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MARITIME TAGGING and TRACKING

Due Date for Receipt of Proposals:

21 October 2004

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Bidders Conference: Attendance is Required.

All submittals are due by 1700 (5:00 p.m.) ET on the above date

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), 04-Q-4247, for the Maritime Tagging and Tracking (MT&T) concept studies program issued under the provisions of paragraph 6.102(d)(2)(i) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to provide for the competitive selection of research proposals. Contracts based on responses to this BAA are considered to be the result of full and open competition and in full compliance with the provisions of Public Law (PL) 98-369, "The Competition in Contracting Act of 1984."

1.1. Objective.

TSWG Maritime Tagging and Tracking (MT&T) concept studies program is interested in advanced technology concepts for the use of identifying and tracking a limited number of maritime vessels. Technologies including remote sensing, packaging, tagging and tag placement, antenna concepts, enhanced global positioning system (GPS) or non-GPS-based geolocation techniques are of interest. Systems employing the concepts presented could be applied to various military missions including but not limited to blue force tracking, combatant identification, and maritime vessel or container tracking. Specific details on required performance characteristics are classified and will be provided at a classified Bidder's Conference hosted by the TSWG on August 10, 2004.

1.2. Approach.

The Government is soliciting for a full proposal (technical portion not to exceed 20 pages) in full compliance with requirements described in this document. All submittals are due no later than 5:00 PM Eastern time on ~~30 Sep 2004~~ 21 October 2004. Upon receipt of the proposals, the Government will convene a pre-selected source selection evaluation board (SSEB) to review each proposal's merit for award based on criteria described in this document. The Government expects to award between three and five contracts in support of this effort. However, the Government reserves the right to select for award all, some, or none of the proposals received.

1.3. HBCU/MI Set Aside.

All responsible sources including nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, small businesses, small disadvantaged business concerns, large businesses, and government laboratories, capable of satisfying the Government's needs are encouraged to submit a proposal. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Minority Institutions (MI) are encouraged to submit proposals and join others in submitting proposals. However, no portion of this BAA will be set aside for HBCU and MI participation due to the impracticality of reserving discrete or severable areas for exclusive competition among these entities.

1.4. Period of Performance.

The Government anticipates the MT&T concept studies program to be performed in an approximate 4-month period of performance, with a potential follow-on effort planned for FY05.

1.5. Technical Support.

It is the intent of this office to include the use of System Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) contractors in the evaluation of all submittals for this BAA. Individuals in these categories that will have access to any proprietary data shall sign non-disclosure statements that shall be maintained on file in the contracting office and will not be allowed to submit proposals. Submission of information in response to this BAA constitutes permission to disclose information to individuals under these conditions.

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1.6. Instructions and Points of Contact.

This BAA Package may be downloaded electronically in its entirety from <http://www.bids.tswg.gov> under Download BAAs. **Registration is not required** to download the BAA package. However, registration is required to create a BIDS placeholder record for each submission. It is anticipated that proposals will be classified. For classified submissions, a BIDS submittal number is required for tracking purposes as described in Section 3.

All contractual and technical questions regarding this BAA must be directed to the Contracting Officer, 04-Q-4247Questions@tswg.gov.

For help with BIDS, submit questions to BIDS administration at bidshelp@tswg.gov or by accessing the HELP REQUEST link located at the top of the BIDS Home Page. Please be sure to include the reason for your request in the text block provided and a valid email address for the response.

Offerors are encouraged to periodically review the BAA question and answer section on the web site, www.bids.tswg.gov, located in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of the main menu bar.

NOTE: Persons submitting proposals are advised that only the contracting officer may obligate the Government to any agreement involving expenditure of Government funds.

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2. GENERAL INFORMATION.

