Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Hypobaric DCS Chamber Studies

1. DCS Symptom Determination. The DCS Study includes an EVA simulation involving repetitive tasks that may result in localized muscle or joint discomfort for subjects. **Will the Government provide standardized criteria or procedures for distinguishing symptoms associated with EVA task performance from potential Type I DCS symptoms to ensure consistent subject evaluation across facilities?**

   Yes, if more definition beyond what is in the SOW is needed during the training session, NASA will provide these criteria to all the facilities to assess symptoms in real-time for the determination of subject removal and treatment or test termination criteria. Separately, NASA also retrospectively will make an independent assessment after the data are delivered to NASA.

2. DCS treatment coverage. For proposal pricing purposes, could the Government clarify whether offerors should include the potential cost of hyperbaric medical treatment and associated medical care resulting from study participation in the DCS study? **If such treatment is required, should offerors assume those costs are the responsibility of the contractor, or will such costs be addressed separately by the Government?**

   This is directly addressed in the Statement of Work (SOW), please reference Attachment A-SOW, dated 7/15/2026.

3. **As a foreign entity, are we required to be registered in SAM.gov before proposal submission?**

   *No, but registration **is required** before award. Please reference 52.204-7 - System for Award Management.*