

Innovative Safety, Resiliency, and All-Hazards Emergency Response and Recovery Research Demonstrations

FAQs

Question	Answer
Due to the partial Government Shutdown in October of 2013 and timing of the Thanksgiving Holiday, will the NOFA deadline be extended?	No, at this time there is no extension to the deadline of the NOFA planned.
What is the approximate date that the awards will be announced?	FTA anticipates announcing successful proposals in the Federal Register and on its Website in early 2014, after a thorough evaluation and selection process.
Are there any formatting or length requirements for a proposal which will be submitted under this NOFA?	No, all pertinent information regarding the project proposal should be articulated in the Supplemental Profile and attached the SF424 Form. The Supplemental Profile provides character limits in each applicable text box.
A specific timeframe for a completion of a demonstration is not specifically defined in the NOFA, is there an anticipated, or required timeframe for projects to be completed?	Competitive proposals will include a demonstration and a third-party assessment phase within a roughly two-year period.
The Supplemental Profile does not enable us to adequately represent diagrams that are critical to the proposal, what should I do?	Supporting documents such as drawings, extensive draft budgets, pictures or resumes may also be attached to the Supplemental Profile. Ensure that these documents are adequately addressed and referenced within the proposal and Supplemental Profile.
A specific text box to address a "Commercialization or Dissemination Plan" is not present in the Supplemental	Information addressing a "Commercialization or Dissemination Plan" should be appropriately discussed

<p>Profile. Should this information be attached as an appendix or was it decided that it is no longer needed for evaluation?</p>	<p>throughout the proposal and Supplemental Profile as applicable. If necessary, supplemental information may be attached to the SF424 Form along with the Supplemental Form.</p>
<p>Our proposal incorporates a communication system to link five emergency departments together with all the EMS systems in our area. Is this the type of project eligible under this NOFA?</p>	<p>Successful proposals will incorporate demonstrations that include the operation of existing public transportation operations.</p>
<p>The NOFA makes a distinction between FY 2012 and FY 2013 funds in terms of cost share. Since \$20.8m is without a minimum local match, a project could be theoretically funded without any match?</p>	<p>It is correct that FY 12 funds do not require 20% local contribution. However, it is strongly encouraged, for competitive purposes, that projects include a local match, whether it be cash or in-kind. If your project is incapable of including a local match, please make a concerted effort to explain these circumstances in the proposal. The FTA Administrator will ultimately choose which projects are funded and from which account.</p>
<p>The NOFA states that the third-party assessment team should not have "otherwise participated in the project". It seems that some involvement with the third-party in how data is collected and the collection itself may be necessary.</p>	<p>The third-party participant should not be a member of the project team, but included for possible oversight and/or feedback as well as performing a final assessment. This relationship does not preclude involvement throughout the project and demonstration for feedback as the demonstration might progress.</p>