2.1. Eligibility.

To be eligible for contract award, an offeror must meet certain minimum standards pertaining to financial solvency/resources, ability to comply with the performance schedule, prior record of performance, integrity, organization, experience, operational controls, technical skills, facilities, and equipment (See FAR 9.104). All successful offerors MUST be registered in the Central Contractor Registration database prior to contract award (See DFARS 204.7304). In addition, the MT&T program will involve the use of and access to classified data and results, and shall require classified facilities. Therefore, offerors must show that personnel and facilities needed to perform under this program are certified for conducting activities at least at the SECRET level. It is also desired that at least one of the personnel proposed to perform under this program hold a current single scope background investigation (SSBI) or equivalent.

2.2. Procurement Integrity, Standards of Conduct, Ethical Considerations.

Certain post-employment restrictions on former federal officers and employees may exist, including special Government employees (Section 207 of Title 18, United States Code). If a prospective offeror believes that a conflict of interest does exist, the situation should be raised to the issuing office's contracts representative before time and effort is expended in preparing a proposal.

2.3. Definitions.

2.3.1. Small Business Concern.

A concern that is independently owned and operated is not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and meets the size standards in FAR 19.102.

2.3.2. Small Disadvantaged Business Concern.

"Small disadvantaged business concern" as used in this part (except for 52.212-3(c)(4) and 52.219-1(b)(2) for general statistical purposes and 52.212-3(c)(9)(ii), 52.219-22(b)(2), and 52.219-23(a) for joint ventures under the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged business concerns), means an offeror that represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to the acquisition, and either:

- (1) It has received certification as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR part 124, subpart B; and
 - (i) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
 - (ii) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
 - (iii) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business (SDB) concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net); or
- (2) For a prime contractor, it has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a private certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR part 124, subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since it submitted its application. In this case, a contractor must receive certification as an SDB by the SBA prior to contract award.

2.4. Restrictive Marking on Proposals.

All proposals should clearly indicate content disclosure limitations. Submittals may be marked as "Proprietary" or words to that effect. However, markings such as "Company Confidential" or other phrases that may be confused with national security classifications shall be avoided.

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2.5. Submission Handling/Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software/Patent Rights - General.

2.5.1. Procurement Integrity.

The Government intends to comply with FAR 3.104 in its treatment of information submitted in response to this BAA solicitation and marked with the individual or company's legend.

2.5.2. Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software.

Rights in technical data, computer software and software documentation provided in the proposal shall be treated in accordance with the DFARS 252.227-7016, entitled "Rights in Bid and Proposal Information." As discussed below, offerors shall assert restrictions on specific technical data, computer software, and computer software documentation that are proposed to be delivered under a resultant contract with less than unlimited rights (See DFARS 252.227-7017(d) and paragraph 3.3.3.4 below). Rights in technical data, computer software and computer software documentation in the resultant contract shall be in accordance with DFARS 252.227-7013 (regarding technical data) and DFARS 252.227-7014 (regarding computer software and software documentation). Both clauses (DFARS 252.227-7013 and DFARS 252.227-7014) shall be included in any non-commercial contract exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. Other clauses to be included in the contract are: DFARS 252.227-7019, Validation of Asserted Restrictions - Computer Software; DFARS 252.227-7025, Limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Government - Furnished Information marked with Restrictive Legends; DFARS 252.227-7027, Deferred Ordering of Technical Data or Computer Software; DFARS 252.227-7030, Technical Data-Withholding of Payment; DFARS 252.227-7036, Declaration of Technical Data Conformity; and DFARS 252.227-7037, Validation of Restrictive Markings on Technical Data.

2.5.3. Patent Rights.

Any resultant contract will include appropriate patent rights clauses.

2.6. Report Requirements.

The number and types of deliverable reports shall be specified in the contractual document. The reports shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures contained in the contract, based on the minimum reporting requirements, the contractor's proposal, and as mutually agreed upon before award. A Final Report that summarizes the project and associated tasks is required at the conclusion of each contract phase, notwithstanding the fact that the research may be continued under a follow-on contract or option. Monthly Reports documenting Program and Financial Status are required. In addition, test plans, test and technical reports, technical data, specifications, computer programs or other data, as appropriate, should be specified based on the proposed efforts.

