

## Summary of Changes to BAA 13-008 through Amendment 00001

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A. Amendment 00001 makes the following changes to Department of Homeland Security Broad Agency Announcement 13-008: (1) revises the due dates for the submission of white papers and full proposals; (2) revises Technical Focus Area (TFA) 3; (4) makes minor revisions to the language within the BAA; and (4) provides the Government's response to Frequently Asked Questions. Accordingly, the BAA is amended as follows:

1. On the cover page of the BAA, the due date for White Papers is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

02/14/13

2. On the cover page of the BAA, the due date for Full Proposals is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

04/01/13

3. As a result of the changes identified in this amendment, the Table of Contents, located on pages 2 and 3 of the BAA, is hereby updated.
4. On page 5 of the BAA, in Section 1.7 entitled Response Dates, the due date for the submission of white papers is changed to February 14, 2013.
5. On page 5 of the BAA, in Section 1.7 entitled Response Dates, the due date for the submission of full proposals is changed to April 1, 2013.
6. On page 8 of the BAA, in Section 1.8.3 entitled Description of Technical Focus Areas (TFA), TFA 3 is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:  
  
**TFA 3:** Studies to understand morbidity and mortality rates using the best animal models **or** by gathering useful and credible human data to better inform Risk Analysis.
7. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), the due date for White Papers in the first paragraph of the section is changed as follows:

4:30 P.M. (Local Eastern Time) on February 14, 2013

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8. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), the first sentence of the first paragraph of the section is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Forms are being solicited in the first phase rather than White Papers in narrative form.

9. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), the last sentence of the first paragraph of the section is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

Initial DHS S&T evaluation of the Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposals Forms (White Papers) will be issued via email notification on or about February 25, 2013.

10. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Forms), the word phrase “Biological Threat Characteristics Program” is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following word phrase:

Biological Threat Characterization Program

11. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Forms), in the first paragraph under the subsection entitled “DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Proposal Form Preparation and Submission Guidelines,” the phrase “Biological Threat Characteristics Program Proposal Form” is revised as follows:

Biological Threat Characterization Program Proposal Form

12. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), in the first sentence of the second paragraph under the subsection entitled “DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Proposal Form Preparation and Submission Guidelines”, the phrase “Biological Threat Characteristics Program Proposal Form” is revised to read as follows:

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13. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), in the first sentence of the third paragraph under the subsection entitled “DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Proposal Form Preparation and Submission Guidelines,” the phrase “Biological Threat Characteristics Program” is revised to read as follows:

14. On page 14 of the BAA, in Section 4.3 entitled Format and Content of White Paper (DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form), the last sentence of third paragraph under the subsection entitled “DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Proposal Form Preparation and Submission Guidelines,” is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

“Proposals that are related (focused on CAS from the same CTA or focusing the same collection or analytical techniques on the CAS from different CTAs may be submitted separately; however, the linkage of the two efforts should be clearly indicated in the narratives.”

15. On page 15 of the BAA, in Section 4.4 entitled Format and Content of Full Proposals, the first paragraph of the section is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

***Note: DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Forms (referred to as White Papers on the website) are required prior to submitting a Full Proposal.***

16. On page 15 of the BAA, in Section 4.4 entitled Format and Content of Full Proposals, in the paragraph under the subsection entitled Full Proposals, the first sentence of the paragraph is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

The due date for receipt of Full Proposals is 4:30 P.M. (Local Eastern Time) on April 1, 2013.

17. On page 15 of the BAA, in Section 4.4 entitled Format and Content of Full Proposals, in the paragraph under the subsection entitled “Full Proposals,” the third sentence of the paragraph is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

It is anticipated that negotiations for award will commence on or about April 16, 2013.

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18. On page 15 of the BAA, in Section 4.4 entitled Format and Content of Full Proposals, in the paragraph under the subsection entitled “Full Proposal Format: Volume 1 Technical Proposal; and Volume 2-Cost Proposal,” the first sentence of the paragraph is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

Only offerors who submit a Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form (White Paper), which is deemed as having “particular value” to DHS Science & Technology Directorate, will be considered for full proposals.

