

BARDA releases BAA-18-100-SOL-00003

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) recently released the latest iteration of its solicitation seeking proposals for research and development (R&D) projects. BARDA is tasked with supporting development of medical countermeasures against public health threats where these needs are not currently addressed by industry and is looking for companies with innovative R&D results for potential programs/technologies that will help meet its goals.

New BAA Provisions

The 2018 BAA reflects BARDA's streamlined approach to acquisitions, with greater emphasis on cost sharing and program management policy changes. The major changes include:

1. **Cost sharing approach** – Cost sharing splits the investment risk between the contractor and the Government. Proposals need to include cost sharing where there is a likelihood of benefit to the company (e.g., commercial application) or explain why cost sharing isn't applicable.
2. **Earned Value Management System (EVMS) requirements changed** – Instead of an EVMS, BARDA now requires project management tools for cost, schedule, and scope management to track metrics and create deliverables. EVMS requirements are no longer explicitly stated, but the deliverables typically produced by an EVMS remain intact and the BAA leaves the door open for EVMS by allowing the Contracting Officer leeway to include EVMS if deemed necessary.
3. **Consolidation of previous BAAs** – The 2018 BAA consolidates three related BAAs into one document (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN); Influenza; and Strategic Science and Technology (SST)). One BAA format will help BARDA manage its R&D pipeline.
4. **Limitation on Government communication** – After submission of a White Paper or Full Proposal, all communication with the Government should only go through the assigned Contracting Officer. This requirement is unchanged, but it's the only part of the BAA presented in bold red lettering which makes it an obvious hot button item.

How TriVariant Can Help

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