2.7. Subcontracting.

Pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)), it is the policy of the Government to enable small business and small disadvantaged business concerns to be considered fairly as subcontractors to contractors performing work or rendering services as prime contractors or subcontractors under Government contracts, and to assure that prime contractors and subcontractors carry out this policy.

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3. PROPOSAL PREPARATION.

This section provides information needed by the individual preparing the proposal for submission under this BAA.

3.1. Bidders Conference.

TSWG will hold a one-day Bidders conference for the Maritime Tagging and Tracking (MT&T) concept studies program on August 10, 2004 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Booz Allen Hamilton conference facility in McLean, Virginia. ONLY THOSE COMPANIES THAT ATTEND THE BIDDERS CONFERENCE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS BAA. All interested attendees must register on line at <http://tswg.xservices.com>. Please limit attendance to no more than three persons per organization. The registration web site includes directions from local airports and names and contact information for area hotels. Lunch will be provided at the attendee's expense. A \$10 fee will be collected during sign-in at the conference.

Information conveyed at this meeting will include classified data at the SECRET level. Therefore, all attendees are required to fax a classified visit authorization request to **ATTN: TSWG SECURITY** at (703) 604-1731 or (703) 604-0189 no later than 1:00 PM Eastern Time on August 5, 2004. Only US citizens will be permitted to attend.

No one will be admitted into the meeting before confirmation of their clearance on file.

Questions regarding security requirements may be sent to BAASecurity@tswg.gov.

General questions regarding the Bidders Conference may be sent to SCOSsubgroup@tswg.gov.

3.2. General Guidance.

All submittals must strictly follow the instructions in this announcement and include only the information specified to avoid delays in evaluation or disqualification.

3.2.1. BAA Information Delivery System (BIDS)

The Broad Agency Announcement Information Delivery System (BIDS), in operation at www.bids.tswg.gov, will be used to provide public access to the BAA package. A Submitter Registration is required to respond to this BAA. The offeror must complete all mandatory fields on the submitter registration form in BIDS including a User Name that will be used for login and as part of document identifiers for submissions described later in this BAA package. Registration acceptance for submitters is automatic and will be transmitted by email indicating the User Name for login is active, but may take a few minutes to be recognized by BIDS. Questions regarding BIDS may be addressed via email to TSWG BAA Administrators at bidshelp@tswg.gov or by accessing the HELP REQUEST in the left-hand panel and at the top of the BIDS Home Page. For password resets, if you know your User Name and have a valid email address, the password can be reset automatically by selecting "Forgot My Password." A new password will be sent to the email address. Use the HELP REQUEST if you are having problems with your BIDS account. Registration account information can be updated by the user after login. The email address for a specific User Name in the BIDS registration serves as the notification point for all email correspondence to that "user" and should be the point of contact for the Government Contracting Officer

3.2.1.1. Format and Submittal.

All responses must be submitted via registered mail, according to proper classified mailing procedures as described in the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), to the following address:

TSWG
P.O. Box 16224
Arlington, VA 22215

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To deliver by other means, including classified courier, contact BAASecurity@tswg.gov.

Submittals must be hardcopy in ring binders and accompanied by one copy of the entire proposal on a single CD in accordance with file formats described in section 3.3.2 of this document. Proposals submitted in sections under separate covers based on classification will not be accepted. The entire proposal shall be submitted as a classified proposal to the above address.

3.2.1.1.1. BIDS Placeholder Record.

The submitter shall create a BIDS record for each submission mailed in accordance with the paragraph above. The record is created by logging into BIDS, selecting this BAA number, clicking on Respond to BAA, and creating a submission record for SC-MTT by following the screen prompts. The submission record must include an unclassified attachment letter or cover page. Classified data shall not be entered in BIDS.

3.2.1.2. Cover Page/Submittal Markings.

The cover page shall be marked with the appropriate *BAA Announcement Number*, the *Document Identifier* as described below and marked and controlled in accordance with the NISPOM.

