

IARPA-BAA-15-06 (CAUSE) Q& A Round 1

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Q1: If a performer does NOT provide any warning about an attack, is Recall the only metric that measures this?	Round 1 08/12/2015
A1: Recall is the only metric that directly measures lack of warnings for an attack. Not providing any warning about an attack will affect other metrics indirectly. Performers will need to determine the tradeoff between sending many bad warnings and withholding some warnings.	Round 1 08/12/2015
Q2: The BAA says that identifying individuals is out of scope. Can you confirm that this means IARPA does not want individuals named in the output for our predictions, BUT we would be allowed to have individuals identified within our models if the data collect profiles inadvertently uncover them? If not, are you saying we have to ensure that no person name is ever collected within the system?	Round 1 08/12/2015
A2: CAUSE is not interested in identifying and does not seek to identify individuals, but recognizes that observing activities and modeling behaviors of personas on the internet could be of potential use to performers and it is always possible an internet persona may include the name of a person. IARPA does not seek or intend to receive personally identifiable information (PII) from CAUSE performers. If research teams choose to include human behavior modeling research that requires work with human subjects, then that research would be subject to the institution's IRB rules.	Round 1 08/12/2015
Q3: Is there some preferred mechanism for planning for (and, in particular, budgeting for acquiring) not-yet-identified data sources? For instance, can we budget for unspecified data source purchases? Or is there some other preferred way to handle this? Or do we have to have all data sources specified at proposal time?	Round 1 08/12/2015
A3: Offerors should budget for known requirements using reasonable estimating techniques. If additional data sources are identified after contract award, the contractor can request a contract modification for government consideration.	Round 1 08/12/2015
Q4: Question about the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation posted to FBO under solicitation number IARPABAA1506. Is this a follow-on requirement? If so, could you please provide the incumbent contract number for this opportunity? If not, is this a new requirement?	Round 1 08/12/2015
A4: This is not a follow-on requirement.	Round 1 08/12/2015
Q5: Is there any list with organizations interested in the CAUSE program and their capabilities, to facilitate team formation? If yes, I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy.	Round 1 08/12/2015
A5: Offerors should be able to view the Interested Vendors on FedBizOps for offerors that agree to be identified. Also, the CAUSE Proposers day website has a list of attendees' and briefings.	Round 1 08/12/2015
Q6: Could you clarify that the funding would be via a fixed price level of effort? or a cost plus? or other? as defined by FAR 16. The reason I ask is that a cost plus has implications on cost accounting standards.	Round 1 08/12/2015

<p>A6: The specific contract type to be awarded will be negotiated with the contracting officer after selection. A cost type contract is generally the most appropriate contract type for research and development efforts and is the most common contract type awarded for IARPA requirements.</p>	<p>Round 1 08/12/2015</p>
<p>Q7: Will the Government make available a list of potential data sources to those who did not attend the Industry Day?</p>	<p>Round 1 08/12/2015</p>
<p>A7: No, the Government will not make available potential external data sources in Phase 1. The data provider and T&E team intend provide access to proposed internal data sources in Phases 2 and 3. For further details on this question, please refer to section 1.A.2.1 of the BAA. The T&E team will provide ground truth during the program that performers may use to train their systems. Please refer to section 1.B.1 of the BAA for further details.</p>	<p>Round 1 08/12/2015</p>