

Request for Information (RFI)

DARPA-SN-10-73

New Technologies to Support Declassification

President Obama, within the Implementation of the Executive Order, "Classified National Security Information", December 29, 2009, directed the Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence to support research to assist the National Declassification Center in addressing the cross-agency challenges associated with declassification.

As described in the implementation of the Executive Order:

- "Promotion of new technologies to support declassification. Striking the critical balance between openness and secrecy is difficult but a necessary part of our democratic form of government. Striking this balance becomes more difficult as the volume and complexity of the information increases. Improving the capability of departments and agencies to identify still-sensitive information and to make declassified information available to the public are integral parts of the classification system."

The primary purpose of this RFI is to discover new technologies to support declassification. In order to meet this objective, DARPA extends an invitation to industry and universities to submit a whitepaper with ideas/concepts that describe feasible new technology or innovative existing technology approach. The whitepaper should include the following:

- A brief summary of the company/team including prior/alternate work, and the team's ability to support this work;
- An overview of the new technology or innovative existing technology approach;
- An explanation of how this new approach will assist the National Declassification Center in addressing the cross-agency challenges associated with declassification; and
- A rough order of magnitude on the cost to develop (not implement) this approach.

FORMAT

White papers should be in the following format:

- a) A one page cover sheet that identifies the contact information including the title, organization, responder's points of contact (names, addresses, phone number, and email addresses);
- b) Microsoft PowerPoint slides, not to exceed five slides, summarizing key aspects of the response; and
- c) Microsoft Word or PDF file, 12-point font, not to exceed five pages, describing the response.

SUBMISSION

Responses to this RFI should be submitted to DARPA-SN-10-73@darpa.mil. All RFI responses will be accepted starting 1200 noon (ET), 10 September 2010 through 1200 noon (ET), 10 October 2010. Please refer to the " New Technologies to Support Declassification" in all correspondence. All technical and administrative correspondence and questions regarding this announcement should also be submitted to the same email address.

DISCLAIMER

This is an RFI issued solely for information gathering purposes; this RFI does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. DARPA will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to this RFI. Submission of a white paper is not required to propose to Broad Agency Announcements or research announcements on this topic. **No classified information should be included in the RFI response.** Respondents are advised that DARPA is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind DARPA to any further actions related to this topic including requesting follow-on proposals from vendors responding to this RFI.

White paper submissions containing proprietary data should have the cover page and each page containing proprietary data clearly marked as containing "proprietary" data. It is the proposer's responsibility to clearly define to the Government what is considered proprietary data.

POINT OF CONTACT

Mr. Brian Eshenbrenner, Director Security and Intelligence, DARPA, Email DARPA-SN-10-73@darpa.mil. Any inquiries on this RFI must be submitted to this email. No telephone inquiries will be accepted.