3.2.1.3. Document Identifier.

The submitter shall insert a "Document Identifier" into the header (top margin area) of each submittal. The identifier shall be unique to any other submittal from the offeror in BIDS and MUST be formatted with the prefix SC-MTT, the User Name (entered when you register in BIDS) and the submitter internal tracking number entered at the time the BIDS placeholder record is created. The constructed document identifier is frequently used by the evaluation team to identify each submittal and to connect printed documents with evaluation records posted into on-line collaboration software.

Document Identifier = SC-MTT-USERID-Submitter Internal Tracking Number

3.2.2. BIDS Proprietary Protection and Submittal Changes

All submissions will be considered proprietary/source selection sensitive and protected accordingly. Documents may only be reviewed by the registrant, authorized Government representatives, and assigned evaluators. Changes to responses will be permitted up to the closing date and time.

3.2.3. Special Handling/Procedures for Classified Information.

Since all submittals shall be classified, the offeror must first create a BIDS submission record and obtain a Document Identifier through BIDS for tracking purposes. The BIDS tracking number must be clearly identified on the mailed submittal. Classified responses must be appropriately marked, sealed and mailed in accordance with regulations and instructions pertaining to the level of classification per the NISPOM.

3.3. Proposal Submittals.

3.3.1. General.

The technical portion of proposal submittals must be no more than **20 pages** (including cover page, figures, charts, and tables) on single-sided, single-spaced pages, using no smaller than 12-point font, and 1-inch margins left/right/top/bottom on 8.5 by 11-inch paper. If the technical proposal is longer than 20 pages, only the first 20 pages may be evaluated. Each proposal submittal shall reference the BAA Number and the Document Identifier as described in section 3.2.1.3 of this document. Proposals must be appropriately marked for classification, sealed, and mailed in accordance with classified material handling procedures. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered by the Government.

3.3.2. File Format and Content.

The proposal shall be prepared in color or black and white in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel or Adobe Acrobat PDF electronic file format. The document must be print-capable and without password.

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3.3.3. Technical.

The technical portion of the proposal, which must not exceed 20 pages, shall contain the following:

3.3.3.1. A title and an abstract that includes a concise statement of work and basic approaches to be used.

3.3.3.2. The technical portion shall include an Executive Summary, a technical approach, description of relevant prior work, a program plan including a statement of work, facilities and equipment descriptions, list of documentation and reports, and a management plan. All paragraphs containing proprietary information must be clearly marked.

3.3.3.3. This section shall identify any existing intellectual property claims or intentions. The offeror shall specifically indicate if there is a patent pending (and the patent application number, if received) or a patent issued with the patent number(s). The offeror shall include a statement on licensing or venturing plans, as applicable, if the project is successful. The offeror shall discuss barriers to commercialization, such as anticipated regulatory issues (such as environmental, safety, health, and transportation), liability issues, interoperability, financing, etc. and planned steps to address these barriers. Also, if not covered in other sections, this section shall address interaction with potential users.

3.3.3.4. The names, brief biography, and a list of recent publications of the offeror's key personnel (including alternates, if desired) who will be involved in the research. Documentation of previous work or experience in the field of the offeror is especially important.

3.3.3.5. The type of support, if any, the offeror might request from the Government, such as facilities, equipment, or materials.

3.3.3.6. The names of other federal, state, or local agencies or other parties receiving the proposal and/or funding the proposed effort. If none, so state.

3.3.3.7. A statement regarding possible impact, if any, of the proposal's effect on the environment. If none, so state.

3.3.3.8. A brief description of the offeror's organization.

3.3.3.9. The offeror shall indicate the total scope of work to be performed for this effort.

3.3.4. Cost.

The cost portion of the proposal, which is not included in the page limit, shall contain the following:

3.3.4.1. A cost estimate that is sufficiently detailed by element of cost for meaningful evaluation. Cost breakdown shall include materials, direct labor, indirect costs, and other direct costs such as special test equipment or travel. Offerors shall provide exhibits as necessary to substantiate the cost elements.

