

### IARPA-BAA-15-08 Mercury Program – Questions and Answers – Round 3

*(Questions 1-4 included in Q&A Round 1, and Questions 5-24 included in Q&A Round 2)*

**Question 25:** Are performers permitted to read the classified annex at IARPA, or another government facility?

Answer 25: No, IARPA will not have a reading room or other such arrangement to allow access to the classified annex, Appendix I, at a government facility. Offerors desiring access to Appendix 1 must follow the instructions provided in the BAA, as amended.

**Question 26:** Can performers use government translation applications (as GOTS) already in use for foreign language documents?

Answer 26: Yes, IARPA intends to enable performers to access the same tools currently available to all NSA SIGINT analysts.

**Question 27:** It is stated in 4.B.1.2. Section 2 that the proposal summary is to be under 10 pages. Does that mean that a document can be at most 9 pages, or would 9.8 pages meet the criterion?

Answer 27: Offerors should limit their proposal summary to no more than ten pages. The BAA will be modified accordingly.

**Question 28:** 4.B.1.2. Section 2 Section E Project Contributors requests a “clearly defined organizational chart of all anticipated project participants” be included in the Proposal Summary. Should a listing of the staff for the effort be included in this section, or should it be part of the 4.B.1.3. Section 3 Section I Detailed Management Plan?

Answer 28: Yes. 4.B.1.2. Section 2 Section E Project Contributors states, “Offerors must include a clearly defined organizational chart of all anticipated project participants.” In addition, 4.B.1.3. Section 3 Section I Detailed Management Plan states, “The Management Plan should identify both the organizations and the individuals within those organizations that make up the team and delineate the expected duties, relevant capabilities and task responsibilities of team members and expected relationships among team members.” As such, a listing of staff should be provided in both sections, with 4.B.1.3. Section 3 Section I including a greater level of description and detail than what is included in 4.B.1.2. Section 2 Section E.

**Question 29:** Section 4.B.1.2. F requests a three chart summary of the proposal. Does this count against the page limit of 45 pages?

Answer 29: No. Section 4.B.1.2. F. states, "The format for the summary slides is included as APPENDIX J to this BAA and does not count against the page limit."