

1. Is the proposal due date of "January 20, 2017" on page 8 a simple typo?

A: Proposal Submission deadline is January 19 as shown on the cover page.

2. What is the correct narrative length: 10 pages shown on page 9 or 16 pages shown on page 13?

A: The correct number is 16 for standalone and 24 for collaborative proposals and is given in bold letters on Page 13: "The project narrative **must not exceed 16 pages** of technical information, including charts, graphs, maps, photographs, and other pictorial presentations, when printed using standard 8.5" by 11" paper with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right). **For collaborative proposals, the project narrative page limit is 24.**"

Statement on page 9 is a leftover from the template and should have been changed.

3. If a national lab's collaborator on a collaborative proposal is not a national lab, should the lab submit the proposal to the lab announcement (LAB 18-1848) and the collaborator submit it to the companion announcement (DE-FOA-0001848)?

A: I am positive there is a statement about this in the collaborative section of the FOA. The answer is yes, especially, if the university/private entity wants funding go to it directly and not through the Lab as subcontractor.

4. For collaborative proposals, should only the lead proposal have the cover page supplement described on page 12 summarizing the collaboration and budgets or should all proposals in the collaborative group have this cover page supplement?

A: The lead institution should have this cover page supplement, other institutions do not need to have that but their cover page must make it clear what collaboration they belong to and should identify the lead institution. All of this is to make it easier for us to find out quickly the collaboration institutions but really do not influence outcome of our reviews. No proposals will be disqualified if they do not conform with the requested format, we may just dislike it! But, it makes it much easier for us if all formatting specifications are followed.

5. Is it correct that any research can be proposed for one annual budget period only? If a project extends for two or more years should we indicate that we plan to submit project extensions in the subsequent years? Should we present a multi-year plan for the project with understanding that only one year can be approved at this time?

A: This FOA is for a maximum funding of 2 years with FY2018 and FY2019 funds, of course subject to availability of appropriated funds. Previous FOAs in this area were for one year funding only, this one is for two years. Funding decisions will be made for FY18 and 19 from this review. We are not planning to have another FOA in 2019. The next one is planned for FY2020. A proposal can be for one year only instead of 2. For any 2-year proposal, detailed budget forms should be included for each year. We added a 3rd year column for projection of needed budget for year 3 just to get a projection of future but nothing will be done with the 3rd year Information.

6. In relation to question 5, does the maximum award size of \$2M for two years mean that we have to limit the proposal for the first year of any project to \$1M? Since a single proposal would then not provide an adequate level of funding for continuing our R&D, are we correct to assume that each lab can submit multiple proposals? We developed an extensive collaboration program with BNL. \$1M cap limits our collaboration opportunities on major projects such as electron cooling and magnet prototyping. Do you have any suggestions for such collaborations?

A: These are guidelines only and the limits stated were intended for University grants. A Lab companion FOA was generated by Grants and Contract office using the university FOA file and we probably should have increased this limit. For Labs that \$1M limit does not apply. Each Lab can submit more than one proposal and in fact we prefer it that way especially when work scopes, areas and collaborations are different.