



# Biometrics Exploitation Science and Technology (BEST) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

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# WHAT TYPE OF INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE PROPOSED?

Here are the BEST BAA possible Funding Instruments:

- Procurement Contract
- Cooperative Agreement
- Other Transaction Agreement

***NOTE: Grants will not be considered in connection with the BEST BAA.***

## Procurement Contracts

- *What is being funded? Goods and services acquired for the direct benefit of the Government*
  - Buyer/Seller Relationship
  - Includes SOW/Work Statement to govern effort
  - Allows profit or fee
  - Requires compliance with Government regulations, e.g. FAR, DFAR, AFAR
  - Government receives rights to intellectual property

## Cooperative Agreement

- *What is being funded? The carrying out of a public purpose of support and stimulation of fundamental research and development projects*
  
- Guidance found in DODGARs
- More flexibility with agreement terms and conditions
- No profit or fee permitted
- Government receives rights to intellectual property

## Cooperative Agreement (continued)

- *Recipient performs proposed research effort with substantial Government involvement*
  - The Government/Recipient relationship is essentially a partnership
  - A Program Plan is jointly developed that describes the research milestones and budget
  - Research is performed collaboratively and could result in joint papers and inventions

## Other Transaction Agreement - *Technology Investment Agreement*

- ***What is being funded? Basic, Applied or Advanced Research efforts by for-profit firms, particularly those firms that have not done business with the Government***
- **Flexibility can be given in areas like cost accounting and intellectual property rights**
- **50/50 cost share**
- **Only authorized when standard instruments are not feasible or appropriate**