FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA) # FA8650-19-S-5010
DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT (DPA) TITLE III EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY
MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING DIRECTORATE

CALL 005

"Rare Earth Element (REE) Separation and Processing Project"

Overview Information

NAICS Code: The NAICS Code for this acquisition is 339999 (All Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing) and the small business size standard is 1,500 employees.

Federal Agency Name: Air Force Research Laboratory, AFRL/RXKMT

CALL Title: Rare Earth Element (REE) Separation and Processing Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type: This is **CALL 005**

Funding Opportunity Agency Announcement Number: FA8650-19-S-5010

THIS WILL BE A ONE-STEP SOLICITATION: FOA with Calls - Refer to Funding Opportunity Announcement FA8650-19-S-5010 Section VII. FOA with Calls for more information regarding proposal submission information and proposal content and form. **Please note that any Roman Numeral Sections shown within this call references back to the FOA Announcement Section of same Roman Numeral**.

Project Topic Area: Sustainment of Critical Production (Efforts to create, maintain, protect, expand, or restore industrial base capabilities essential for national defense.)

THE GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS WHITE PAPER SUBMISSIONS RELATED TO RARE EARTH ELEMENT (REE) SEPARATION AND PROCESSING EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE AND TIME THAT THIS CALL IS POSTED. WHITE PAPER SUBMISSIONS TIED TO RARE EARTH ELEMENT (REE) SEPARATION AND PROCESSING WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION WHEN SUSPENSION PERIOD IS LIFTED.

INTENT TO PROPOSE: Offerors that anticipate submitting a proposal are requested to submit an e-mail to Ms. Sarah E. Thompson, Agreements Negotiator, at sarah.thompson.23@us.af.mil containing the name of the recipient, the POC, and the recipient's intent to submit a proposal. This "Intent to Propose" is requested by **Friday, 24 January 2020, 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME: 02 March 2020**, no later than 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**

PROPOSAL Submission: Proposals must be submitted to the Contracting Point of Contact (POC): Sarah E. Thompson, AFRL/RXKMT, 2130 8th St., Bldg. 45, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7541.

Note: *Any proposal, modification or revision received at the Government Office designated in this FOA after the exact date and time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered except at the Agreement Officer's (AO) discretion. It should be noted that this installation observes strict security procedures to enter the facility. These security procedures are NOT considered an interruption of normal Government processes, and proposals received after the stated date and time as a result of security delays will be considered "late." Furthermore, note that if offerors utilize commercial carriers in the delivery of proposals, they may not honor time-of-day delivery guarantees on military installations. Be advised, if the U.S. Postal Service is used, this building only receives U.S. Postal Mail twice a week and delivery by such means may not meet the proposal due date and time. Early proposal submission is encouraged. Proposals should be addressed to the Contracting Point of Contact (POC) stated in the Submission section.*

Type of Contract / Instrument: The Government intends to utilize the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs)-based Technology Investment Agreement (TIA) for any awards made off of this Call. However, the Government may consider award of a Cooperative Agreement in rare situations if it is a better fit for the requirement.

Estimated Program Cost: Total program cost $80 million ($40 million Government funding plus $40 million recipient(s) cost share). Program budget is subject to funding availability. This is a funding profile, it is an estimate and is subject to change.

Anticipated Number of Awards: The government *envisions* awarding up to one large separation and processing capability producing greater than 5,000 Metric Tons (MT) annually for up to approximately $35M of Government funding, and one or more small capabilities producing between 500 – 5,000 MT annually for up to approximately $5M Government funding for this Call. This is a funding profile, it is an estimate and is likely subject to change. The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards, a single award, or no award based on technical solutions proposed and funding availability.

Communication Between Prospective Offerors and Government Representatives: All exchanges with offerors after the Call is issued shall go through the Agreements Officer. After Call release, questions and answers will be posted if warranted.

Discussions with any of the points of contact shall not constitute a commitment by the Government to subsequently fund or award any proposed effort. Only Contracting/Grants/Agreements Officers are legally authorized to commit the Government.

The primary POCs throughout the acquisition process will be:
Agreements Negotiator – Ms. Sarah Thompson (AFRL/RXKMT)
Agreements Officer – Ms. Sheila Titer (AFRL/RXKMT)

Address technical questions to the Technical POC:
Dr. Michelle Brannum, Rare Earth Element Separation and Processing Project, DPA Title III Program Manager, 2977 Hobson Way, Bldg. 653, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433, 937-904-4366, michelle.brannum.1@us.af.mil.