3.3.4.2. A cost-element breakdown shall be attached for each proposed line item and must reflect all specific requirements. Supporting breakdowns must be furnished for each cost element, consistent with the offeror's cost accounting system. When more than one contract line item is proposed, summary total amounts covering all line items must be furnished for each cost element. If agreement has been reached with Government representatives on the use of forward pricing rates/factors, identify the agreement. Depending on the offeror's system, breakdowns shall be provided for the following basic elements of cost, as applicable:

3.3.4.2.1. Materials: Provide a consolidated price summary of individual material quantities included in the various tasks, orders, or contract line items being proposed and the basis for pricing (vendor quotes,

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invoice prices, etc.). Include new materials, parts, components, assemblies, and services to be produced or performed by others. For all items proposed, identify the item and show the source, quantity, and price.

3.3.4.2.2. Competitive Methods: For those acquisitions (e.g., subcontract, purchase orders, material orders) over \$100,000 priced on a competitive basis, also provide data showing degree of competition and the basis for establishing the source and reasonableness of price. For inter-organizational transfers priced at other than cost of the comparable competitive commercial work of the division, subsidiary, or affiliate of the contractor; explain the pricing method (See FAR 31.205-26(e)).

3.3.4.2.3. Established Catalog or Market Prices/Prices Set by Law or Regulation: When an exemption from the requirement to submit cost or pricing data is claimed, whether the item was produced by others or by the offeror, provide justification for the exemption.

3.3.4.2.4. Noncompetitive Methods: For those acquisitions (e.g., subcontract, purchase orders, material orders) over \$550,000 priced on a noncompetitive basis, also provide data showing the basis for establishing source and reasonableness of price. For standard commercial items fabricated by the offeror that are generally stocked in inventory, provide a separate cost breakdown if price is based on cost. For interorganizational transfers priced at cost, provide a separate breakdown of cost by elements.

3.3.4.2.5. Direct Labor: Provide a list of participants, not necessarily by name, showing a time phased (e.g., monthly, quarterly) breakdown of labor hours, rates, and cost by appropriate category, and furnish basis for estimates.

3.3.4.2.6. Indirect Costs: Indicate how offeror has computed and applied offeror's indirect costs. Indicate the rates used and provide an appropriate explanation.

3.3.4.2.7. Other Costs: List all other costs not otherwise included in the categories described above (e.g., special tooling, travel, computer and consultant services, preservation, packaging and packing, spoilage and rework) and provide basis for pricing.

3.3.4.2.8. Royalties: If more than \$250, provide the following information on a separate page for each separate royalty or license fee:

- Name And Address of Licensor
- Date of the License Agreement
- Patent numbers, Patent Application Serial Numbers, or other basis on which the royalty is payable
- Brief description (including any part or model numbers of each contract item or component on which the royalty is payable)
- Percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit
- Unit price of contract item
- Number of units
- Total dollar amount of royalties

Note: A copy of the current license agreement and identification of applicable claims of specific patents may be specifically requested by the contracting officer. (See FAR 27.204 and 31.205.37.)

3.4.4.2.9. Facilities Capital Cost of Money: When the offeror elects to claim facilities capital cost of money as an allowable cost, the offeror must submit Form CASB-CMF and show the calculation of the proposed amount. See FAR 31.205-10.

3.3.4.2.10. FEE: Include the fee, if any, proposed for this effort.

3.3.5. Contractual.

The contractual portion of the proposal, which is not included in the page limit, shall contain the following:

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3.3.5.1. Identify the offeror's contracting point of contact including name, telephone number, email address, facsimile number, mailing address and other contact information.

3.3.5.2. The type of contract preferred. Generally, the contract type most used is Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF).

3.3.5.3. Proposed duration of effort, basic contract, and any options.

3.3.5.4. The identity of any members of the organization with potential conflicts of interest. Possible conflicts of interest include any people with prior federal employment including employment of the principal investigator as a special Government employee (duties, agency with whom employed, dates of employment) within two years from the date of proposal submission. If none, so state.

