Amendment Number 0004

BAA 12-008
"Electronics Warfare Technology"

The purpose of Amendment Number 0004 is to answer written questions received at Industry Day as follows:

Q1. What contract type will be awarded – Cost plus Fixed Fee (CPFF), Firm Fixed Price (FFP), or Cost Plus Award Fee (CPAF)?

A1. It is the offeror's responsibility to determine the appropriate contract type.

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Q2. Is The Office of Naval Research (ONR) interested in unique applications of high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) technology that may exploit specific phenomenology that will provide a benefit to the warfighter with a more rapid fielding capability? For instance as a Quick Reaction Capability (QRC)?

A2. While ONR has an interest in high TRL QRC technologies in general, this particular BAA does not because it is using Budget Activity 2 (Applied Research) funding. Proposals regarding high TRL QRC technologies can be submitted in accordance with ONR BAA 12-001 entitled "Long-Range Broad Agency Announcement for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology." QRC type proposals should be directed to the ONR Office of Innovation, Code 03I.

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Q3. Government Fiscal Year (GFY) 10 Multispectral/Multimode Countermeasures (CM) was shown and briefed as "Related Topics" to the GFY12 projects. Can a summary of awards & results of GFY10 projects be made available to potential bidders?

A3. No detailed results from the efforts awarded in response to the GFY10 Multispectral/Multimode CM solicitation will be shared with potential bidders and, in fact, some of these efforts are on-going at this time. However, for a brief summary of the GFY10 solicitation topic and a listing of the titles and performers that were selected in response, refer to slides 16 and 17 of the "ONR Electronic Warfare Science and Technology Industry Day" briefing dated 7 January 2010 that is posted with ONR BAA 10-007. This expired BAA can be accessed from the ONR BAA public web-site through the link that follows (be sure to look under the "Expired" tab): http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements.aspx

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Q4. Is there a way to view prior accepted/successful white papers from prior solicitations?

A4. No. Accepted/successful white papers from prior solicitations are still covered under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) limitations regarding the source selection process and cannot be distributed for other purposes.

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Q5. Concerning proposals related to Electronic Warfare (EW) systems for tactical (fighter/attack/strike) aircraft, should we assume that the Navy and Marine Corps will adopt aircraft more advanced than the F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter) during the timeframe/horizon envisioned by the proposal?

A5. This BAA is using Budget Activity 2 (Applied Research) funding and is therefore focused on the Navy's long term capabilities. While speculation regarding the Navy's tactical aircraft of the future may appear germane, the BAA focus is on fundamental technologies rather than instantiation on particular air frames. Indeed, the technologies solicited by this BAA have as an underlying theme reduction in size, weight, and power (SWaP) so they will be widely applicable to a variety of air, land, and sea platforms, including small unmanned vehicles.

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Q6. Concerning past ONR-sponsored projects related to EW Support Systems (ES) and cooperative distributed sensors, where can we find summary information regarding these projects (so that our proposal under the FY12 BAA does not overlap or duplicate prior (FY11 and earlier) projects in these areas)?

A6. Generally speaking, no detailed information regarding efforts awarded in response to prior ONR solicitations will be shared with potential bidders. However, the ONR BAA public web-site contains postings of expired ONR BAA's and supplementary material related to them. There you will find postings of prior ONR Electronic Warfare Technology BAA's 11-006, 10-007, 09-014, and 08-004 and their associated Industry Day briefings. As in this year's Industry Day briefing, these contain a summary of the previous year's BAA topics and a listing of the titles of the efforts that were selected in response. These expired BAA's can be accessed through the link that follows (be sure to look under the "Expired" tab):
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