FOA-AFRL-AFOSR-2022-0008 Military Medical Photonics Program

Questions & Answers
1 December 2022

1. Regarding the required format for biosketches, can we use the standard NIH format, or do you want the DoD format for these?

Please use the DoD format.

2. Regarding the required Other Support documentation, can we use the standard NIH format, or do you want the DoD format? Can you clarify some of the requirements of Section (4) on Page 10 (of 26) of the FOA? In section (a) in addition to percent effort committed to this project, the language suggests that you want much more detail on all the PIs time commitments: "The estimate must include information pertaining to the proportion of time anticipated devoted to this research, to other research, and to other commitments of time such as sabbatical, extended leave, and teaching duties." Are we reading this correctly, or do we really just need to focus on effort for this project and effort of other sponsored research activities?

Please follow the instructions on the FOA focusing more on the effort for which you are applying.

3. Under this same section (4) Principal Investigator Time, following parts a, b, and c, there is a section (i): "(i) Submit a short abstract to include title, objectives, approach, and budget for both present and pending research projects." Is this in addition to the information provided in the Other Support document?

Please submit one abstract for the entire project.

4. How can we help present our project budgets best to assist your contracting folks? Should we just submit the 424 budget forms in the application package and provide project by project budgets and justifications in the Budget Justification upload to Grants.gov?

Please use the budget format from Grants.gov. Please utilize the budget justification to explain the budget in as much detail as possible.

5. Can you please clarify if there is a salary cap requirement for this funding, and let me know which cap should be used? I could not find anything specific in the FOA.

Salary cap was not included in the FOA.

6. What do you suggest we use as a start date for the performance period? The FOA says it will be awarded by 30 Sept 2023. Should we use that as a start date or pick something earlier – maybe April 1 or July 1?

Please be advised, requested start dates are subject to change but cannot go beyond 30 Sept 2023. Contingent on when the complete proposal package is received in contracting, we try our best to honor the requested date if the budget/justification includes clear and detailed information that requires little to no clarification.

7. I have been looking around for funding opportunities over the internet and I came across the FOA from AFRL. I am planning to submit a proposal for this opportunity, but I am not sure if this solicitation considers small businesses or if it is for research institutions only. Could you please let me know if small businesses qualify for proposal submission?

The FOA is intended to fund research activities.

8. I am inquiring about the full proposal due date for this opportunity. On grants.gov and under key dates on page 4 of the FOA, the full proposal deadline is 9 December 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern time, but page 15 indicates that the proposal is due 15 November at 11:59 PM local time.

Full proposal deadline is 9 December 2022.