ADVANCED RESEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT
FA9453-19-S-0002
Air Force Research Laboratory/Space Vehicle Directorate

Amendment 2
15 Mar 2021

1. The following changes are hereby made to the above announcement.

a. ANNOUNCEMENT OVERVIEW:

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b. FULL TEXT ANNOUNCEMENT

(i) PARAGRAPH I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION(2)

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(ii) PARAGRAPH II. AWARD INFORMATION(5)

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(iii) PARAGRAPH IV. TWO-STEP SUBMISSION INFORMATION(1)

FROM:

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Dialogue between prospective Offerors and Government representatives is strongly encouraged. Any Offeror intending to submit a whitepaper in response to a topic area is encouraged to notify the Contracting Officer in advance. This is a Two-Step Process, full proposal will not be accepted or evaluated unless requested by the PCO. All communications should be in writing via email or letter correspondence.

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(iv) PARAGRAPH VII. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION(5)

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5. Pre-Award Clearance: Pursuant to FAR 22.805 Procedures, a pre-award clearance must be obtained from the U.S. Department Of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office Of Federal Contract Compliance Program's (OFCCP) prior to award of a contract (or subcontract) of $10,000,000 or more unless the Contractor is listed in OFCCP's National Pre-award Registry (https://ofccp.dol-esa.gov/preaward/pa_reg.html). This registry indicates that the Contractor has been found to be "in compliance" within the past two years with the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) regulations that the OFCCP is mandated to enforce. The registry is updated nightly and facilities reviewed more than two years ago are removed and new ones are added. Award may be delayed if the Offeror is not currently listed in the registry and the Contracting Officer must request a pre-award clearance from the OFCCP.

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2. All other ARA content remains unchanged. Offerors are encouraged to monitor, Contract Opportunities (https://beta.sam.gov/) for postings of amendments.