DARPA PROPOSALS ROUTE/REVIEW/SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

For Proposers Submitting proposals through DARPA's T-FIMS Submission Portal:

Proposals sent in response to DARPA Announcements should be submitted through T-FIMS. Proposals may not be submitted by fax or e-mail; any sent using these methods will be disregarded. See https://www.tfims.darpa.mil/baa/ for more information on how to request an account, upload proposals, and use the T-FIMS tool. Because proposers using T-FIMS may encounter heavy traffic on the web server and T-FIMS requires a registration and certificate installation for all proposers, proposers should not wait until the day the proposal is due to create an account in T-FIMS and submit the proposal. All proposers using T-FIMS must also encrypt the proposal, as per the instructions below.

All proposals submitted electronically to T-FIMS must be encrypted using WinZip or PKZip with 256-bit AES encryption. Only one zipped/encrypted file will be accepted per proposal and proposals not zipped/encrypted will be rejected by DARPA. An encryption password form must be completed and emailed to DARPA (refer to the BAA for this email address) at the time of proposal submission. See https://www.tfims.darpa.mil/baa/ for the encryption password form.

DARPA Proposals are typically are submitted in the following format.

Volume I (Technical and Management Proposal) and Volume II (Cost Proposal), submitted together as one document. All pages shall be printable on single-spaced, 8-1/2 by 11 inch paper with type not smaller than 12 point font. Smaller font may be used for figures, tables and charts.

You must read the BAA to confirm the submission format.

Volume I Technical Proposal – Note the numbering of the Sections II, III and IV and information required in each section is dependent upon the requirements of the DARPA Announcement. YOU MUST READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO DETERIMINE THE REQURIEMENTS OF THESE SECTIONS

Volume 1: Technical Proposal	☐ Cover sheet to include:
Cover Page	RA number;
Section I	(2) Technical area;
	(3) Organization submitting proposal;
	(4) Type of business, selected among the
	following categories: "EDUCATIONAL,"
	"NONPROFIT" OR "NOT-FOR –
	PROFIT", "HBCU," "MI";
	(5) Contractor's reference number (if
	any);
	(6) Proposal title;
	(7) Proposal date;
	(8) Technical point of contact to include:
	salutation, last name, first name, street
	address, city, state, zip code, telephone,
	fax, electronic mail;
	(9) Administrative point of contact to
	include: salutation, last name, first name,
	street address, city, state, zip code,
	telephone, fax, electronic mail;
	(10) Total proposed cost separated by
	basic award and option(s) (if any);
	☐ Official Signed Transmittal Letter.
	The Transmittal letter must include the following
	Statement:
	"Please note that MIT does not have any SETA type assistance."
	The Transmittal Letter should also include one of the
	following statements regarding the Assertion of Data
	Rights. This is a requirement although it is not in the
	proposal submission section – the correct statement to
	use is contingent upon the PI's response to the question
	"is there any IP the PI wants to protect and will only
	allow

	the Covernment to have limited rights to?
	the Government to have limited rights to?
	Use the following depending on what your PI tells you normally the response is NONE
	"MIT places no restrictions on the Governments use of Intellectual Property contemplated under any subsequent award" – or you can use the attached form and state NONE"
	If the PI States yes - then use
	"MIT places the following restrictions on Intellectually Property contemplated under any subsequent award then list them or the can use the attached form as a template and attach it"
Summary of Proposal Sections II	□ The requirements of this section are specific to the DARPA Announcement you are proposing to. YOU MUST READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO DETERIMINE THE REQURIEMENTS OF THIS SECTION The specific may include information like: □ Technical Rationale of Proposal □ Description of Deliverables/Milestones □ Description of Team □ Current Pending □ Biosketches □ Statement of Work
Detailed Proposal Information Section III	□ The requirements of this section are specific to the DARPA Announcement you are proposing to. YOU MUST READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO DETERIMINE THE REQURIEMENTS OF THIS SECTION In addition to the information above in Section II Summary of Proposal The specific may include information like: □ Program Plan and Risk Assessment □ Capabilities □ Technology Transitions Plans
Additional Information Section IV	☐ The requirements of this section are specific to the DARPA Announcement you are proposing to. YOU MUST READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO DETERIMINE THE REQURIEMENTS OF THIS SECTION. This section may include the following

	information:
	information.
	☐ Bibliographies
	□ Publications
	☐ Current and Pending
	☐ Cover sheet to include:
Volume 2: Cost Proposal	(1) RA number;
Cover Page	(2) Technical area;
0	(3) Lead Organization submitting proposal;
	(4) Type of business, selected among the following
	categories: "LARGE BUSINESS", "SMALL
	DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS", "OTHER SMALL
	BUSINESS", "HBCU", "MI", "OTHER
	EDUCATIONAL", OR "OTHER NONPROFIT";
	(5) Contractor's reference number (if any);
	(6) Other team members (if applicable) and type of business for each;
	(7) Proposal title;
	(8) Technical point of contact to include: salutation,
	last name, first name, street address, city, state, zip
	code, telephone, fax (if available), electronic mail
	(if available);
	(9) Administrative point of contact to include:
	salutation, last name, first name, street address, city,
	state, zip code, telephone, fax (if available), and
	electronic mail (if available);
	(10) Award instrument requested: cost-plus-fixed-
	free (CPFF), cost-contract—no fee, cost sharing
	contract – no fee, or other type of procurement
	contract (<i>specify</i>), grant, cooperative agreement, or
	other transaction; (11) Place(s) and period(s) of performance;
	(12) Total proposed cost separated by basic award
	and option(s) (if any);
	(13) Name, address, and telephone number of the
	proposer's cognizant Defense Contract
	Management Agency (DCMA) administration
	office (if known);
	(14) Name, address, and telephone number of the
	proposer's cognizant Defense Contract Audit
	Agency (DCAA) audit office (if known);
	(15) Date proposal was prepared;
	(16) DUNS number;
	(17) TIN number; and
	(18) Cage Code;
	(19) Subcontractor Information; and
	(20) Proposal validity period.

Budget Part/Cost Detail	□ The typical cost detail information that DARPA requires in their cost proposal section is outlined below. SEE ANNOUCEMENT TO DETERMINE THE REQUIRED COST BREAKDOWN
	 □ The proposers cost volume shall provide detailed budget (cost) information in sufficient detail to substantiate the program price proposed (e.g., realism and reasonableness). □ The proposer shall provide a detailed cost breakdown by phase, task and month. The
	breakdown shall include, at a minimum, the following major cost items: □ direct labor (labor categories and effort per category);
	subcontracts (by subcontractor); □ material/equipment; □ other direct costs (travel, computer usage fee's, etc.), □ indirect charges (rates and factors such as Fringe Benefits, F&A, etc.).
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After submission turn this from in to your team DARPA liaison.