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QUESTION AND ANSWERS
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Federal Agency Name: Air Force Research Laboratory, Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (MIBP) via its Defense Manufacturing Science and Technology Program.

Program Name: DoD-Led Institutes for Manufacturing Innovation

Funding Opportunity Announcement Title: Flexible Hybrid Electronics - Manufacturing Innovation Institute (FHE-MII). This solicitation seeks proposals from non-profit organizations interested in entering into a Cooperative Agreement for the purpose of establishing a state-of-the-art, end-to-end, sustainable Institute for Manufacturing Innovation (IMI) in support of flexible hybrid electronics manufacturing technology.

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Question: The FOA and website for this solicitation state that Eligible Applicants are “Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education” Can a 501 (c) 6 not for profit organization form and manage the MII or must a separate 501(c) 3 organization be newly formed?

Answer: A 501(c)6 not for profit organization is eligible to lead the Institute, provided there exist no conflicts of interest that would preclude the organization from acting independently and impartially as described in the FOA.

Question: We are in the process of putting together a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) but do not anticipate all of the required paperwork to be completed by 3/27/2015. If we submit a Concept Paper under such a yet-to-be official NPO will it be deemed non-responsive?

Answer: For the concept paper it is sufficient to be in the process of establishing an NPO. Please note that Full Proposals will be deemed non-responsive should they be submitted by any organization which is not a 501(c)3 at the time of Full Proposal submissions on June 19, 2015. The formation of a 501(c)3 not for profit organization requires two main steps: incorporation as a 501(c)3 organization and receipt of an IRS letter approving 501(c)3 status. For the purposes of this solicitation, the Full Proposal must be submitted by an organization that has completed incorporation as a 501(c)3 organization and has submitted a request for 501(c)3 approval by the IRS.

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