3.3.5.5. Since the research will be performed in a classified area, indicate the level of classification, and the level of clearance of the potential principal investigator and all other proposed personnel. Also indicate the Government agency that issued the clearances.

3.3.5.6. A list of property required to perform the proposed research, separating items to be acquired with contract funds and those to be furnished by the Government. When possible, the description or title and estimated or known unit and total costs of each item should be shown (i.e., manufacturer, catalog price, or previous purchase price). When such information on individual items is not available, the items should be grouped by class and estimated values indicated. In addition, the offeror must include a statement as to why it is necessary to acquire the property with contract funds, and if applicable, express in writing his unwillingness or financial inability to acquire the items with his own resources. Please note that the FAR generally prohibits providing an industrial contractor with facilities (including plant equipment and real property) with a unit acquisition cost of less than \$10,000.

3.3.5.7. If the total amount of the proposal exceeds \$550,000 and the offeror is not a small business, the offeror shall submit a subcontracting plan for small business and small socially and economically disadvantaged business concerns. A mutually agreeable plan will be included in and made a part of the resultant contract. The contract cannot be executed unless the contracting officer determines that the plan provides the maximum practicable opportunity for small business and small disadvantaged business concerns to participate in the performance of the contract.

3.3.6. Notification to Offerors.

Notification of acceptance or rejection of a Proposal will be sent via email to the offeror's principal contact as entered in the BIDS registration. A formal debriefing may be requested by the offeror if the Government does not accept the proposal. Telephonic inquiries concerning the status prior to official notification will not be accepted. A BIDS submission placeholder record must exist to receive notification. Due to the classified nature of this BAA, any details regarding the submission will be handled in accordance with the NISPOM.

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4. PROGRAM GOALS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA.

The TSWG MT&T program is interested in developing concepts for the use of identification and tracking of a limited number of maritime vessels. Technologies including remote sensing, packaging, tagging and tag placement, antenna concepts, enhanced GPS or non-GPS-based geolocation techniques are of interest. Systems employing the concepts presented could be applied to various military missions including but not limited to blue force tracking, combatant identification, and maritime vessel or container tracking. Specific details on required performance characteristics are classified and will be provided at a classified bidder's conference hosted by the TSWG. The intent of this BAA is to identify innovative technology and approaches that may provide high-risk, high-payoff solutions that enhance the capabilities of government at the local, state, and federal levels, including all branches of military services that combat terrorism. In addition, the MT&T program will involve classified data and results. Therefore, offerors must show that personnel and facilities needed to perform under this program are certified for conducting activities at least at the SECRET level. It is also desired that at least one of the personnel proposed to perform under this program hold a current SSBI or equivalent.

4.1. Program Objective and Goals.

This program seeks to develop revolutionary end-to-end system concepts for tracking a limited number of maritime vessels. This program is designed as a study to present innovative concepts for development of a complete end-to-end MT&T system capability. Details on requirements, in particular details of specific mission applications and concepts, will be presented at the Bidders' Conference described in section 3.1. There is no preferred technology solution or approach, provided that proposed concepts meet or exceed all aspects of the letter and intent of the program requirements. Possible approaches may include existing or new tags with viable exfiltration structure, active transmitters, remote sensing of target signatures or other related technology. The system design must include consideration for ruggedness, expected operational and maritime environmental constraints, and affordability.

4.2. Program Description.

The contractor shall identify key researchers and organizations, identify leveraging technologies, investigate the applicability of alternate technologies in the system design, and characterize the performance of the recommended system through analysis of key system components. Interest is for an overall end-to-end system study; however, consideration will be given for proposals that focus only on a particular subsystem technology.

