of the research and development activities during the BAA period of performance.

Question 4: BAA Section IX.C.1.m.1 states, "GFE, GFR, GFI, or GFS requested by an offeror must be factored into the offeror's project cost." Question: What basis are offerors to use for valuation of GFE, GFR, GFI, or GFS under Section IX.C.1.m.1?

Answer 4: This refers to specific tools, equipment, services required for testing that would affect the cost of the proposal. For example NIST has special agreements in place with AT&T and Verizon to test the LTE networks. The offeror may include a statement requiring the need to

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access those LTE network assets in their proposal but there should not be a cost associated with those assets since they will be GFE/GFS.

Question 5: BAA Section XIV.J encourages offerors to “consider submitting SAFETY Act applications for their existing technologies.” Question: Will non-submittal of SAFETY Act applications (Section XIV.J) negatively affect evaluation of an offeror’s submission?

Answer 5: Not submitting a SAFETY Act application will not negatively affect the offeror’s submission.

Question 6: BAA Appendix A makes several references to the TACCOM requirements document. We appreciate the provision of that document by amendment as Appendix D. Question: Are the Appendix D requirements to be considered compliance requirements, or non-binding guidance statements?

Answer 6: Appendix D, the TACCOM requirements documents are in draft form and are meant for non-binding general guidance. The goal of the Technology Demonstrator is to help define and finalize the operational requirements for the Operational Requirements Document.

Question 7: Please clarify whether the omission of a Section XIV.H was deliberate.

Answer 7: Section H was not deliberately left out of the BAA. Section XIV H can be found on page 26 of the Broad Agency Announcement Document.