

DARPA-BAA-13-01

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q: What DARPA seedlings predate this program? Are reports available?

A: There were no preceding efforts.

Q: If my research is relevant in this field, but is not geared specifically to meet these goals, is there a solicitation that I can respond to?

A: Yes. DARPA/DSO has an Open solicitation (DARPA-BAA-11-65) for which responses are being collected through 7 Feb 2013.

PROPOSALS

Q: Can a prime or collaborator be an international company?

A: Yes, international companies and universities are acceptable.

Q: Is subcontracting to a National Lab or Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) permitted?

A: Yes. Proposer should comply with the section on FFRDCs as stated within the BAA.

Q: Will any response be provided to abstracts?

A: It is anticipated that replies will be made on whether proposals are encouraged or discouraged as well as limited feedback on the encourage/discourage decision.

COST

Q: What is the overall DARPA budget for MEDS? Are there funding limits for individual proposals?

A: The investment profile for MEDS has not been fixed at this time. The final program will depend on the proposals selected for funding. At this time, no single-project funding limits have been set.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Q: How many awards are anticipated?

A: The number of awards will depend on the merits of the proposals received and funds available.

Q: Does the proposal have to follow exactly the program outline specified in the BAA?

A: Per the BAA, "Proposals for shorter periods of performance are encouraged, although not at the expense of accomplishing the program objectives."

TECHNICAL

Q: Is my topic consistent with the objectives of the BAA?

A: DARPA is not able to suggest specific research approaches. If you feel that your chosen effort is consistent with the objectives of the BAA and capable of meeting the goals stated within the BAA, then you should feel free to propose them. It is strongly encouraged that you read the BAA carefully. It is your burden to make clear within your proposal that your approach is supportive of your innovative claims, and includes a detailed analysis of the technical motivation.