4.3. Awards

The Government intends to award multiple contracts for the MT&T concept studies program. Funds available for the total of all awards are at least \$500K. **ONLY THOSE COMPANIES THAT ATTENDED THE BIDDERS CONFERENCE ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS BAA.**

4.4. Evaluation Criteria.

The criteria to be used to evaluate and select proposals for this TSWG program are described in the following paragraphs. Each will be evaluated on the merit and relevance of the specific submission as it relates to the MT&T concept studies program. **The following are in descending order of importance.**

4.4.1. Security Clearance.

Offerors must show that personnel and facilities needed to perform under this program are certified for conducting activities at least at the SECRET level. It is also desired that at least one of the personnel proposed to perform under this program hold a current single scope background investigation (SSBI) or equivalent.

4.4.2. Proposed Performance.

The proposed solution as a minimum meets the letter and intent of the stated requirements, and all elements within the proposal exhibit a comprehensive understanding of the problem and the requirements of intended end users. Preference will be given to proposed solutions that show evidence

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of exceeding minimum performance requirements. Statements that the offeror understands, can, or will comply with the specifications and statements paraphrasing the specifications or parts thereof are considered inadequate, as are phrases such as "standard procedures will be employed," "well-known techniques will be used," or "the offeror concurs."

4.4.3. Innovativeness.

The extent to which the offeror introduces new methods, devices, or concepts for integration and/or application to address system requirements.

4.4.4. Fidelity of Analysis.

The proposal provides a concept of the MT&T system performance supported by analysis and/or data.

4.4.5. Program and Management Plan.

The proposed technical approach is feasible, achievable, complete and supported by a proposed technical team that has the expertise and experience to accomplish the proposed tasks. Task descriptions provided are complete and logical with all proposed deliverables clearly defined such that a final product that achieves the requirement can be expected as a result of the award. The roles of the prime and other participants are clearly distinguished and pre-coordination with all participants (including Government facilities) fully documented. Intellectual property ownership and the planned transition to production are adequately addressed.

4.4.6. Contractor Past Performance.

The offeror's past performance in similar efforts must clearly demonstrate an ability to deliver products that meet the proposed technical performance requirements within the proposed budget and schedule. The proposed project team has the expertise to manage the cost and schedule.

4.4.7. Cost Reasonableness.

Cost will be evaluated but not scored. The evaluation will consider whether costs are reasonable for the work proposed and whether such costs are within the government's budget for this effort. A detailed cost analysis will be performed after proposals are selected for award during contract negotiations. The technical aspects of the proposal are more important than cost. The proposal shall document all anticipated costs including those of associate, participating organizations. The proposal shall demonstrate that the offeror has fully analyzed budget requirements and addressed resulting cost risks and that all cost-sharing and leveraging opportunities have been explored and identified. Other sponsors who have funded or are funding this offeror for the same or similar efforts are identified.

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ATTACHMENT A – ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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| BAA | Broad Agency Announcement |
| BIDS | BAA Information Delivery System |
| CASB-CMF | Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board - Cost of Money Factors |
| COTS | Commercial Off-the-Shelf |
| CTTSO | Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office |
| DFARS | Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement |
| ET | Eastern Time |
| FAR | Federal Acquisition Regulation |
| FCCM | Facilities Capital Cost Of Money |
| FOIA | Freedom Of Information Act |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| GFI | Government Furnished Information |
| GFM | Government Furnished Material |
| GIF | Graphic Interchange Format |
| GIS | Global Information System |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| HBCU/MI | Historically Black Colleges, Universities (HBCU) & other Minority Institutions (MI) |
| IXO | Information Exploitation Office |
| JPEG | Joint Photographic Experts Group |
| MT&T | Maritime Tagging and Tracking |
| NISPOM | National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual |
| PDF | Portable Document Format |
| PL | Public Law |
| R&D | Research and Development |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| SETA | System Engineering and Technical Assistance |
| SF | Standard Form |
| SOW | Statement of Work |
| SSBI | Single Scope Background Investigation |
| SSEB | Source Selection Evaluation Board |
| SVGA | Super Video Graphics Adapter |
| TSWG | Technical Support Working Group |
| TTL | Tagging, Tracking, and Locating |
| USC | United States Code |