Number	Question	Answer
1	Will Feedback be provided as White Papers are submitted or will it be held until after the September 30 close?	Feedback will be provided to submitters as White Papers are evaluated. Refer to Section 4.3 of the OA-24-01.
2	Do Proposers have to wait until the September 30 closing date to submit White Papers?	Proposers may submit a White Paper any time prior to the 9/30/2024 submission deadline. Refer to Section 2.1 of the OA-24-01.
3	With a due date of September 30, 2024, is this intended to be more market research, FY25 money, or some other consideration? Most OTA solicitations have a 2–4-week due date. Never seen one for 5 months out before and trying to gauge the reasoning and government intention.	The Open Announcement (OA) is modeled after a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). The OA is intended to be a rolling call for White Papers that do not align with other active DIBC Requests for White Papers (RWPs) with defined requirements. Proposed solutions should address the Problem Statement and follow the guidelines in the OA.
4	Is my organization limited to submitting just 1 White Paper in response to the Open Announcement?	Organizations are not limited to a single submission.
5	Being that the problem statement is not narrower, will multiple submissions on topics be permissible, assuming the different responses provide different solutions?	Yes, multiple submissions are acceptable.
6	What funding is available for the Open Announcement?	The amount of funding made available will depend on the proposed solutions received and the availability of Government funding. Refer to Section 4.1 of OA-24-01.
7	Is there a funding profile available per topic area?	No, this is not currently available.
8	Who will be reviewing the White Papers submitted in response to the Open Announcement?	The technical evaluators for each response will vary based on the Critical Sector(s)/Area(s) of Interest of the proposed solution. Refer to Section 4.1 of OA 24-01.
9	On page 1 through 2 of the problem statement for OA-24-01, there are criteria for the white paper to address to be considered for DPA Title III or IBAS funding. Is the proposer expected to specifically choose the funding method and directly address the criteria in the response or is this just guidance on how the government will be evaluating the response for funding?	The government will be evaluating the responses according to the evaluation criteria listed in section 4.1 of the OA-24-01. The first evaluation criteria states "Does the WP present a prototype solution (i.e., plans) that meets the requirements of the problem statement?" As such, you may want to consider addressing how your proposed solution relates to the DPA Title III and/or IBAS funding criteria in your response. If your WP is selected for award, the technical evaluators will determine which bucket of funding is applicable based on the proposed solution.
10	Will there be an industry day for this opportunity so the government can elaborate on their desired objectives? The problem statement is very vague, and we want to be sure to provide a worthwhile response that achieves their needs.	There is no industry day planned for the OA. The OA is intentionally broad to allow submitters to propose organic solutions in which the MCEIP office may be interested in investing. Proposed solutions should address the Problem Statement and follow the guidelines in the OA.