

PROJECT CALL Q&A:

METHODS FOR APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE AM OPERATIONS

The following questions were submitted regarding this Project Call.

Q: Does the foreign national requirement exclude standard purchased services? In other words, if we buy a standard testing or heat treatment service, do we need to ensure that the vendor completes all work and analysis in the U.S. by U.S. nationals (essentially, treat as ITAR)?

A: *6.02 Export Control (MAR 2015)*

(a) Access to the technology developed under this agreement by foreign firms, institutions or individuals shall be controlled by the recipient under applicable U.S. export control laws.

(b) The recipient shall receive the grants officers' approval before assigning or granting access to any work, equipment, or technical data generated or delivered under this agreement to foreign persons or their representatives. The notification shall include the name and country of origin of the foreign person or representative, and the specific work, equipment, or data to which the person will have access.

Q: What do you mean by working group participation?

A: *From RFP: Proposal lead organization shall participate in at least one swimlane working group (Design, Materials, Process, Value Chain, or AM Genome) relevant to the subject matter of the project. Efforts performed (as well as hours) via working group participation shall be documented in progress reports and regular attendance should be maintained for all working group teleconferences/meetings. Minimum of one presentation outlining all deliverables (CDIP, associated tangible artifacts, and associated roadmap requirements), Key Performance Parameters (KPPs), and data management plan within three months of the project start date. Minimum of one presentation of milestone achievements, KPPs, and lessons learned relevant to the fulfillment or creation of roadmap requirements no later than 60 days of the period of performance end date. Written Final Project Report (minimum one round of revision completed with PM/NCDMM prior to final submission). At a minimum report will outline: the application, approach, team members and roles, potential benefits of effort, motivations and reasoning for technical approach, KPPs, summary of tasking, methods, standards and specifications used, deviations to those standards or specifications, outcomes/results, summary and observations, and analysis of data gathered, how data substantiated successful outcome of this effort, lessons learned, measurable impact(s) realized due to this effort, future opportunities for research and development realized through this effort seven months after the award.*

Q: Who will be doing the final reviews of the proposal submissions?

A: *The review team is consists of a combination of internal America Makes project managers and a diverse group of individuals who work within the Department of Defense (DoD) community.*

Q: In reference to Topic 8, are you considering projects of partial scope/partial cost? Such as less than half the max award amount or are you looking for projects near that max award amount?

A: *There is no preference. Budget your project based on the scope and tasking proposed.*

Q: Can we get the proposal requirement charts?

A: *Yes, they are posted under the Resources section on the America Makes website, found [HERE](#).*

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- Q:** Will prior approval for HT be required even for HT of test coupons? In other words, if we buy a standard testing or heat treatment service to ensure we complete all work and analysis in the U.S. by U.S. nationals (essentially, treat as ITAR).
- A:** Any project activities occurring outside of the U.S. or by non-U.S. persons must be reported and approved in advance by the America Makes Program Management Office.
- Q:** Is this project geared toward specific AM technologies or is it available for any type of additive? We are interested in these calls for AFSD, but the project call seems geared towards powder-based or other high-resolution additive methods.
- A:** Refer to the Project Call RFP for the technical requirements of each topic area.
- Q:** Can you explain the use of international subcontracts?
- A:** Any non-America Makes members contributing to the proposed effort execution are not permitted to participate in project team discussions until they complete a fully executed America Makes Membership Agreement. (NOTE: The foreign membership approval process requires a minimum of three weeks to complete.)
- Q:** I understand there is a 50% cost share requirement to be at the same level of detail as the proposed costs. I would appreciate your insights on the scenario where one partner contributes more than 50% as a cost share while others contribute less. As long as the combined cost share remains at 50%, is this acceptable?
- A:** It doesn't matter how you get to the 50% as long as the cost share totals 50% of your federal request.
- Q:** Is there a template for the proposal, any limitations about the pages of the proposal, and the budget instructions?
- A:** There is no template, but the RFP provides an outline of what should be included in the proposal. The RFPs are available for download [HERE](#).