


AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION

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<p>DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION</p> <p>The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate questions received with associated responses in reference to Solicitation S07-103 caBIG Knowledge Centers (See Attachment I).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT REMAIN UNCHANGED.</u></p>			
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Attachment I

Questions and Responses

Solicitation S07-103

1. We are interested in looking for teaming opportunities for this effort. Is it possible to provide/release the name and Point of Contact on the company who developed the pilot?

Teaming on the Knowledge Centers is encouraged. The Knowledge Centers are expected to be fully functional within the time frame described in the RFP and they are not envisioned to be funded as pilot projects. There have been no pilots for the KCs. The caBIG™ Pilot was conducted by the General Contractor Booz Allen Hamilton under the coordinating direction of the NCI, Center for Bioinformatics.

2. My question regarding this RFP is specifically related to information gathered from last year's NCI Summit, where there was statements broadcasted to many of us in the working groups, that indeed Knowledge Centers and Program Offices will be stabled at various centers. In reading this RFP, it sounds very similar to what Program Office would be. Can you provide some details to the differences, if any, between these two programs? Are they now one program?

The Knowledge Centers and Program Offices are two distinct components of the Enterprise Support Network. Information regarding the Program Offices can be found at https://cabig.nci.nih.gov/esn/program_offices. The main distinction is that caBIG™ Knowledge Centers are outward facing, providing support and reaching out to the broader cancer research community to facilitate the adoption of caBIG™ tools, standards and infrastructure drawing on the specific domain expertise present in that Knowledge Center. caBIG™ Program Offices by contrast are inward facing, coordinating the efforts of an institution or organization interested in broadly adopting caBIG™ across that entity, and providing the means to connect specific interests within an organization to the resources and tools available from the broader caBIG™ program.

3. We are working on offering advanced literature discovery and conceptual biology tools and services to the caGRID under bronze certification.
 - a. Is this an appropriate round of knowledge center proposals for bringing the literature to caGRID?

The RFP is intended to elicit proposals for Knowledge Centers that can provide domain expertise in a specific areas of focus in order to facilitate the adoption of

caBIG™ tools, standards and infrastructure by the broader cancer and biomedical research communities.

b. When will the next round of knowledge center funding be announced?

That has not yet been determined.

c. Is there currently any consideration of opinion and/or documentation as to how the MEDLINE literature may be utilized within the caGRID?

Consideration of the use of MEDLINE literature is outside the scope of this RFP.

4. Would it be possible to propose the full-time Operations Manager position as initially shared by 2 people?

A full-time Operations Manager is required. It is recognized that the Knowledge Center may require a phased approach to build out the full staffing and service capability. However, within three months after notification of award, at which time the Knowledge Center is fully operational, a full time Operations Manager should be assigned.

5. We are thinking about submitting a proposal for a Knowledge Center for the ICR workspace. Is the plan to fund only 1 such center per workspace, i.e., is it the expectation that proposals should propose to support *all* the workspace tools? Or is it acceptable for a KC to propose to support only a subset of tools (thus, potentially leaving space for another KC to deal with the remaining tools)?

There may be more than one Knowledge Center aligned with a particular caBIG™ Workspace where it is deemed appropriate. The list of candidate tools to be supported by the Knowledge Center is provided in the RFP. The current Knowledge Center aligned with the ICR Workspace is for Molecular Analysis Tools, a subset of the ICR tools currently available through caBIG. It is acceptable to propose to support a subset of the tools listed as candidates. However, partnering is encouraged when responding to this RFP so that a greater variety or expanse of tasks can be covered.