Address contracting questions to the Agreements/Contracting POCs:
Agreements Negotiator – Ms. Sarah E. Thompson, AFRL/RXKMT, 2130 8th St., Bldg. 45, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7541, (937) 713-9886, sarah.thompson.23@us.af.mil.

Agreements Officer – Ms. Sheila Titer, AFRL/RXKMT, 2130 8th St., Bldg. 45, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7541, (937) 713-9893, sheila.titer@us.af.mil.

CALL FULL TEXT ANNOUNCEMENT:

I. Program Description:

1. **Project Topic Areas:**

   The DPA Title III Program has derived three broad Topic Areas for potential projects. The Topic Areas are: Sustainment of Critical Production, Commercialization of Research and Development Investments, and Scaling of Emerging Technologies. This Call fits within the Topic Area expanded on below:

   a. **Sustainment of Critical Production:** Efforts to create, maintain, protect, expand, or restore industrial base capabilities essential for national defense.

   Brief Project Summary: The objective of this effort is to modify, expand, or equip one or more domestic sources of REE separation and processing capability for Government and commercial needs in order to restore and protect the REE supply chain. Proposed capabilities are required to separate and process an overall minimum annual yield of 500

MT of end product from a Light Rare Earth Element (LREE) bearing feedstock.

Overview: This Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III project aims to establish one or more secure domestic sources of Rare Earth Element (REE) separation and processing. Solicitations are restricted to domestic sources, as defined in the Defense Production Act of 1950: "A business concern that performs in the United States or Canada substantially all of the research and development, engineering, manufacturing, and production activities required of such business concern under a contract with the United States relating to a critical component or a critical technology item; and that procures from domestic sources substantially all of any components and assemblies required under a contract with the United States relating to a critical component or critical technology item." Territories and possessions of the United States, and the District of Columbia are considered part of the domestic United States.

Proposed capabilities are ***required to separate and process an overall minimum annual yield of 500 Metric Tons (MT) of end product from a Light Rare Earth Element (LREE) bearing feedstock*** (ores and mineral concentrate, recycled feedstock, industrial or mining byproducts, or any other feedstock). The proposed capabilities are ***required to produce LREE end products of neodymium (Nd)/praseodymium (Pr) mixed oxide and/or neodymium oxide (Nd_2O_3) and praseodymium oxide (Pr_6O_{11})***. The proposed capabilities are also ***required to have the ability of separating and processing to the end products of lanthanum oxide (La_2O_3) and samarium-europium-gadolinium (SEG+) concentrate***. The above end products are additionally ***required to have the following minimum Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO) percentages and purities***:

MATERIAL	Minimum Percentage of TREO (%)	Minimum Purity of REO/TREO (%)
Praseodymium/Neodymium Mixed Oxide	99	99.5*
Neodymium Oxide (Nd_2O_3)	99	99.5
Praseodymium Oxide (Pr_6O_{11})	99	99.5
Lanthanum Oxide (La_2O_3)	96.5	99.5
*Combined REO of Nd_2O_3 and Pr_6O_{11}		

2. **Within Scope Modifications:** See FOA.

3. **Deliverable Items:** The following reporting requirements are applicable to this Call:

Deliverable Item	Submittal Requirement
TIA Article 4.030 - Audit Report	As Required
TIA Article 7.040 – Final Report	Draft Final report due 30 days after completion of the TPoP, Final Report due 90 days after completion of TPoP
TIA Article 7.050 – Funds and Man-hour Expenditure Report	Quarterly
TIA Article 7.052 – Recipient's Progress, Status, and Management Report	Quarterly/ As Required
TIA Article 7.054 – Strategic Business Plan	6 months ARA*/ Updated Annually
TIA Article 7.055 – Property Control List	Quarterly/ As Required
TIA Article 7.057 – Presentation Materials	As Required
TIA Article 7.060 – Marketing Plan	6 months ARA*/ Updated Annually
Cost and Schedule Variance Reports	Quarterly
Technical Operating Performance Reports	Quarterly
Production Cost Report	To be Determined (TBD)
Master Schedule	Quarterly/ As Required
Copy of Recipient's Billing Voucher	As Required
Manufacturing Readiness Assessment (MRA)	As Required
Final/Approved Environmental Compliance Documentation	Within 30 days of Final Approval
* After Receipt of Agreement or Award (ARA)	

4. **Schedule / Period of Performance:** The Government estimates a Total Period of performance (POP) of no more than 51 months for this Call. This timeframe consists of an estimated Technical Period of Performance (TPOP) of 48 months with three months allotted for generating the final report.

