

Small Molecule Select Agent Toxin Detection Assays - HSHQDC14RB0009OBAA14003Call6

**** Proposal Submission has been extended until Friday, 3 April 2015 - 12:00 pm EST ****

Questions	Answers
<p>I have been asked to confirm the total funding available for this call. I interpret the total funding available for FY15 is \$332K. The period of performance should not exceed 24 months. The proposal can include an optional periods. Are the statements above correct? Or is it each proposal cannot be more than \$332K for FY15.</p>	<p>\$332K can be used over the 24 month period. You can request option periods beyond that.</p>
<p>How can I provide a subcontractor's "sealed bid/envelope" cost proposal since the BAA portal cannot accommodate the request electronically. Do you wish to have it emailed to you or physically mailed to you by the Prime or Subcontractor? Pulled from: HSHQDC-14-R-B0009: "A cost proposal as detailed as the Offeror's cost proposal will be required to be submitted by the subcontractor. The subcontractor's cost proposal can be provided in a sealed envelope with the Offeror's cost proposal or will be requested from the subcontractor at a later date; "</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the system cannot accommodate an upload of the subcontractor's cost proposal. There is only room for one cost proposal upload for the prime. For the Calls issued under this OBAA, it will be our (Contracting Office) practice to request that the subcontractor provide the offeror's cost proposal directly to the Contracting Officer. The information should be sent to the Contracting Officer's e-mail address. It is suggested that the prime ask the subcontractor to create a password protected .pdf file and have them email the Contracting Officer the cost proposal along with a separate email that contains the password to open it.</p>

<p>In the solicitation it notes "Specific elements of the task areas will be: 4) Test functionality of each assay alone in Lateral Flow Assay (LFA) format, and potentially in a multiplex format, using sub-select agent amounts of each toxin." I wanted to know if an array format would be acceptable, instead of lateral flow and bead based chemistries?</p>	<p>That would be acceptable.</p>
<p>The call notice requests full proposals. Should we use the White Paper template for the call or write a full proposal?</p>	<p>Please submit a full proposal.</p>
<p>Will DHS entertain proposals with the bio ligand being a peptide in conjunction with and also as an alternative to Ab based approaches?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past? If available, please provide the incumbent contract number. If you are unable to provide a contract number, is it safe to assume this is a new requirement for the government?</p>	<p>There is no incumbant Contractor.</p>