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| Question # | Reference | Contractors' Question |
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| 1 | OBAA 14-003/Call 0015, page 3, Section 4.1.2, bulleted item 2 | <p>Q: Does the synthesis of partial saxitoxin analogues and fragments need to be done in-house, or can it be outsourced?</p> <p>A: Whatever method is chosen will be up to the performer. The preparation of antigen or antigenic components shall be evaluated and judged by the review committee to determine the best value to government and end users.</p> |
| 2 | OBAA 14-003/Call 0015, page 3, Section 4.1.2, bulleted item 3 | <p>Q: Does the assembly of lateral flow assays need to be done in-house, or can it be outsourced?</p> <p>A: Whatever method is chosen will be up to the performer. The preparation of assays, the methods used, and the detection reagents shall all be evaluated and judged by the review committee to determine the best value to government and end users.</p> |
| 3 | General | <p>Q: Is this a follow-on requirement? If so, could you please provide the incumbent contract number for this opportunity? If not, is this a new requirement?</p> <p>A: No, the proposed work identified in the announcement is presently not being performed by an incumbent,</p> |
| 4. | General | <p>Q: Can DHS provide saxitoxin or recommend providers?</p> <p>A: Saxitoxins can be obtained from several sources. DHS will not necessarily reject a proposal based solely on not being able to immediately obtain a reliable source. DHS will work with the performer if possible</p> |

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| | | assuming they would be or are selected on all other evaluation criterion. |
| 5. | General | <p>Q: Would DHS entertain a DNA-based approach to saxitoxin detection based on saxitoxin biosynthesis genes? This orthogonal approach has several advantages over immunological methods?</p> <p>A: For this requirement, DHS is not interested in any nucleic acid based assays.</p> |