5. **Other Requirements:**

   a. **Program Security classification:** Unclassified.
   b. **OPSEC:** Standard requirement is included in the SOO for this Call

c. **Export Control:** Information involved in this project **will not** be subject to Export Control.

6. Other Information:

a. **Government Furnished Property (GFP):** Not anticipated
b. **Government Furnished Information and/or Software:** Not anticipated
c. **Base Support/Network Access:** Not anticipated
d. **Data Rights Desired:**
   (1) **Technical Data**: Government Purpose Rights desired. Recipients may bring IP to the individual projects.
   (2) **Non-Commercial Software (NCS)**: Not Applicable (N/A)
   (3) **NCS Documentation**: N/A
   (4) **Commercial Computer Software Rights**: N/A
e. **Human or Animal Subject Use:** Not anticipated
f. **Hazardous Materials**: Not anticipated
g. **Radioactive Materials**: Anticipated; Trace level byproduct is expected in the separation and processing of REEs. Awardee(s) are required to comply with all federal, state, and local safety, transportation, and environmental laws, regulations, and permits.
h. **Ozone Depleting Substances**: Not anticipated
i. **On-base Testing**: Not anticipated
j. **Military Equipment Valuation**: N/A
k. **Recipient Acquired Property:** Anticipated; Acquired plant equipment will be tagged and maintained by the recipient with the expectation that the government may transfer the equipment to the recipient at some point during a potential no-cost monitoring phase.
l. **Option(s):** No options are anticipated.
m. **No Cost Monitoring Phase:** A No Cost Monitoring Phase (NCMP) may be added after the end of the technical effort. A NCMP allows a continued partnership that provides the government with additional business, marketing, and business viability insight with the Recipient. At the end of a NCMP, if applicable, an equipment disposition strategy for any GFP and/or CAP will be developed and implemented. In this arrangement the Government may choose to transfer any, all, or no equipment for this effort, as needed to continue Recipient's viability as a Merchant Supplier. These aspects are described in Agreement Property Article 3.041, provided as FOA Appendix II Sample TIA.

II. Award Information

1. **Anticipated Award Date:** The entire acquisition process will take approximately 165 calendar days, but the actual duration may vary.

2. **Anticipated funding:** *Funding is an estimate only and not a contractual obligation for funding. All funding is subject to change due to Government discretion and availability. Potential offerors should be aware that due to unanticipated budget fluctuations funding in any or all areas may change with little or no notice.*

3. **Award:** The Government intends to award a DoDGARs agreement known as a TIA. TIAs are governed by the DoDGARs and 2 CFR 200. A sample TIA, along with other sample documents, is attached to the FOA. See Appendix II for the sample TIA. Any clarifications/exceptions to the TIA articles, as presented in the sample TIA, must be stated at the time of proposal submission. However, the Government may consider award of a Cooperative Agreement in rare situations if it is a better fit for the requirement.

III. Eligibility Information

1. **Eligible Offeror:** See FOA.

2. **Proposed Cost Sharing or Matching:** See FOA.

3. **Other:**
   a. Foreign participation: Per Defense Production Act of 1950, execution of the project requires a domestic source as lead.

      Foreign Nationals (FNs) (including individuals from countries other than the United States who are working for a company considered a "domestic source" as defined in the Defense Production Act of 1950) can be employed by the Prime Recipient or Sub-awardee; however, FNs will be limited to Public Domain information unless the Recipient has obtained the proper License of Technical Assistance Agreement that authorizes disclosure of Classified Military Information (CMI) and/or Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) to foreign entities pursuant to the Department of State's ITAR or Department of Commerce's EAR.

      Public Domain information is defined as information that is releasable to the general public and sometimes referred to as open source material. Examples include but are not limited to newspapers, magazines and information posted on the internet.

   b. Offerors may be ineligible for award if all requirements of the FOA and this Call are not met by proposal due date.

