

IARPA-BAA-16-10

MOSAIC BAA Questions 1 through 6

Q1: Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past? If available, please provide the incumbent contract number.

A1: IARPA-BAA-16-10 is a new requirement, and there is no incumbent contractor.

Q2: If you are unable to provide a contract number, is it safe to assume this is a new requirement for the government?

A2: IARPA-BAA-16-10 is a new requirement.

Q3: Are FFRDCs eligible to be sites for data collection provided that the organization is not funded but only individuals at the site?

A3: As stated on pages 20-21 of the BAA, Other Government Agencies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs), and any organizations that have a special relationship with the Government, including access to privileged and/or proprietary information, or access to Government equipment or real property, are not eligible to submit proposals under this BAA or participate as team members under proposals submitted by eligible entities. Additionally, individuals who are currently employed by an FFRDC or UARC are prohibited from proposing or serving as members of a proposer team. Please review IARPA's Approach to Managing Conflicts of Interest, available at https://www.iarpa.gov/images/files/IARPA_OCI_081809.pdf.

Q4. The BAA says, *"The collection of traditional assessments used as ground truth for the individual difference variables and job performance dimensions will be identical across all performers and will be provided by the Government. It is expected that the Government will provide these at program kickoff" (p. 8).* **Question:** Should proposers assume a) that the 11 specific "notional" ground truth assessments (same page) will be the ones the Government will unveil at program kick-off and b) that proposers should include all of them?

A4: Proposers should not assume that the notional ground truth assessments provided on page 8 of the BAA will be the ones provided by the Government to performers. These are provided as examples.

Offerors will be expected to develop sensor-based methods to measure all the core dimensions of job performance and the individual difference variables listed on pages 7-8. All ground truth assessments of these dimensions and variables will be provided by the Government at program kickoff.

Q5: The BAA also says, "*Assessments will be administered at a range of frequencies, from a single occasion up to daily repeated measures. The minimum frequency of administration will also be defined by the Government*" (p. 8). **Question:** When will proposers be informed about the minimum frequency with which we should measure individual difference and job performance variables? This bears on the methods we propose.

A5: The minimum frequency of administration for each individual assessment will be provided when performers are provided the final set of ground truth assessments at program kickoff. At a minimum, all assessments will be administered when study participants are enrolled in the study and when they complete the study; however, some assessments may also be administered more frequently. In order to guide an offeror's proposed methods, an offeror may propose to administer assessments at any frequency. As noted on page 8 in the BAA, "performers may propose to...give assessments at an increased frequency."

Q6: The BAA closing date states Thursday, February 10, 2017. Please clarify the closing date. Is the closing date Thursday, February 9, 2017 or Friday, February 10, 2017?

A6: The closing date is Friday, February 10, 2017. The proposal due date for the initial round of selections remains 5:00 pm Eastern, Thursday, November 10, 2016.