

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Moving Target Recognition (MTR)
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Q1: Can the classified and unclassified sections of Volume I (Technical and Management Proposal) be submitted separately?

A1: The complete proposal should be submitted together unless certain classified material requires special handling, such as SCI or SAP. Classified and unclassified portions may be on separate CD-ROMs (clearly labeled); they should be delivered in the same package.

Q2: Should the unclassified Volume II (Cost Proposal) be submitted on two unclassified CD-ROMs separate from the classified Volume I?

A2: Yes, this is preferred.

Q3: Can a proposal (or addendum) be submitted at the SCI level?

A3: Yes. See Section IV.B.2.b of the BAA for SCI submission instructions. Note that the Cost Proposal must be unclassified as stated in the BAA (Section IV.B.1.b).

Q4: Is it possible to execute the program at a classification level higher than collateral SECRET if a proposed concept or technology warrants such classification?

A4: Yes. See Section IV.B.2.b of the BAA for security information related to proposal submission.

Q5: Should the Summary Slides (Volume I, Section II) be submitted as a separate file or inserted into the Volume I (Technical and Management Proposal) file?

A5: Either way is acceptable.

Q6: Would the Government consider waiving the hard copy/CD-ROM requirement and instead, allow for electronic submission?

A6: No. Note that hand carrying proposals is not required. Secret classified information may be mailed as described in IV.B.2.b of the BAA. Submission of higher classified information should be coordinated with DARPA Security, as described in IV.B.2.b of the BAA, and may be done electronically by a method approved by DARPA Security.

Q7: Appendices 6 and 7 are not referenced within the body of the BAA. What is their intended purpose in relationship to the required contents of a proposal?

A7: These appendices are provided for information in relation to deliverables. They are not required to be submitted with the proposal but are intended to assist proposers with understanding DARPA's expectations for Security Test Plans and Program Protection Plans. Note that Appendix 5 is a template for Section VI (Security Plan) of Volume I, which is part of the proposal.

Appendix 6 describes Security Test Plans. As stated in Appendix 6, "A security test and/or transportation plan is required any time a program sensitive or classified asset is utilized or moved outside of a secure space." The MTR airborne data collect experiments are anticipated to

be unclassified, provided performers use unclassified sensors and platforms. If a proposal involves the use of classified assets in the airborne data collect experiments, the proposer should plan for a Security Test Plan being a deliverable for each experiment.

Appendix 7 is a sample template for the Program Protection Plan deliverable. As stated in Appendix 5, “If selected and awarded a contract, the prime contractor should anticipate a requirement for a more in-depth Program Protection Plan (PPP) to be submitted as a data deliverable / contract deliverable within 45 days of contract award.”

Q8: Will the Government provide relevant SAR imagery as Government-Furnished Information (GFI)?

A8: No GFI imagery is planned. Proposers may make requests for specific GFI. See item F under Section IV: Management Proposal on page 13 of the BAA.

Q9: Are there altitude limitations for the airborne data collects?

A9: No.

Q10: Is there an identified transition partner?

A10: Not at this time.

Q11: Content of Figure 1 in the BAA Classified Addendum cannot be distinguished due to reduced image quality. Can an improved image be provided?

A11: The required printing and scanning process results in poor image quality. The insets in that OV-1 figure show a SAR image with a notional moving target track overlaid and a notional focused image of the moving target.

Q12: Can DARPA confirm the chart shown on page 29 (summary slide 3) of the BAA is only a generic example, and that for this BAA proposers should provide input on the Base Period and Option Period, and that there is no Option 2?

A12: Yes, the chart is a generic example. MTR proposals should include the Phase 1 Base Period and Option Period. In addition, proposers may choose to partition certain portions of their proposed Base Period effort into separately priced Options, in which case all of the Options should be listed on this summary slide.

Q13: Is DARPA looking for abstracts or white papers prior to a full proposal?

A13: No.

Q14: Is DARPA able to provide guidance on the maximum award amount?

A14: No.

Q15: Is it possible to have a discussion with the Program Manager?

A15: No, because DARPA is not able to offer an equal opportunity for classified discussions to all potential proposers due to COVID-19.

Q16: Can an unclassified proposal be submitted by a non-cleared organization?

A16: As program details are classified, responsive proposals are anticipated to be classified. Non-cleared organizations may be part of a proposal team.

Q17: Will DARPA sponsor security clearances?

A17: Awardees or subawardees may be sponsored by DARPA for security clearances.