IV, V. and VI Sections: Not Applicable to Calls

VII. FOA with Calls (One-Step Process)

1. **Call Announcement Information (Also referred to as a Call):**

   a. **Overview:** See FOA.

   b. **Requirements:**

   Domestic Source Requirement: The proposal submitter must provide proof of meeting the Domestic Source requirement IAW DPA Law or the proposal will not be reviewed.

2. **FOA with Calls (One-Step Process) Proposal Submission Information:**

   a. **General Instructions:**

   (1) Offerors shall submit a technical and cost proposal within timeframe shown in **Proposal Due Date and Time Section** (Overview Information, page 2). After receipt, proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria stated below. Proposals will be categorized and potentially selected for negotiations. The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award some, all or none of the proposals received without negotiation/discussion; however, the Government reserves the right to negotiate with those offeror(s) whose proposal is selected for funding.

   (2) Proposals must reference the announcement number FA8650-19-S-5010; the Call, the relevant Topic Area shown in **Project Topic Area Section** (Overview Information, page 1); and, if applicable, the project title.

3. **FOA with Calls (One-Step Process) Proposal Content & Form:**

   Note: Refer to Funding Opportunity Announcement FA8650-19-S-5010 Section VII. FOA with Calls for more information regarding proposal submission information and proposal content and form.

   a, b, d thru f: See FOA for Guidance

   c. Domestic Source Proof: Include proof of domestic source. This will not count toward the page limit.

   g. Technical/Management Proposal:

   (1). **Page Limitations**: The following describes the page limitations on the proposal submittal for this Call:

i. Technical Discussion: up to 75 pages
ii. Summary Business Plan: up to 25 pages
iii. Statement of Work: up to 10 pages

iv. **Tech Proposal Total:** up to 110 pages

Required attachments, as described in the following appendices, are not counted towards the page limit.

- Appendix VII: Environmental Questionnaire and Documentation

  The offeror shall submit the following Environmental Documentation with proposal. DO NOT integrate into the Technical Discussion page count.

  1. Complete and submit Call 005 Appendix VII "Environmental Questionnaire and Documentation".
  2. Identify and submit all relevant documentation for federal, state, and/or local safety, transportation, and environmental laws, regulations, and permit compliance for current and/or proposed capabilities (e.g. Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Analysis Process documentation, etc.).

(2) See FOA

(3) Technical Discussion and Information: In addition to the information outlined in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number FA8650-19-S-5010, issued on 12 July 2019, develop and propose a master implementation plan and master schedule to include, but not be limited to the following. The Awardee(s) shall implement, update, and report on the master implementation plan and master schedule in quarterly PMRs, TIMs, quarterly reports (TIA Article 7.052), and as required.

1. Using a work breakdown structure and a Gantt chart, show the proposed master schedule for the project. Describe the estimated time for relevant steps such as from project inception to plant startup, including a breakdown of time allowed for permitting, the environmental compliance, land use agreements, preliminary engineering, detailed design and engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning, production startup, and operations. Show dependencies between tasks. Identify critical milestones for which the achievement should be viewed as stage gates. The schedule should be detailed enough for the Government to evaluate the realism of the proposed schedule.

2. The schedule should clearly identify all decision points in the project. Examples of decision points may include:
    a. Hold points for obtaining financing.
    b. Obtaining feedstock, offtake, rights-of-way and other agreements.
    c. Third party installation of supporting infrastructure or equipment (such as rail lines, utilities, public roads, drains and sewers).
    d. Third-party development of required information or equipment.
    e. Compliance with federal, state, and/or local safety and environmental regulations.
    f. Economic or market conditions.
3. Identify major milestones with respect to Technical Readiness Level (TRL) and Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL).
4. Identify cost, schedule, and performance risks and include a risk mitigation plan.
5. Provide a quality control plan.
6. Identify required equipment for proposed design capacity.
7. Identify any required federal, state, and/or local permits that need to be obtained by the Awardee during the TPOP. Incorporate status and projected completion into the master schedule and identify associated costs in the Cost Proposal.
8. Identify any required federal, state, and/or local safety and environmental regulation compliance that needs to be achieved by the Awardee during the TPOP. Incorporate status and projected completion into the master schedule and identify associated costs in the Cost Proposal.
9. Provide an operational plan to include personnel, process workflow, performance capability, and quality levels (i.e. percent of TREO and purity of REO/TREO).
10. Identify a 10 year supply of raw material (i.e. feedstock) based on proposed production capacity.
11. Outline and detail technical and financial contingency plans and associated contingency reserves (i.e. 25% cash or a mix of funds such as 5% cash, 15% insurance, and 10% Engineering, Construction, and Procurement (ECP) guarantee) to cover unexpected costs or delays in producing at proposed design capacity.
12. Recommend a third-party contractor to confirm required minimum TREO percentages and purities have been achieved at MRL 8. Include the testing in your master schedule and cost proposal.
13. Identify potential Science and Technology (S&T) options to address supply chain shortcomings.
14. All master implementation plans and master schedule items unique to the separation and processing of Heavy Rare Earth

