

Amendment 001

The purposes of this amendment is as followings: to extend the deadline for receipt of proposals to March 4, 2013, to provide the answer to the question about having a CRADA and applying for an NIST SBIR award, to modify language in the solicitation addressing the policy on CRADA holders and SBIR awards, and to replace the cover sheet in the required forms with a new cover sheet dated 2/13/2013.

1. The deadline for proposals is hereby extended from February 25, 2013 through March 4, 2013 at 3:00 PM EST.
2. A question was received regarding the policy on page 22 of the solicitation.
 - a. **Question:** My question deals with Section 3.03.03 Technical Content, Paragraph 10 on page 22, Cooperative Research & Development Agreements. Paragraph 10 would seem to imply that a company would have to give up a CRADA if they were to be a successful offeror. Is this the case?
 - b. **Answer:** The policy guidance published by the SBA for the SBIR Program allows an offeror to hold a CRADA with an agency and receive an SBIR award as long as a set of exceptions are met. The solicitation language will be changed to agree with this language. However; NIST CRADA holders will be ineligible for SBIR awards within the same sub-topic as their CRADA.
3. The language in the solicitation on page 22 is hereby amended to read:
 - a. **“(10) Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA).** State if the offeror is a former or current CRADA partner with NIST, or with any other Federal agency, naming the agency, title of the CRADA, and any relationship with the proposed work. An Agency may not enter into, nor continue, a NIST CRADA with an awardee on the subtopic of the award.”
4. Under the Required Forms for Submission link, the Cover Sheet is hereby revised with a new and corrected cover sheet dated 2/13/2013 to correct an error that occurred when filling out the form. The original Cover Sheet changed the answer to question number 9 to “have” when the offeror checked “yes” when asked if registered in SAM, automatically. This error has been fixed on the revised Cover Sheet. The Revised Cover Sheet Dated 2/13/2013 supersedes the original Cover Sheet attached to the solicitation and has been uploaded as an attachment to this notice. The Revised Cover Sheet dated 2/13/2013 can also be found on the SBIR webpage. The content of the cover sheet remains unchanged.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. For answers to technical questions, please visit www.nist.gov/sbir and see solicitation questions and answers.