

Engineered Resilient Systems (ERS)
Broad Other Transaction Authority Announcement (BOTAA)
Question and Answers (Q&A)
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Q1: We are interested in sharing our capabilities. Is there a Program Manager to speak with?

Please submit a white paper online in accordance with the BOTAA to begin the review process.

Q2: Are there general orders of magnitude and/or timeframes on the website?

No. There are no general orders of magnitude and/or timeframes. Any and all white paper solutions that correspond with one or more of the focus areas identified are desired.

Q3: Is there a deadline for submission in response to the BOTAA?

No. The BOTAA is an open and continuous announcement. White Papers may be submitted at any time.

Q4: Are the maturity levels (TRL/MRL) of proposed solutions to the required focus areas expected to be at some minimum level?

No. There are no established minimum maturity levels required. Any and all white paper solutions that correspond with one or more of the focus areas identified are desired.

Q5: Is cost share a requirement to participate?

If the prime offeror is a nontraditional defense contractor (NTDC) or if the prime is a traditional defense contract (TDC) that proposes a solution including significant participation with an NTDC, cost share is NOT required to participate.

Q6: Do Cost Accounting Standard (CAS) requirements apply to my small business?

Contracts with small businesses are exempt from CAS.

Q7: Does our company need to obtain a DUNS, CAGE code and be registered in SAM to submit a white paper?

No. There is no requirement to have a DUNS, CAGE code or be registered in SAM to submit a white paper. However, this must be done prior to receiving an award with the Federal government.

To obtain a DUNS, visit <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>. Once a DUNS is issued, create an account through the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. SAM will send your entity information to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for CAGE Code assignment.

Foreign entities must register for an NCAGE Code at <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/CageTool/home> prior to creating an account through SAM.

Q8: What information should be included in 'data rights assertions' section of the white paper?

All information pertaining to anticipated licensing, data, patent and/or copyright assertions that may need further negotiating prior to award should be discussed in this section.