Elements (HREE) shall be explicitly identified as such throughout the technical discussion. Separation and processing "unique" to HREE includes, but is not limited to, any equipment, materials, processes, etc. over and above what is required to achieve any and all proposed LREE end product. Separation and processing "unique" to HREE shall NOT include any equipment, materials, processes, etc. used from the point of the delivery or introduction of the LREE bearing feedstock to the last separation step of HREE from LREE.

15. **If applicable, clearly identify 1 - 13 with respect to HREE separation and processing as defined in 14**.
16. The offeror shall demonstrate experience, willingness and credibility for becoming or remaining a competitive, economically viable, responsive supplier of the separation and processing of REEs for Government and commercial markets.
    a. Certify that the offeror meets the criteria in FOA Number FA8650-19-S-5010, Appendix I, "Certifications for Assistance Instruments," (5) Certification Regarding Merchant Supplier – Defense Production Act, Title III, pg 3.
    b. Address the availability of financial resources to become, or maintain a position as a competitive, economically viable, responsive merchant supplier to the Government and commercial sectors for separated and processed REEs.
    c. Identify current and/or projected partnerships or other business arrangements.
    d. Provide evidence of technical understanding and institutional knowledge with respect to the separation and processing of REEs for both the Government and commercial markets. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, documented manufacturing capability and experience, technical specifications or quality level for existing capability, and dossiers of key personnel.
    e. Provide relevant intellectual property and patent ownership for current and/or proposed capabilities.
    f. Provide existing permits for current and/or proposed capabilities.
    g. Identify status and ownership of existing infrastructure and equipment (i.e. Property, Plant, and Equipment (PP&E) Balance Sheet).
    h. If applicable, provide existing process workflow, performance capability, and quality levels (i.e. percent of TREO and purity of REO/TREO).

i. If applicable, document current verified sales. Identify commercial end users and/or U.S. Government end users, and anticipated future customers.

(4) thru (6), (8) & (9): See FOA

(7) Summary Business Plan: In addition to the information outlined in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number FA8650-19-S-5010, issued on 12 July 2019, include the following information in the Summary Business Plan:

1. Key issues related to the establishment of a competitive and commercially viable merchant supplier of separated and processed REEs.
2. Provide complete company ownership structure, including all holding companies or intermediary operating companies. If applicable, identify all foreign ownership/investments in your company. Foreign ownership/investments are any non-US citizens or non-US based organizations, possessing any type of financial investment, passive or active, in your company.

Note: The table of contents, cover page, and Domestic Source Proof will not be included in the page count referenced above. Response to Appendix VII, Environmental Questionnaire and Documentation, will not be included in the page count referenced above.

Note: The Government will check the proposal and SOW for conformance to the stated requirements. Any pages in excess of the stated page limitation after the format check will not be considered.

h. Cost/Business Proposal: All costs unique to the separation and processing of Heavy Rare Earth Elements (HREE) shall be explicitly identified as such in the Cost Proposal. LREE and HREE costs must be delineated. Separation and processing “unique” to HREE includes, but is not limited to, any equipment, materials, processes, etc. over and above what is required to achieve any and all proposed LREE end product. Separation and processing “unique” to HREE shall NOT include any equipment, materials, processes, etc. used from the point of the delivery or introduction of the LREE bearing feedstock to the last separation step of HREE from LREE.

See FOA for additional information.

(3) **Cost proposals Page Limitations:** See FOA

i. **Proposal Content Summary**: You may be ineligible for award if all requirements of this solicitation are not met on the proposal due date.

VIII. FOA with Calls (One-Step Process) Proposal Review Information

Note: Offeror must provide proof of meeting the Domestic Source requirement IAW DPA Law or the proposal will not be reviewed.

