

Additional Questions and Answers

Question 1

Are there any requirements for an offeror to form a consortium, rather than making a separate proposal? For example, is there any requirement for a university to have a commercial firm as a co-investigator? Conversely, is there any requirement for a commercial organization to have a university as a co-investigator?

Answer

Although the formation of consortia can be useful in the implementation of cooperative agreements, there is NO requirement for an offering organization to form a collaborative relationship with any specific organization.

Question 2

Are there any requirements for an offeror to undertake collaboration with any particular NASA Field Center in preference to others? Are there any requirements to involve only a single center? Conversely, are there any requirements to involve more than one center?

Answer

Cooperative agreement projects selected under the HTCI CAN will involve collaborative research and development activities with one or more NASA Field Centers (where NASA Field Centers includes the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) for purposes of the HTCI). It is anticipated that these potential relationships will be identified by the offeror so as to best accomplish the goals and objectives of the proposed project. However, there is NO requirement for an offeror to undertake collaboration with any particular NASA Field Center in preference to others.

Concerning involving more than one center: this is up to the offeror. As with consortia among non-NASA organizations, it is anticipated that involving the appropriate technical organizations and skills may involve more than a single Center. However, there is NO requirement to involve only a single center or to involve more than one center. The only requirement is that AT LEAST one NASA Field Center must be identified as a potential collaborator.

Also, please recall that NASA will make any final determination on how best to accomplish the proposed role of NASA in each project, consistent with the requirements of the project.