

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - THOR IARPA-BAA-16-04

Round 1 responses # 1 to 5

#	Response	
1	Q:	Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past? If available, please provide the incumbent contract number.
	A:	IARPA-BAA-16-04 is a new requirement, and there is no incumbent contractor.
2	Q:	If you are unable to provide a contract number, is it safe to assume this is a new requirement for the government?
	A:	IARPA-BAA-16-04 is a new requirement.
3	Q:	Will the original sensor output (e.g., face image) for each subject enrolled in the galleries for Whitelist and Blacklist used to evaluate Thor systems be available to Loki researchers prior to Government test events of Thor systems?
	A:	IARPA may choose to share some, none, or all of the data including face images with the T&E team or other government efforts. Specifics will vary by phase and test and may change over time.
4	Q:	Do we need to (is it acceptable by the BAA) to have a team that focuses only on face, or do we need to generate a team with expertise in all modalities of interested (face, iris, fingerprints)?
	A:	Per 1.A.1 "Proposals to the Thor BAA are required to address all three modalities". How you choose to focus your team is up to you, but the proposal must address face, finger, and iris presentation attack detection.
5	Q:	Ref: On page 32 of the BAA, it states, "Provide a brief biography of the key personnel (including alternates, if desired) who will be involved in the research along with the amount of effort to be expended by each person during the year. Participation by key personnel and significant contributors is expected to exceed 25% of their time. Participation by the PI is expected to exceed 30% of their time." Q: Can you clarify if the 25% of the key personnel's time and 30% of the PI's time is out of the total project (48 months) or is it a full time equivalent of a given year?
	A:	For the purposes of this BAA, the percentage of time should be measured by phase. If the phase is 18 months, then a key personnel (25% commitment) should devote 4.5 months or more of working full time on the program to meet the minimum. How that time is allocated over the phase is not specified. Also, note that this in no way limits who can be involved with the program. It only requires that the PI and key personnel have minimum time commitments.