1. Proposal Evaluation Criteria:

a. See FOA.

b. The selection of one or more sources for award will be based on an evaluation of the recipient's technical and cost proposals to determine the overall merit of the proposal in response to the Call, SOO and funding availability.

c. The evaluation criteria are comprised of five factors ranked in descending order of importance:

(1) Manufacturing Capability and Experience
(2) Quality of Technical Approach
(3) Business Viability
(4) Merchant Supplier Orientation
(5) Cost/Price

d. These criteria will be used to evaluate the proposal once it is determined that the offeror has met all of the FOA Project Requirements.

e. See FOA.

f. Risk is to be assessed as part of each of the above criteria.

g. See FOA.

h. The offeror must provide proof of meeting the domestic source requirement IAW DPA Law or the proposal will not be evaluated.

i. The evaluation criteria are expanded upon below:

(1) Manufacturing Capability and Experience – Proposals will be evaluated on the recipient's degree of demonstrated capability and experience in REE separation and processing. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, intellectual property, documented manufacturing capability and experience, technical specifications, and dossiers of key personnel.

(2) Quality of Technical Approach – Proposals will be evaluated on the recipient's credibility and how reasonable their approach is to modify, expand, or equip a production capability for REE separation and processing, also to include whether the proposed approach identifies major technical risks and clearly defines feasible mitigation efforts such as quality control and contingency plans. The Technical Approach will further be evaluated on quality and feasibility of the proposed solution and time to implement/complete. Solutions that include and demonstrate the capability to separate and process additional LREE and/or HREE will be deemed more desirable by the Government. LREE and HREE efforts will be evaluated distinctly and as a whole.

(3) Business Viability – Proposals will be evaluated on the recipient's business, technical and financial credibility, demonstrated experience, willingness and a credible business plan to become or remain a competitive, economically viable, responsive, and sustainable supplier of REE separation and processing for commercial and government markets.

(4) Merchant Supplier Orientation – Proposals will be evaluated on the extent to which the recipient demonstrates a commitment to being, or explanation of resources to be employed in establishing acceptance as, a merchant supplier for REE separation and processing for government and commercial markets.

(5) Cost/Price – Proposals will be evaluated on the realism of the proposed cost with respect to capacity proposed, amount of recipient cost share, and consideration of proposed budgets and funding profiles. LREE and HREE costs will be evaluated for realism distinctly and together as a whole. Cost sharing, unless waived, will be viewed favorably by the Government in the proposal evaluation process (which will indicate a strong commitment to and self-interest in the success of the project).

IX. FOA with Calls (One-Step Process) Proposal Selection Information

1. **Categories:** Based on the evaluation, proposals will be categorized as Selectable or Not Selectable (see definitions below). The selection of one or more sources for award will be based on the evaluation, as well as importance to agency programs and funding availability.

   (1) **Selectable:** Proposals are recommended for acceptance if sufficient funding is available.

(2) **Not Selectable:** Even if sufficient funding existed, the proposal should not be funded.

Note: The Government reserves the right to award some, all or none of the proposals. When the Government elects to award only a part of a proposal, the selected part may be categorized as Selectable, though the proposal as a whole may not merit such a categorization.

Note: Prior to award of a potentially successful offer, the Agreements Officer will make a determination regarding budget reasonableness.

X. Award Administration Information (FOA with Calls)

1 thru 8: See FOA.

9. Ombudsman: The Ombudsman article 5.020 entitled "Ombudsman" shall be contained in any Agreement resulting from this Solicitation.

Please note the following Ombudsman information.

The AFRL Ombudsman is AFRL/PK Director
Alternate Ombudsman is AFRL/PK Deputy Director
1864 Fourth St.
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7130
(937) 904-9700
email: AFRL.PK.OfficeAccount@us.af.mil

10. Proposal Reminders: a. thru c, and e thru j - see FOA

d. Completed Title III Certifications and Representations are due with the proposal. Certifications & Representations can be found at Appendix I of FOA.

FOA Appendices: See FOA for Appendices I and III thru V

Attached for this CALL:
Appendix II Addendum TIA Attachment
Appendix VI Statement of Objectives (SOO), Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Rare Earth Element (REE) Separation and Processing Project, dated 12 December 2019
Appendix VII Environmental Questionnaire and Documentation, dated 09 December 2019