Question Number	Reference	Contractors' Question	Government Response
1	BAA 14-003 Page 3, Section 4.1.2 Last Sentence	Can you provide further details and elaborate on the statement: "tracking database systems that can be appropriately modified to meet government requirements"?	*The desired intent is to develop, or utilize an existing RFID tracking system, to establish a secure Select Agent tracking and inventory system that meets State and Local Public Health laboratory needs. The focus is on utilizing a commercial or open source platform that can be used by numerous laboratories to meet Select Agent requirements.*
2	General	Is vendor-hosted Software as a Service (SaaS) for software delivery a desirable option for this project?	*The Government would consider vendor-hosted software as a Service to meet the desired requirements in this project.*
3	General	What is the square footage of the area(s) that the tracking system will be expected to cover?	*Most Public Health laboratories have limited space to store, track and maintain laboratory samples of importance. If a centralized storage space is used, we may be looking at less than 400 sq. ft.*
4	General	How many different rooms and locations are involved in this initiative?	*This is difficult to say. Some laboratories keep laboratory samples in different rooms and/or locations within their facility, some laboratories store laboratory samples in a central facility.*
5	BAA 14-003 Page 3, Section 4.1.2 5th Bullet	Is this system expected to provide security based on the following statement? "Facility security to ensure appropriate access rights of critical staff to select laboratory sample storage areas will be evaluated, as well as keeping those without appropriate credentials from accessing secure laboratory areas."	*The projects primary focus is the development of an accurate, cost effective RFID tracking system. The intent of the statement is to evaluate if laboratories have or do not have such security features. It is outside the scope of the project to provide such equipment of technologies.*
6	BAA 14-003 Page 3, Section 4.1.2 7th Bullet	Can you provide additional requirements about "Databases must be user-customizable"?	*The language describing "user-customizable" could be more clear. The intent is that the User can, as an example, select the locations where Select Agents are placed in the storage freezers, etc. within the laboratory facility.*

| 7 | BAA 14-003 Page 2, Section 4.1.1 3rd Bullet | In regards to solicitation HSHQDC-14-R-B0009, the documents state that the goal is to "develop, integrate and implement a standardized Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-capable, user-friendly, inventory tracking system". The solicitation further goes on to state that the contractor must "evaluate the RFID capabilities of up to four (4) laboratory sample inventory tracking systems". My question is whether DHS is considering a complete custom system/software development effort where our company will fully develop the software and hardware for the indicated specific uses? This is what I take away from the first statement which states "develop". The confusion is that the later statement is indicating the evaluation of what seems to be commercially available systems and software. Is this the intention of DHS? In that case the effort seems to be more of a consulting and integration effort rather than a development and integration effort. I look forward to hearing your response. | *The language in the Solicitation, after further review, could have been more precise. The overall intent was to establish a robust RFID inventory tracking system that meets unique requirements of state and public health laboratories as well as other agencies (such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) to secure and track Select Agents. Such a system could be developed separately by a company, based upon established requirements. Conversely, various vendors may be willing to modify existing systems to meet our desired requirements. Either way, we welcome your interest and/or participation in this program. In the end, the overall effort will more likely be more as a consulting and integration effort rather than a development and integration effort.* |
| 8 | General | Would you please send me the details of this project requirement? | *Nine (9) High level requirements were provided in the Solicitation with the intent of establishing an RFID laboratory tracking database system that can be appropriately modified to meet government needs in a more accurate, more-timely, more cost-effective, and more user-friendly way. A key Phase (Phase II) within this project is to facilitate a* |

			"requirements development" meeting with SMEs from at least three (3) lab facilities (along with the selected performer) to gather a better understanding of their current and/or desired capabilities for implementing a robust RFID lab sample tracking system. The meeting is intended to evaluate systems or processes that may already be in place, or that are desired to be put into practice. The meeting is intended to get a better understanding of the specific requirements required by these lab facilities for the intended system to guide the development process going forward.
9	BAA 14-003 Page 3, Section 4.1.2 2nd Bullet	On page 3 under the Requirements section in the second bullet you reference existing desktops, and provided RFID readers, tags and databases – would you provide us with the manufacturers for the desktops and your current RFID readers, tags and database?	Per the Requirements Section found on Page 3 of the Open Broad Agency Announcement 14-003/Call 008. The intent of the 3rd question below is to evaluate what existing desktop systems, along with provided RFID readers, tags and databases <u>might</u> be used for an application that can be standardized across State and Local public health laboratories in the most economical and effective manner. The desired application should be one that is standardized across numerous laboratories. Preferably, a common architecture should be made available. If an application can only be made available for the tracking and transfer of Select Agents, outside of the other LIMs applications within State/Local Public Health Laboratories, that may need to be explored.
10	BAA 14-003 Call 8 Page 1, Section 3; Page 5,	In reviewing the Solicitation on Fedbizopps there is only one active document, however in the document that is shared there "OBAA Call 8 RFID Inventory Control	The link on page 1 of the Call 8 Announcement document did work at one time unfortunately due to FBO site Maintenance, Updates, Patches, etc., the link becomes

	Section 9	System" there is reference to an Attachment A, however, there is not an Attachment A in the request. Would you please provide us with Attachment A?	*generic as updates are made.* *Please try the following link as identified on page 5 below.* *If the link does not work, then you will need to go to the FBO website and do the following:* *Click under "Active Procurement Notices"* *Under Keyword, type in HSHQDC-14-R-B0009*
11	BAA 14-003 Call 8 Page 5, Section 11	On the bottom of page 5 of the above mentioned document under "Criterion I:" there is reference to section 1.8.3 and there is no section labeled as such in the document. Would you provide us with section 1.8.3?	*Section 1.8.3 can be accessed via the link provided in response to your Question 1.*
12	General	Are there any existing IT systems in place or if the project will be from scratch? Additionally, will your solution be on-premise or a fully hosted solution?	*The intent of this initiative is to establish an RFID sample, inventory and storage management system that is simple to enter, locate, report on, as well as to manipulate laboratory samples. The overall perspective is that such a system will be placed and piloted within in up to 25 public health laboratories nationwide to meet Select Agent tracking and inventory needs, at cost. A database option for the potential back-end of the RFID management system is certainly an option for the desired system. At the present time, no existing IT systems are in place for this initiative. We will consider a fully-hosted solution for the desired system."*
13	BAA 14-003, Page 22, Part 1 Subcontract	Please provide guidance as to the process for submission of subcontractor proprietary cost information in response to this solicitation.	*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.

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