

HR001125S0012 RESTORE
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
as of April 7, 2025

16Q: Regarding testing protocol, the BAA states "3 hours of sleep over an acute period between 3 to 7 days". Does this mean that the subject should have no more than 3 hours of sleep per day over a minimum of 3 days, or that the subject should have a minimum of 3 hours of sleep over the entire 3-day period?

16A: The subject should have no more than 3 hours of sleep per 24-hour period for a minimum of 3 consecutive days.

15Q: Will DARPA be coordinating any teaming/networking facilitation (e.g. sharing teaming profiles or lightning slides)?

15A: No, DARPA will not be coordinating teaming for this solicitation.

14Q: Are Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) eligible to serve as subcontractors on this program?

14A: UARCs and FFRDCs interested in this solicitation, either as a prime or a subcontractor, should contact the Agency Point of Contact (POC) listed in the Overview section of the BAA prior to the proposal (or abstract) due date to discuss potential participation as part of the government team or eligibility as a technical performer.

13Q: Are government partners eligible to serve as subcontractors on this program?

13A: Government Partners interested in this solicitation, either as a prime or a subcontractor, should contact the Agency Point of Contact (POC) listed in the Overview section of the BAA prior to the proposal (or abstract) due date to discuss potential participation as part of the government team or eligibility as a technical performer.

12Q: If the prime is a non-profit organization, can the subcontract include a fee?

12A: Yes, contracts and subcontracts for non-profit organizations can include fee. Fee guidelines for non-profit organizations seeking procurement contracts can be found at FAR 15.404-4(c)(3) and DFARS 215.404-72

11Q: Does a submitted abstract require a rough order of magnitude (ROM)?

11A: Yes, the abstract does require a cost estimate.

10Q: Is there interest in collaborating with ICU (Critical Care physicians) to assess interventions?

10A: All approaches that meet the requirements outlined in the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) are encouraged. Proposed approaches, including collaborations with physicians, should be well explained and justified in the proposal.

9Q: Is this solicitation interested in preclinical animal models?

9A: No, this solicitation is not interested in preclinical animal models.

8Q: Is it expected or required that neuroimaging work will include experiments for whole brain neuroimaging (e.g., MRI/MEG) or are approaches focused on cortical capture (e.g., fMRI, EEG) acceptable?

8A: Proposed approach for neuroimaging work should be well explained and justified to support the solicitation objectives.

7Q: Is DARPA interested in constant vs. random sleep schedules for the restricted sleep?

7A: All approaches that meet the requirements outlined in the BAA are encouraged.

Proposed approaches, including sleep schedules, should be well explained and justified in the proposal.

6Q: Are non-U.S. applicants eligible to submit? Do they require a U.S. partner?

6A: Non-U.S. applicants are eligible to submit and do not require a U.S. partner. 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.

5Q: Is DARPA interested in adding a method to measure effectiveness of intervention in real world settings after project end?

5A: All approaches that meet the requirements outlined in the BAA are encouraged.

Proposed approaches, including measures of effectiveness, should be well explained and justified in the proposal.

4Q: Does this solicitation require costs for interim endpoints?

4A: Costing for interim endpoints are not required by this solicitation.

3Q: Is any other documentation (e.g., slides, prime or subcontractor budget) required to accompany the abstract submission on April 14?

3A: Abstract submissions must include Attachments A and B.

2Q: Can a PI or organization submit multiple abstracts/proposals?

2A: Yes, however, they should make clear the unique aspects of each approach and discuss how potential conflicts of interests would be handled should multiple proposals be selected for award.

1Q: Where can I find the slides and recording of the information session?

1A: Slides are available on <https://www.darpa.mil/research/programs/restore-reengineering-enabling-sleep>.