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***Broad Agency Announcement
(BAA) Overview***
University Innovation Summit

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Introduction

- **The MDA Innovation, Science and Technology Program Executive Office (herein referred to as “MDA/DV”) has established the following Broad Agency Announcements (BAA):**
 - **Advanced Technology Innovation (ATI) BAA**
- **Universities are eligible to propose ideas under both**
- **The purpose of this briefing is to familiarize industry with these announcements and the opportunities available**



Introduction

FY19 ATI BAA
HQ0147-19-S-0002



FY21 ATI BAA
HQ0860-21-S-0001

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Eligible Offerors

- All qualified offerors who meet the requirements of the BAA are eligible to submit a white paper
- ATI BAA:
 - Private Industry (large and small businesses)
 - Qualified accredited domestic educational institutions
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Commercial contractors
 - Qualified accredited domestic educational institutions



Technical Objective

Identify and develop innovative concepts across a broad spectrum of science and engineering disciplines to include disruptive technologies, that stimulate technology innovation, and exploit breakthroughs in science to offer robust technology improvements to all elements of the Missile Defense System.

Research areas will be specified in the individual announcements.



What is a BAA?

- **A general announcement of an agency's research interest including criteria for selection and soliciting the participation of all offerors capable of satisfying the Government's needs**
- **Used for the acquisition of advanced technology development not related to a specific system or hardware procurement**
- **Used to fulfill the requirements for scientific study and experimentation directed towards advancing the state-of-the-art, or increasing knowledge and understanding, rather than focusing on a specific system or hardware solution**
- **Used when meaningful proposals with varying technical and scientific approaches can reasonably be foreseen**



What is an Open Two-Step BAA?

- The ATI BAA is a “Two-Step Open BAA”
- Two Step:
 - Step One: The BAA calls for submission of white papers
 - Step Two: If a white paper is selected for award, offerors will be notified by the MDA Contracting Office to submit a full proposal
 - *Requests for proposal may be issued anytime during the BAA open period and up to six months following the closing date of the BAA*
- Open:
 - White papers may be submitted any time during the BAA open period (April 2, 2021 – April 2, 2023)

The Government also reserves the right to issue Calls against the BAA calling attention to a particular research area and specifying dates for white paper submission



How Are White Papers Evaluated & Selected for Award?

- **White papers will be evaluated against the criteria stated in the announcement**
- **White papers are evaluated based on a scientific review against individual merits rather than against each other**
- **White papers will be selected for award based on technical merit, importance to agency programs and funding availability**
- **MDA reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of white paper**
- **Awards may occur anytime during the BAA open period; Awards are subject to successful negotiations and availability of funds**



Instrument Types

- Offerors should propose the award instrument appropriate for the nature of the research
- ATI BAA:
 - Procurement contracts (FAR-based)
 - Cooperative agreements
 - Other transactions (*10 U.S.C. §2371*)*
- No opportunities for grants exist under these announcements
- MDA has the discretion to select the award instrument type, regardless of instrument proposed, that is best suited to the nature of research proposed



*Other Transactions

- Offerors are encouraged to propose solutions under **10 U.S.C. §2371 – Research OT**
- DoD created this authority to encourage new or **nontraditional performers** to work with the Department
- Allows the DoD to bring new, cutting edge solutions to the warfighter by accommodating a performer's existing business practices and commercial industry standards rather than imposing DoD standards
- Offerors are responsible for reviewing the conditions of an OT at **10 U.S.C. §2371**

Nontraditional Defense Contractor:

A nontraditional performer or nontraditional defense contractor (NDC), as defined in **10 U.S.C. §2302(9)**, is an entity not currently performing, and has not performed, for at least a year before the effective date of the announcement, any contract or subcontract for the DoD subject to full cost accounting standards.



Additional BAA Details

- **Period of Performance:**
 - Awards normally consist of one (1) base year period with the potential for up to two (2) severable option periods for subsequent performance
- **Funding Amount:**
 - Due to Government budget uncertainties, MDA does not have a specific amount of funding set aside for these BAAs
- **# of Awards:**
 - Multiple awards are anticipated; however, MDA reserves the right to make no awards pursuant to the announcement



Additional BAA Details

- **Disclosure of Information**
 - **DFARS 252.204-7004, Disclosure of Information**
 - **MDA Local Clause H-08, Public Release of Information**
- **Foreign Nationals**
 - **Principal Investigator (PI), Program Manager (PM) and/or Team Lead must be U.S. citizen**
 - **MDA approval required for any Foreign Nationals (FNs) proposed to perform on the effort**
- **ITAR/EAR**
 - **Research topics may cover export controlled technologies that are subject to U.S. Export Control laws (ITAR 22 CFR 120-130 and/or EAR 15 CFR 730-774)**

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Where to find the BAA

- **ATI BAA (HQ0860-21-S-0001):**
 - <https://beta.sam.gov>
- **The BAAs are refreshed annually, it is the offeror's responsibility to monitor the announcements for updates**



Questions?

Questions can also be submitted to the email address provided within the announcement

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