

**AMENDMENT OF NIAID SOLICITATION
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This amendment is issued to all potential Offerors.

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of proposals **HAS NOT** been extended. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this and all other amendments, by identifying this amendment number (and any others) on each copy of any offer(s) submitted. Failure to receive your acknowledgement may result in the rejection of your offer. If, by virtue of this amendment, you wish to change an offer already submitted, such changes may be made by telegram, letter or e-mail, provided each telegram, letter or e-mail makes reference to this solicitation amendment number and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT: This amendment inserts Parts II, Part III and Part IV to the Table of Contents, revises the Proposal Intent Response Sheet and answers a number of inquiries.

1. The Table of Contents shall now read in accordance with Attachment (A) to this amendment.
2. Under **SECTION J (LIST OF ATTACHMENTS)**, Proposal Intent Response Sheet (Attachment 3), delete the referenced link <http://rcb.cancer.gov/rcb-intgernet/forms/intent.jsp>. Potential offerors should complete Attachment (B), "Proposal Intent Response Sheet".
3. Under **SECTION L (INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS), INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS, paragraph a. (GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS, subparagraph (6) (EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS)** shall now read as follows:

(6) Evaluation of Proposals

The Government will evaluate technical proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in Part 5, Section M of this BAA.

4. Under **SECTION L (INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS), INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS, a. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**, pages 45 and 46, paragraphs representing "Prohibition on Contractor Involvement with Terrorist Activities" and "Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, FAR 52.252-1 (February 1998)" shall be renumbered as follows:

(20) Prohibition on Contractor Involvement with Terrorist Activities

(21) Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, FAR 52.252-1 (February 1998)

5. On page 46, under **SECTION L (INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS), INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS, b. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS** shall now read as follows:

b. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Technical Proposal Instructions for Broad Agency Announcements

Note: The following instructions are general. Please see Appendix A for details. The technical approach should be in as much detail as the offeror considers necessary to fully explain the proposed technical approach or method. The technical proposal should reflect a clear understanding of the nature of the work being undertaken. The technical proposal must include information on how the project is to be organized, staffed and managed. Information should be provided which will demonstrate the offeror's understanding and management of important events or tasks.

1. Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal consists of two major sections:

SECTION ONE-The Detailed Proposal which consists of three parts:

(1) **Part 1-Technical Plan**-describes the proposed approach, methodology, and outcome in detail, including preliminary data and other documentation supporting the proposed research project;

(2) **Part 2 – Personnel** – a description of the experience and qualifications of proposed personnel and a discussion of how the project will be organized and managed; and,

(3) **Part 3- Other Considerations**

SECTION TWO – The **Statement of Work** which delineates each step or task to be carried out **after award of the contract** in order to accomplish the proposed research.

Thereafter delete from page 46 the following: **SECTION ONE (Offeror's Proposed Statement of Work)**, Page 46 through **SECTION TWO- Part 3-Other Considerations** which ends on page 49. Text continues with paragraph 2 **Technical Evaluation** on page 49.

6. Under ATTACHMENT 1, **BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT, “NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”, BAA NIH-NIAID-DMID-07-20, INTRODUCTION, Summary of Alternative Scenarios for Proposal Submission**, paragraph 3. is deleted and replaced with the following:

3. Research Areas 1 and 2 with required Training/Career Development Program; and potentially, at offerors discretion,

7. Under ATTACHMENT 1, **BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT, “NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”, BAA NIH-NIAID-DMID-07-20, RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES, SUMMARY OF SCENARIOS FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**, paragraph 3. is deleted and replaced with the following:

3. Research Areas 1 and 2 with required Training/Career Development Program; and potentially, at offerors discretion,

8. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **COSTING SCENARIOS, NOTE 1** is deleted and replaced with the following:

NOTE 1: Offerors submitting proposals for Research Areas 1 alone and 2 alone and Research Areas 1 and 2 have the option of proposing a Pilot Research Program specific to the Research Area proposed (i.e. if the offeror submits a proposal for Research Area 1 alone, the offeror can submit a Pilot Research Program for Research Area 1, but that offeror cannot submit a Pilot Research Program for Research Area 2).

9. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **COSTING SCENARIOS, NOTE 3** shall now read as follows:

NOTE 3: Each proposed Research Area will be evaluated separately. As a result, a proposal representing only one Research Area plus a Pilot Research Program component (if applicable) must be submitted as one proposal. If an offeror submits a proposal for both Research Area 1 and Research Area 2, one proposal must be submitted that contains a distinct section for each Research Area, as indicated in the technical proposal - table of contents (see below).

10. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **TECHNICAL PROPOSAL-TABLE OF CONTENTS, A. RESEARCH AREA 1: ANIMAL INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE, SECTION 1: PROPOSED STATEMENT OF WORK** (not to exceed 10 pages) shall now read as follows:

Provide a full Statement of Work with a beginning paragraph as follows:

“Independently, and not as an agent of the Government, the Contractor shall furnish all necessary services, qualified professional, technical, and administrative personnel, material, equipment and facilities, not otherwise provided by the Government under the terms of this contract, as needed to perform the tasks set forth below.”

The Statement of Work will describe each step that the contractor shall perform **after award of the contract**, including: the tasks that shall be performed to carry out the research projects/activities; how these tasks will be accomplished; and the time frame within which each task will be accomplished. Describe the work related to each task and describe the tasks in the sequence in which they will be carried out. The Statement of Work must also include a description of all items to be delivered to the Government during performance of the contract.

11. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **TECHNICAL PROPOSAL-TABLE OF CONTENTS, A. RESEARCH AREA 1: ANIMAL INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE, SECTION 3: CENTER PLAN FOR SURVEILLANCE**, (first introductory paragraph) shall now read as follows:

SECTION 3: CENTER PLAN FOR SURVEILLANCE (suggested page length – 40-50 pages total)

Provide a detailed plan for the design and conduct of prospective international and/or domestic animal influenza surveillance for the rapid detection and characterization of influenza viruses with pandemic potential. If surveillance studies using human samples are proposed, not more than 20% of the surveillance activities shall be dedicated to these surveillance studies. The plan must include:

12. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **TECHNICAL PROPOSAL-TABLE OF CONTENTS, B. RESEARCH AREA 2: PATHOGENESIS AND HOST RESPONSE RESEARCH, SECTION 1: PROPOSED STATEMENT OF WORK** (not to exceed 10 pages) shall now read as follows:

Provide a full Statement of Work with a beginning paragraph as follows:

“Independently, and not as an agent of the Government, the Contractor shall furnish all necessary services, qualified professional, technical, and administrative personnel, material, equipment and facilities, not otherwise provided by the Government under the terms of this contract, as needed to perform the tasks set forth below.”

The Statement of Work will describe each step that the contractor shall perform **after award of the contract**, including: the tasks that shall be performed to carry out the research projects/activities; how these tasks will be accomplished; and the time frame within which each task will be accomplished. Describe the work related to each task and describe the tasks in the sequence in which they will be carried out. The Statement of Work must also include a description of all items to be delivered to the Government during performance of the contract.

13. Under **APPENDIX A (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, **TECHNICAL PROPOSAL-TABLE OF CONTENTS, TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS, SECTION 10: RESEARCH AREAS 1 AND 2 – ADDITIONAL COMPONENT: PILOT RESEARCH PROGRAM** shall now read as follows:

SECTION 10: RESEARCH AREAS 1 AND 2-ADDITIONAL COMPONENT: PILOT RESEARCH PROGRAM
(suggested page length-10 pages total)

Offerors submitting proposals for Research Areas 1 alone and 2 alone and Research Areas 1 and 2 have the option of proposing a Pilot Research Program. Technical Proposals incorporating this additional component must describe up to two (2) pilot research projects for innovative, high risk concepts relating to influenza surveillance and/or pathogenesis and host response research. Offerors must include the specific aims of the project(s), their significance, the approach, and the contribution of the project(s) to achieving the overall goals of the Center.

14. Under **APPENDIX B (“THE NIAID CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE”)**, paragraph 3 (**Purchase of Equipment**) shall now read as follows:

- 3. Purchase of Equipment:** Support for the purchase of equipment will be provided for proposals submitted for Research Area 1 for international surveillance, domestic surveillance or both. All equipment expenditures must be budgeted for year 1 only and the cost must not exceed \$300,000.

In addition, support for the purchase of equipment will be provided for proposals submitted for Research Area 2 for Pathogenesis and Host Response. All equipment expenditures for the Research Area 2 research projects must be budgeted for year 1 only and the cost must not exceed \$300,000.

Further, support for the purchase of equipment will be provided for proposals submitted for Research Area 2 which incorporate the additional component for Animal Influenza Surveillance Capacity Building. All equipment expenditures must be budgeted for year 1 only and the cost must not exceed \$300,000.

END OF AMENDMENT #1 TO BAA NIH-NIAID-DMID-07-20