

## 35.016 Broad agency announcement.

(a) *General.* This paragraph prescribes procedures for the use of the *broad agency announcement* (BAA) with Peer or Scientific Review (see [6.102\(d\)\(2\)](#)) for the *acquisition* of basic and *applied research* and that part of *development* not related to the *development* of a specific system or hardware *procurement*. BAA's may be used by agencies to fulfill their requirements for scientific study and experimentation directed toward advancing the state-of-the-art or increasing knowledge or understanding rather than focusing on a specific system or hardware solution. The BAA technique *shall* only be used when meaningful proposals with varying technical/scientific approaches can be reasonably anticipated.

(b) The BAA, together with any supporting documents, *shall*-

(1) Describe the agency's research interest, either for an individual program requirement or for broadly defined areas of interest covering the full range of the agency's requirements;

(2) Describe the criteria for selecting the proposals, their relative importance, and the method of evaluation;

(3) Specify the period of time during which proposals submitted in response to the BAA will be accepted; and

(4) Contain instructions for the preparation and submission of proposals.

(c) The availability of the BAA *must* be publicized through the *Governmentwide point of entry (GPE)* and, if authorized pursuant to [subpart 5.5](#), *may* also be published in noted scientific, technical, or engineering periodicals. The notice *must* be published no less frequently than annually.

(d) Proposals received as a result of the BAA *shall* be evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria specified therein through a peer or scientific review process. Written evaluation reports on individual proposals will be necessary but proposals need not be evaluated against each other since they are not submitted in accordance with a common work statement.

(e) The primary basis for selecting proposals for acceptance *shall* be technical, importance to agency programs, and fund availability. *Cost realism* and reasonableness *shall* also be considered to the extent appropriate.

(f) Synopsis under [subpart 5.2](#), Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions, of individual contract actions based upon proposals received under the BAA is not required. The notice published pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section fulfills the synopsis requirement.

**Parent topic:** [Part 35 - Research and Development Contracting](#)