

Dynamic Tactical Targeting: Tactical Exercises and System Testing (DTT:TEST) FAQ

Q1: The restriction preventing tech people appearing in more than one proposal prevents people from offering capabilities to more than one team. This would appear to limit program access to certain capabilities by forcing people to make good predictions about winning teams. It also prevents individuals from contributing to different tech areas where this cross-over could be beneficial for linking approaches. Is this a hard restriction?

A1: Yes, this is a firm restriction. See the PIP.

Q2: Is teaming encouraged?

A2: Teaming is neither encouraged or discouraged. See the PIP.

Q3: Will the component technology developers and the system integrator have access to a version of, or remotely network with, the AFRL/SNAR testbed that can be run locally (i.e., the contractor's site) to support evaluation during development?

A3: Component technology developers should assume that the System Design and Integration contractor will provide unimpeded, remote access to their Integration Facility. See the PIP.

Q4: Can FFRDCs respond to the DTT BAA?

A4: Yes, if permitted by law (Public Law 103-337, SEC. 217, or Public Law 105-261 SEC. 3136) and the proposed effort is within the scope of their contract/agreement with the Government (See DFARS 235.017-1(c)(4) and FAR 35.017-1(c)).

Q5: Is there a target funding profile for the DTT:TEST program?

A5: Budgetary information will not be made available in the BAA; however, please note that the PIP does include guidance regarding estimated levels of effort for major research areas. Offerors are encouraged to structure their SOW into severable tasks, and to price each task separately, to facilitate negotiations in case the Government desires to fund partially any proposal.

Q6: What organization will be the Executive Agent?

A6: No "Executive Agent" has yet been identified for the DTT Program. However, at this point in time, AFRL/SN and AFRL/IR serve as DARPA's technical agents and technology transition partners.

Q7: How often is the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) portion of the website updated?

A7: We make every effort to update FAQs at the end of each business day, if any questions were received that day.

Q8: Will the the test facility provide the necessary hardware to host the DTT applications? If not, who is responsible for providing the hardware? Should the anticipated cost for hardware be included in the cost proposal?

A8: Proposers may assume that a dedicated, Government-furnished, Solaris-class computer will be available at the the ARC for classified experiments and evaluations. Proposers may assume that the System Design and Integration contractor will build and configure an Integration Facility consistent with the ARC resources.

Q9: We have an idea for a new sensor that could increase the effectiveness of DTT:TEST. Should we offer it in response to the DTT:TEST BAA?

A9: No, DTT:TEST addresses the use of existing sensors (both fielded and operational). It does not contemplate development of new sensors. However, IXO in general remains very interested in new sensor concepts, and welcomes exposure to new ideas. Contact rtenney@darpa.mil to find out how to pursue sensor-development initiatives.

Q10: What data will be available to support component-level development testing?

A10: The Government will supply a simulation environment to be included in the Integration Facility. Data from that simulation will be unclassified, and accessible to all developers for component testing.

Q11: What specific environmental conditions will be looked at?

A11: This depends entirely on the scenarios provided by our exercise partners.

Q12: What sensors will be used in the testing and evaluations?

A12: This depends entirely on the scenarios provided by our exercise partners, but include at least all sensors in the field now, and those in development for Air Force and Army applications.