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RA 19-01 Questions & Answers

Q: *Will the presentation be available to attendees?*

A: The presentation will not be made available. Proposers should use the formal solicitation resources (Research Announcement, Proposal Preparation Kit) posted on the website.

Q: *Do the shipyard participants have to be an NSRP member shipyard?*

A: The shipyard participants in the RA **do not** have to be an NSRP Member shipyard.

Q: *Will a Naval shipyard be counted as one of the two shipyard participants?*

A: Yes, a Naval Shipyard will be counted as one of the two shipyard participants.

Q: *Compliance with National Policy requirements would lead one to believe that foreign entities need not apply, is this a fair assessment?*

A: No, compliance with the National Policy requirements does not eliminate foreign entities from applying. If a foreign entity has similar requirements from their country of origin, they could propose those to the NSRP Agreements Officer for approval. Foreign entities will have to comply with Base Task Order Agreement Article X: Foreign Access to Technology.

Q: *Are RFP documents available on the NSRP website?*

A: RFP documents will be provided in an email package to proposers that are selected for award. Select RFP documents will be available on the NSRP website in the Resource Library at a later date (TOA Attachment 1, TOA Attachment 3, and Cost Proposal Guidelines).

Q: *What is the proposed period of performance for projects for this RA?*

A: The period of performance for this RA is up to twenty-four (24) months.

Q: *Has the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) changed since the last RA announcement?*

A: Yes, please refer to the solicitation documents on the NSRP website to review changes. Additionally, the Base Task Order Agreement (also available on the website) is a direct flow down of the JFA Terms and Conditions.

Q: *For NSRP, it is my understanding that the proposing organization must put up one dollar for every dollar of NSRP funding. Is this so?*

A: In accordance with the Proposal Preparation Kit (PPK) each project should be at a 50% cost share goal. For projects proposed with less than 50% cost share, provide detailed rationale for why the goal could not be achieved.

Q: *Is it no longer as important for a shipyard to be the lead entity on an RA project? Has this requirement been abandoned?*

A: A shipyard does not have to be the lead (prime) on an RA project. Each project should include two shipyard participants, but they do not have to be the prime. For projects with fewer than two (2) shipyard participants, provide an explanation for why only one yard is involved in the effort.



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- Q:** *Navy members can be considered as RA project members the same as shipyards are considered project members. Does each Navy program count as a separate project member like each shipyard is counted separately (i.e. NNS, NAVSEA 04, SPAWAR, and NNSY would be considered four participants)?*
- A:** Each of those would be counted as a separate project participant for a total of four participants.
- Q:** *Does the combination of 1 shipyard and 3 Navy participants have the same project weighing factor value as 4 shipyards?*
- A:** The combination of shipyard and Navy participants does not have a weighing factor. However, as stated in the Proposal Preparation Kit, if the proposal involves less than two shipyards or less than 50% cost share, the representatives must be prepared to address the rationale for those conditions.
- Q:** *Would the funds from an ONR contract qualify as "Public Sector Provided Funding"?*
- A:** Work being performed on another government contract cannot be used as Cost Share or Public Sector Provided Funding on NSRP.
- Q:** *Is capital equipment acceptable as cost share? In other words, if a proposer purchases a piece of equipment and dedicates it to the NSRP RA project for the full duration of the project can the depreciated value of that equipment be posted as cash or in-kind cost share?*
- A:** Yes, capital equipment is an acceptable form of in-kind cost share. Additional information on in-kind cost share can be found in the [Base Task Order Agreement](#).
- Q:** *In the Cost Proposal Guidelines document, dated 14 June 2018, the Cost Share Guidance lists a goal of, "The total industry cost share for this Program is expected to exceed a one-to-one match (i.e. 50% of total program costs, including Government Participant costs) for Government-provided funding." I have been asked to confirm that this means any funding amount for Government project participation (which, would be received directly from a NAVSEA program office and not through ATI) must be matched as part of the cost share. Since it is unclear to me how the Government participate would provide cost share, it would then fall upon the proposing organization to provide the associated cost share amount to support the Government participant's involvement. Have I interpreted the cost share requirement correctly?*
- A:** Yes, the total industry cost share for this program is expected to exceed a one-to-one match (50% of total program costs, including Government Participant costs). Projects can still be selected with less than 50% cost share, but those projects must include a rationale for why the goal could not be achieved and/or why that is appropriate based on other factors (Proposal Preparation Kit; Section 3.5.8.2 Cost Share).

