

**Amendment #1 (Questions and Answers)  
to RFP NIH-NIAID-DMID-BAA-03-38**

**“Biodefense Proteomics Research Programs: Identifying Targets for Therapeutic Interventions Using Proteomic Technology”**

**Amendment to Solicitation No.:** NIH-NIAID-DMID-BAA-03-38

**Amendment No.:** One (1)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Posting – 2/19/03)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Posting – 3/24/03)

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**The above referenced solicitation is hereby amended as follows to respond to questions presented by Recipients of this RFP. The responses are offered for information only and do not modify or become part of this solicitation. This Amendment will be updated to add any further questions and their related responses. All potential offerors are advised to refer back to this Amendment for additional Questions and Answers.**

**Below are the Questions and Responses issued on February 19, 2003:**

**Question 1.** Is the ten (10) page Statement of Work included within the one-hundred (100) page Technical Proposal limit?

**Answer 1.** No. The page limitation on the Statement of Work remains ten (10) pages. The Statement of Work is not considered to be part of the Technical Proposal, it is considered to be a separate document. The one-hundred (100) page limitation for the Technical Proposal remains unchanged.

**Question 2.** Regarding the Proposal Intent Response Sheet, there is a section which requests we respond to which part of the RFP we are responding to. It is not clear how we should respond to this part of the Proposal Intent Response Sheet.

**Answer 2.** It is not necessary to respond to this part of the Intent Sheet. See Amendment Two (2) to this RFP for an updated Proposal Intent Response Sheet.

**Below are the Questions and Responses issued on March 24, 2003:**

**Question 3.** Should a statement regarding collaborators' CDC registration to possess select agents or copies of their registration materials be included in the supporting materials?

**Answer 3.** To obtain a certificate of registration from the CDC, the applicant is required to develop and implement a security plan, an emergency response plan, safety plan, etc, so there is no reason to send these documents since the CDC will be making a decision to grant a certification to use, possess and transfer the select agents. See Amendment 3 and the RFP Provision entitled “**Possession, Use and Transfer of Select Biological Agents or Toxins**”.

**Question 4.** Is it necessary to include within the proposal a document outlining our bio-safety plan?

**Answer 4.** To obtain a certificate of registration from the CDC, the applicant is required to develop and implement a security plan, an emergency response plan, safety plan, etc, so there is no reason to send these documents since the CDC will be making a decision to grant a certification to use, possess and transfer the select agents. See Amendment 3 and the RFP Provision entitled “**Possession, Use and Transfer of Select Biological Agents or Toxins**” for additional details.

**Question 5.** What sort of security issues need to be described in the proposal?

**Answer 5.** There are guidelines in place that are accepted standards in the biomedical community for working with select agents and the guidelines provided graded requirements based on the level of hazard and the quantities being handled. CDC/NIH publication “Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories” provides these guidelines (<http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl4/bmbl4toc.htm>) and should provide some guidance regarding the types of security issues that should be addressed.

- Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of this RFP remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- The hour and date specified for receipt of offers **HAS BEEN EXTENDED: May 15, 2003, 4:00PM EST**
- Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this **Amendment # 1 and all subsequent postings** on each copy of the proposal submitted.

*Failure to receive your acknowledgement of this Amendment may result in the rejection of your offer.*

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