

Question 1: The Past Performance form included with the BAA package does not meet the requirements in section 6.1 for one inch margins and 10-pitch typeface. Can the form be filled in with the margins and typeface as provided?

Answer 1: Yes, the form can be filled out with the margins and typeface provided. See revised Section 6.1 of the BAA.

Question 2: Section 3, MEEOA REQUIREMENTS contains the following list of supported security domains for both the threshold MILS environment and the objective MLS environment: Unclassified, Secret, Collateral, Top Secret, SCI, SAP. Table 2, MEEOA Communications Bandwidth Requirements, defines the Threshold and Objective data rates for different connections. The entry in the Threshold column of Table 2 for JWICS is listed as N/A. Does this imply the threshold system needs to process data from TS/SCI, but there is no network connection at that level?

Answer 2: The BAA has been revised to indicate that the Threshold (Mbps) for JWICS is 10.240 Mbps with an Objective of 51.200 Mbps. See revised Section 3, Table 2.

Question 3: In which security classification domains is CENTRIXS interoperability required?

Answer 3: At a minimum, CENTRIXS interoperability is required at the Secret level. Ideally, the proposed architecture/prototype should be able to process information from all classified security domains (Unclassified, Secret, Collateral, Top Secret, SCI, SAP).

Question 4: Where can the prototype development work take place?

Answer 4: Architecture/prototype development work shall be conducted at the contractor's facility. The Government intends to accept delivery of a working architecture/prototype to be tested in a Government lab.

Question 5: Is there a data related requirement for the development to be performed at a Government facility or can the work be performed at contractor locations?

Answer 5: See Answer 4.

Question 6: Section 3, Technical Requirements, page 8, states that the MEEOA Prototype must "Support multiple security enclaves associated with MPRF operations within an expeditionary operational employment model". Does the Government have any scalability related estimates to define how many concurrent users/requests can be expected during slow, normal and peak operations?

Answer 6: The requirement is to have 2 crews briefing and 2 crews debriefing during peak operations.

Question 7: Section 3, Technical Requirements, page 8, states that “At a minimum, proposed architectures/prototypes shall have the capability to perform both single security enclave and multiple security enclave consolidated C4ISR processing.” Can and will the prototype be developed in an unclassified environment with simulated data for each required classification enclave?

Answer 7: The Government’s objective is to receive a certifiable architecture/prototype meeting the MEEOA requirements detailed in the BAA. Specifics regarding the development of such an architecture/prototype shall be determined by the contractor.

Question 8: Does the table of contents and acronym list count towards the 25 page limit?

Answer 8: A table of contents and acronym list will count towards the 25 page limit. See revised Section 6.1 of the BAA.

Question 9: Can the proposal have graphic notations as small as 6 points?

Answer 9: No. Graphic notations can be no less than 8 points.

Question 10: Do the SF294 Reports do count towards the 25 page limit?

Answer 10: In the event a Respondent submits Appendix B, Relevant Experience Form with SF294s, the SF294s do not count towards the 25 page limit. See revised Section 6.1 of the BAA.

Question 11: Sec. 5.1 – Relevant Experience/Past Performance state that “Respondents shall submit Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) or Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) reports for those contracts provided as relevant experience. Can we submit CPARs instead of Appendix B?”

Answer 11: Yes. Section 5.1 of the BAA has been revised to allow submission of either the Appendix B Relevant Experience Form or CPARS/PPIRS reports to provide information on relevant experience.

Question 12: To align Certification and Accreditation (C&A) standards, the DoD is moving to a common NIST SP 800-53 standard. The standard has the purpose of sharing Certifications across organizations. From NIST SP 800-53 “NIST is collaborating with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) to establish a common foundation for information security across the federal government. A common foundation for information security will provide the Intelligence, Defense, and Civil sectors of the federal government and their support contractors, more uniform and consistent ways to manage the risk to organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation that results from the operation and use of information systems. A common foundation for information security will also provide a strong basis for reciprocal acceptance of security authorization decisions and facilitate information sharing.”

Will the customer consider using the NIST SP 800 Series documentation for C&A of systems up to and including TS/SCI in place of C&A standards identified in Appendix A and listed below?

- DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5200.40, “DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP)”
- DoD 8510.1M, “Department of Defense Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP) Application Manual
- DoD Directive (DoDD) 8500.1, “Information Assurance (IA)
- Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 8500.2, “Information Assurance (IA) Implementation,”
- DCID 6/3, Protecting Sensitive Compartmented Information Within Information Systems.”
- DoDI 8510.01, “DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP),”
- Intelligence Community Directive Number 503

Answer 12: The C&A standards listed in Appendix A of the BAA remain the current overarching policies and shall be utilized. However, due to changes in guidance documentation adopted by the Unified Cross Domain Management Office, Appendix A of the MEEOA BAA is revised to remove all DITSCAP documents and add several NIST special publications and CNSSI 1253. See revised Appendix A.

Question 13: BAA Section 2 MPRF Program Background – in the first paragraph a number of systems are referenced. Can the contractor assume inter connecting systems outside the MTOC\TOC, SDS, and EDS have already been certified and accredited?

Answer 13: Yes.

Question 14: The second paragraph of the BAA Section 3, MEEOA Requirements, states “*Consolidated C4ISR processing is the ability to process information from all classified security domains (Unclassified, Secret, Collateral, Top Secret, SCI, SAP) processed by the same C4ISR system in a Multiple Independent Levels of Security (MILS) framework based on the concepts of separation and controlled information flow; implemented by separation mechanisms that ensure the total security solution cannot be bypassed, can be evaluated, and is always invoked and **tamperproof.***”

What level of Anti-Tamper will be required in regards to Section 3
Will the use of Anti-Tamper techniques be part of a separate classified proposal section?
Will the customer provide additional information or host a discussion/meeting to address the Critical Protected Information and associated Anti-Tamper protection measures?

Answer 14: See revised Appendix A for anti-tamper regulations.

Question 15: The involvement of CENTRIX would mean data from Allied and Coalition Forces is present. Do we expect co-location and use of the MPRF ISR MEEOA services by Allied and Coalition Forces?

Answer 15: No.

Question 16: Figure 1. MTOC Mission Support Cycle Functional Flow (page 7 of the BAA) Block #6 identifies Post Mission Analysis requirements. Is development of new Post Mission Analysis software (e.g. image exploitation algorithms and tools) to be included as part of this BAA?

If no, can a list of existing Post Mission Analysis software tools be provided;

If yes, can a list of desired capabilities be provided?

Answer 16: No. Development of new Post Mission Analysis software is not to be included as part of this BAA. A list of these Post Mission Analysis software tools will not be provided. TacMobile currently has a very limited ISR processing capability called an ISR workstation. The ISR workstation performs image capture and metadata annotation.

Question 17: The BAA references a number of existing systems however it is not clear if the customer desires that these existing systems be modified or replaced. Is it the customer's desire to have the legacy systems networked together or replaced as part of a larger integrated system architecture?

Answer 17: No. The Government does not desire for existing systems to be modified or replaced. Proposed architecture/prototypes shall integrate and enable existing mission support cycle functions.

Question 18: Knowledge in existing resources and facilities would aide in providing a comprehensive response. Will the contractors have the opportunity to tour the applicable facilities?

Answer 18: No. The Government has provided the System Block Diagram which illustrates all the components of the TacMobile MTOC System.

Question 19: Usually the "Cover Page" is not included in the overall page count. Is it your intent to include it as part of the overall/administrative page count?

Answer 19: A cover page will count towards the 25 page limit. See revised Section 6.1 of the BAA.

Question 20: Please clarify that the Government wants us to format technical white paper responses to the referenced BAA using 10 pitch font, as opposed to 10 point font. On page 16 of the BAA, we are instructed to use 10 pitch.

Answer 20: Technical papers shall be in 10 point font. The BAA will NOT be amended to reflect this change.

Question 21: Section 6.3 on Page 17 - Please clarify the file naming convention for both word documents and zip files. Should the files begin with the BAA number or "MEEOA"?

Answer 21: File names for both word documents and zip files shall begin with "MEEOA." The BAA will NOT be amended to reflect this change.