

DARPA-BAA-16-61
Modeling adversarial Activity (MAA)
Frequently Asked Questions

As of October 24, 2016

Q12: Is there any guidance on how much funding a proposal should request per Technical Area?

A12: No. Proposers should fully describe their technical approaches and the labor and resources required to execute successfully their approach and should not focus on generating cost estimates to match an arbitrary target.

Q11: Can a foreign national be the co-PI of a proposal?

A11: In accordance with Section II.A.2 of the BAA, Non-U.S. organizations and/or individuals may participate to the extent that such participants comply with any necessary nondisclosure agreements, security regulations, export control laws, and other governing statutes applicable under the circumstances. Whom a proposer deems as its PI is strictly up to the proposer.

Q10: Should performers budget for self-evaluation of their methods?

A10: Yes. There will be a community wide discussion on metrics and oversight provided by the government but performers will perform their own evaluations.

Q9: Will there be multiple awards for each Technical Area?

A9: The number of awards per Technical Area will depend on the quality of the received proposals and budgets but we are anticipating multiple awards for each Technical Area.

Q8: Will PI meetings be in DC or throughout the US?

A8: As described in the BAA, we will start in Arlington, Virginia, and tentatively anticipate alternate meeting locations between East Coast and West Coast after that. This information is for budget planning purposes only.

Q7: What is the target date for feedback on abstracts?

A7: Before November 15, 2016 (but hopefully much earlier).

Q6: Will DARPA recommend teaming partners after abstracts are submitted?

A6: No. It is up to the proposer to determine the best team that leads to the most innovative and effective research and development effort to address the goals of XAI.

Q5: Would you like to have teams established when abstracts are submitted or when proposals are submitted?

A5: You can propose an abstract that only has less than a full team. It may affect the type of feedback received. Feedback may focus on the facets of the program that you did address in the abstract. As a result, it may be beneficial to have an abstract that includes a whole team because you will receive more comprehensive feedback.

Q4: Will you post the Proposers Day slides?

A4: Yes. The Proposers Day slides are posted to the DARPA website. You may find them on the DARPA Opportunities web page: <http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities>. You may find it helpful to Filter on Information Innovation Office (I2O). You can also find the slides on the MAA program page: <http://www.darpa.mil/program/modeling-adversarial-activity>

Q3: Who are the contracting agencies?

A3: Several Department of Defense agencies (AFRL, DTRA, and possibly others).

Q2: Will you issue grants?

A2: Grants will not be awarded under this solicitation. Procurement Contracts, Cooperative Agreements, or Other Transactions (OTs) may be awarded.

Q1: What are the procedures/limitations on publications for non-academic institutions?

A1: See under BAA Section II.B "Fundamental Research" the publication restriction language that would be incorporated into any resultant non-fundamental research procurement contract or OT.