IARPA-BAA-15-06 (CAUSE) Q & A Round 3

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Q11: Table 7 in the BAA calls for a kickoff meeting for Phase 1, but only kickoffs (not kickoff meetings) for phases 2 and 3. Do we need to budget travel for the Phase 2 and Phase 3 kickoffs, or will they be done by telecon, seeing that in each case there has been a physical PI meeting the previous month?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A11: Phase 2 and Phase 3 kickoff meetings will be combined with the end-of-previous phase PI meetings in the Washington, DC area.	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q12: The BAA's requirement for replication testing implies that we will be asked to replicate warnings generated earlier in time (perhaps weeks or months). Can you please clarify it in a way that does not require caching the digital universe over time?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A12: Per BAA Section 1.A.2.2, a Replication Test is a test of the Warning Generation system's ability to repeatedly generate the same Warning with a given sensor data input. Version control and proper data management are important to be able to rerun a specific version of the system, on the specific portion of the data that was used to generate a particular Warning.	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q13: Are DLP (Data Loss Prevention) technologies that stop Data Breaches in-scope for this BAA?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A13: IARPA expects **complete** approaches to include sensors from many disciplines or domains, such as human/behavioral, cultural, cyber-physical, social, economic, and others. See BAA Section 1.A.4 for examples of topics considered out of scope for this program.	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q14: Provide us the following details: 1) List of Items, Schedule of Requirements, Scope of Work, Terms of Reference, Bill of Materials required; 2) Soft Copy of the Tender Document through email; 3) Names of countries that will be eligible to participate in this tender; 4) Information about the Tendering Procedure and Guidelines; 5) Estimated Budget for this Purchase; 6) Any Extension of Bidding Deadline?; 7) Any Addendum or Pre Bid meeting Minutes?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A14: Publicly available information regarding the CAUSE solicitation is freely available through the FBO website: https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=33dbac44af1ac b2dacf81e73289b7b3f	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q15: Request a two week extension in order to provide a fully compliant response.	Round 3 08/28/2015
A15: Per the CAUSE BAA, the proposal due date to be assured consideration in the initial round of selections is 5PM ET September 14, 2015. The BAA will remain open until July 16, 2016.	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q16: We are looking for more guidance concerning this "publicly available" standard for External Sensor data and whether it is intended that these must be available on a retail basis by purchase, subscription or registration or if it includes more ad hoc kinds of relationships and data sources, as long as they are not exclusive. For instance, if company X makes its data available to multiple educational institutions for research purposes (thus, this access is not exclusive), is that data appropriate for use with	Round 3 08/28/2015

CAUSE? Suppose a performer is a subscriber to non-public mailing lists, is that appropriate for use with CAUSE?	
A16: Per BAA Section 1.A.2.1, External Sensor data shall be from publicly available data sources – lawfully obtained data available to any member of the general public, to include by purchase, subscription, or registration. Per BAA Section 6.B.2.B, "The Government may use the list [of commercial data] during the source selection evaluation process to evaluate the impact of any identified restrictions…".	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q17: How frequently will IARPA be sharing the Ground Truth information? Will it be daily, weekly, or monthly? How recent will the Ground Truth information be? Will there be 'day of' information or a summary of identified attacks over the course of several days?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A17: Per BAA section 1.B.1, for the duration of the program, the T&E Team will update the GT monthly by adding relevant cyber-attack events during the prior month. The T&E Team will deliver a draft GT update approximately two weeks after the end of each month. Changes, if any, to GT update frequency and latency will be determined at the program kickoff meeting and finalized in month 1.	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q18: Will prediction grades be weighted to account for the severity of the consequences of the attack?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A18: Not at this time. Per BAA Section 1.B, "The metrics and milestones are intended to bound the scope of effort while affording maximum flexibility, creativity, and innovation in proposing solutions to the stated problem. Other assessments, qualitative and quantitative, will be performed by the T&E Team to evaluate the utility of the Warnings, including the evidence produced, as judged by potential users…"	Round 3 08/28/2015
Q19: What is the anticipated contract type for this effort? Other than the few referenced FAR clauses in the RFP, are there additional FAR clauses or directives that are applicable to this effort? If so, will they be provided to potential bidders?	Round 3 08/28/2015
A19: See Q&A Answer #6. Per BAA Section 2, proposals selected for negotiation may result in procurement contracts. However, the Government reserves the right to negotiate the type of award instrument it determines appropriate under the circumstances. The specific award instrument and contract type will be negotiated with the contracting officer after selection. A cost type procurement contract is generally the most appropriate for research and development efforts and is the most common contract type awarded for IARPA requirements. Offerors should assume that the standard FAR clauses for the negotiated contract type will be applicable.	Round 3 08/28/2015