19. On page 18 of the BAA, in Section 4.4 entitled Format and Content of Full Proposals in the paragraph entitled Other DHS Support under VOLUME 1 Technical Proposal located under subsection Full Proposal Content, the paragraph is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

- **Other DHS Support:** As an appendix, provide a list of any current or pending awards or proposals with DHS that pertain to BTCP. This section will not count towards the 20-page limit.

20. On page 20 of the BAA, in Section 4.6 entitled Significant Dates and Times, the table entitled “Anticipated Schedule of Events” is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

<b>Anticipated Schedule of Events *</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Time (E.S.T.)</b>
BAA Posted to Website	<b>12/14/2012</b>	N/A
Deadline for Submission of Project Proposal Form (White Paper) Questions	<b>01/24/2013</b>	4:30 PM
White Paper (in Project Proposal Form format) Website Registration deadline – White Paper (Project Proposal Form) Due Date	<b>02/14/2013</b>	4:30 PM
Invitations to submit Full Proposals Sent	<b>02/25/2013</b>	N/A
Deadline for Submission of Full Proposal Questions	<b>03/18/2013</b>	4:30 PM
Full Proposal Website Registration deadline - Full Proposal Due Date	<b>04/01/2013</b>	4:30 PM
Notification of Selection for Award Negotiations	<b>04/16/2013</b>	N/A
Contract Award	<b>06/03/2013</b>	N/A
Kickoff Meetings	<b>TBD</b>	TBD

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21. On page 22 of the BAA, in Section 5.1 entitled Evaluation Criteria, Criterion II entitled Criterion II: Sound Technical Approach is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

**Criterion II: Sound Technical Approach:** Presentation of a sound technical approach to the proposed work that demonstrates reasonableness and responsiveness, as well as, an understanding of the challenges presented by one or more of the TFAs.

22. On page 23 of the BAA, under Section 6.2 entitled Reporting, the first sentence under the subsection entitled Monthly Project Status Report is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

Reports of project status will be solicited on a monthly basis from all performers using Biological Threat Characterization Program “Monthly Project Status Report Forms.”

23. On page 24 of the BAA, under Section 6.3 entitled Project Conferences, Meetings and Reviews, the first sentence of the paragraph is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

The Biological Threat Characterization Program schedules monthly telephone conferences in which all performers are encouraged to participate.

24. On page 24 of the BAA, under Section 6.3 entitled Project Conferences, Meetings and Reviews, the last sentence of the paragraph is hereby deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

Those issues that are relevant only to one performer or proprietary in nature are discussed in separate telephone conferences between the performer and the Biological Threat Characterization Program office staff.

25. On page 25 of the BAA, under Section 6.5 entitled Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Compliance Documentation, the first sentence of the section is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

Those Offerors, whose full proposals are selected for funding, will be provided two forms which will need to be completed and expeditiously returned to the Biological Threat Characterization Program Office.

26. On page 26 of the BAA, under Section 7.3 entitled Information for White Paper (in Project Proposal Form format) and Full Proposal Respondents, the first sentence of the section is deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

This BAA seeks to solicit sound scientific studies and techniques to address the DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program objectives set forth in Section 1.8.2.

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27. On page 29 of the BAA, under Section 8.2 entitled “Appendix B—Sample White Paper in “DHS Biological Threat Characteristics Program Project Proposal Form” Format,” the title of Appendix B is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

8.2—Appendix B—Sample White Paper in “DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program Project Proposal Form” Format

28. On page 31 of the BAA, under Section 8.3 entitled “Appendix C—Sample Biological Threat Characteristic Program “Monthly Project Status Reporting Form”, the title of Appendix C is hereby deleted and is replaced with the following:

8.3—Appendix C—Sample DHS Biological Threat Characterization Program “Monthly Status Reporting Form”

- B. The above identified changes are identified in a conformed copy of the BAA through the application of green font.
- C. Set 1 of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are provided for prospective vendor information/usage.
- D. Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Broad Agency Announcement remain in full force and effect.