Questions Received during the DEPSCoR Informational Webinar – Thursday, 15 August 2019

Question: Do you have dates and locations for the other regional meetings?

> **Answer:** At this time, we do not have dates for the southern, western, and central regions. If your university is interested in hosting a DEPSCoR DoD Day, please email us to discuss the possibility. My email address is rushyannah.r.killens-cade.ctr@mail.mil. We also encourage you to visit our web page - https://basicresearch.defense.gov/Pilots/DEPSCoR-Defense-Established-Program-to-Stimulate-Competitive-Research/ - which is regularly updated with new information. Specific information on regional outreach meetings can be found in the DEPSCoR Structure/DEPSCoR Education and Outreach section.

Question: Is there a preference for or against teams from the same institutions?

> **Answer:** No, there is not a preference. As stated in the FOA (page 8), "Applicant and Collaborator can have appointment at the same institution of higher education."

Question: I attempted to contact Lisa Pizarro via email, but that was undeliverable. Has this been resolved?

> **Answer:** We will contact Lisa Pizzaro, but she is the correct person for any emails concerning the FOA.
> *The email address for Lisa in the FOA (page 39) is correct - lisa.pizarro.1@us.af.mil*

Question: Do proposed topics have to align with a specific section in the AFOSR BAA?

> **Answer:** As stated in the FOA (page 7), "your application should address the technical research areas outlined in the Services (Army Research Office [ARO], ONR, and AFOSR) broad agency announcements (BAA) by listing the BAA number (not the name of the BAA) and name of the selected research area."

Question: Can the collaborations be between universities from different eligible states, from different regions?

> **Answer:** Yes. As stated in the FOA (page 8), "while each member of the collaboration should be in a tenure-track appointment or tenured at IHE in DEPSCoR-eligible States/Territories, you do not need to be in the same state."

Question: In the funding announcement, page 9, it mentions there will be three (3) YIP awards per service (ARO, ONR, AFOSR). Can you elaborate? Are the due dates for the YIPs same as the traditional DEPSCoR?

>**Answer:** One component of DEPSCoR involved the augmentation of funds to the Services' Young Investigators Program (YIP). Each Service has autonomy over their YIP process, including the closing date for applications.

Question: Are the CVs for white paper submission limited to two pages total or two pages per person?

>**Answer:** For the white paper submission process (see page 16), the Applicant and Collaborator must submit a CV. <u>Both</u> team members should submit a two (2) page limit, single-sided curriculum vitae (two pages/person).

Question: Can proposal topics align with the other DoD basic research agencies (ARO, ONR, etc.)?

>**Answer:** As stated in the FOA (page 7), "your application should address the technical research areas outlined in the <u>Services</u> (Army Research Office [ARO], ONR, and AFOSR) broad agency announcements (BAA) by listing the BAA number (not the name of the BAA) and name of the selected research area."

Question: Does the Collaborator serve solely as a mentor or need to be assigned tasks?

>**Answer:** Page 8 of the FOA notes, "in addition to providing technical expertise to the project, the Collaborator is strongly encouraged to provide guidance and mentorship to the Applicant and the DOD application process." Also, in the evaluation criteria section of the FOA (page33), it states "Applicant and Collaborator qualifications and ability to perform the proposed research and the overall management approach will be considered when we evaluate the proposal."

Question: For DEPSCoR proposals, does the PI need to find some collaborators. Is single PI allowed?

>**Answer:** As stated in the FOA (page 2), "this funding opportunity aims to create basic research collaborations between a pair of researcher."

Question: How do you define the 7-year period? Start or end date of previous grant?

Answer: The timeframe for the 7-year period is <u>FY12 – FY19</u>.

Question: Is a NASA-funded PI considered a DoD-funded PI?

>**Answer:** No

Question: Since the deadline was 31 July can we still contact the BAA?

> **Answer:** No, the deadline for specific questions about the FOA was July 31.

Question: I mean program officers [see above question]

> **Answer:** While the deadline for questions about the DEPSCoR funding opportunity announcement was July 31, you *are* strongly encouraged to contact the Program Officers (POs) until the white paper submission deadline.

Question: Can we get a copy of the presentation?

> **Answer:** Yes. We will provide a copy of this presentation on the DEPSCoR webpage, under the DEPSCoR Structure/Collaborative DEPSCoR Competition section. Please visit the website - https://basicresearch.defense.gov/Pilots/DEPSCoR-Defense-Established-Program-to-Stimulate-Competitive-Research/

Question: You advised us to flesh out ideas with program officers. Could you tell us again who they are, or where this is found in the FOA?

> **Answer:** In the FOA (pages 7 and 8), we provided links to the three Services. You should visit their websites for "detailed technical information and goals for the Services," and review their BAA to determine which PO's portfolio would align with your technical area. Contact information for POs can be found in the Services BAA and/or website.

Question: Is DTRA considered a DoD program for the purposes of investigator eligibility and for research topics proposed in this BAA?

> **Answer:** For eligibility, the Collaborator/co-Principal Investigator must be a person who served as the Principal Investigator on a previously DoD-funded grant (within the last seven years). DTRA is a DoD-funding agency.
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> For the development of research topics, as stated in the FOA (page 7), "your application should address the technical research areas outlined in the Services (Army Research Office [ARO], ONR, and AFOSR) broad agency announcements (BAA) by listing the BAA number (not the name of the BAA) and name of the selected research area."