

Number	Question	Category	Response
1	Does automated post-processing and surface finishing of 3D printed polymer components (specifically vapor smoothing) constitute a qualifying manufacturing-side bounded production role under Topic 1 (Group 3 UAS/UAV) as described in the Statement of Need?	Technology	Yes, post-processing and surface finishing of additively manufactured polymer components may constitute a manufacturing-side bounded production role under Topic 1 if the respondent clearly explains how the capability supports Group 3 UAS/UAV production, component readiness, quality, durability, throughput, or related manufacturing scale-up objectives. Respondents should describe the specific production role, applicable component types, facility capability, process maturity, capacity, constraints, and relevance to Group 3 UAS/UAV systems.
2	The Statement of Need references Group 3 UAS/UAV systems specifically. We have documented experience applying vapor smoothing post-processing to UAV components for a hydrogen-powered unmanned aerial platform. If that platform does not formally classify as a Group 3 system, does adjacent UAV post-processing experience still support a credible Stage 1 submission under Topic 1?	Technology	Yes. Prior experience with adjacent UAV systems may support a Stage 1 submission if the respondent explains how the experience is transferable to Group 3 UAS/UAV systems or components. Respondents should identify the relevant materials, component types, process controls, quality outcomes, production volumes, and any technical similarities or differences between the prior UAV work and the proposed bounded role under Topic 1.
3	What is the timeframe in which they anticipate initiating a specific solicitation and allocating resources awards to manufacturing and design facilities expansion?	Award	Stage 1 is a discovery and screening activity and does not itself constitute a commitment to award, facility expansion funding, or a future solicitation. The Government may use Stage 1 information to inform potential Stage 2 prototype activities, follow-on activities, or other industrial base actions, subject to Government priorities, funding availability, acquisition strategy, and evaluation outcomes. Additional timing and award information will be provided through the appropriate DIBC/ATI channels if the Government proceeds to subsequent stages.
4	Attachment 3 (Stage 1 survey) states that "each submission should represent a single facility." The RFS (Section 1.0) and SON (Topic 1(i) and Topic 2(o)) identify "supplier-network support or orchestration," and the questionnaire offers a "Supplier-Network Coordinator" participation role. How should a respondent proposing a supplier-network coordination or orchestration solution, which by nature spans multiple facilities rather than a single one, complete the Stage 1 questionnaire?	Eligibility	A respondent proposing a supplier-network coordination or orchestration role should submit the questionnaire for the primary respondent entity and the primary location, office, or facility from which the coordination function would be performed. The respondent should select the applicable participation role, such as Supplier-Network Coordinator, and use narrative fields to describe the proposed network, the nature of the coordination function, relevant partner or supplier categories, and the respondent's ability to support DMRE objectives. Production facilities within the proposed network that seek independent consideration should submit separate Stage 1 questionnaires.
5	The questionnaire (Section 2) asks whether the respondent selected a manufacturing company type, which indicates that non-manufacturers may respond. Are engineering-services, integration, or supplier-network-coordination entities that do not operate a production facility eligible to submit in Stage 1, and if so, is a facility profile required of them?	Eligibility	Yes. Engineering-services providers, integrators, supplier-network coordinators, and other non-manufacturing entities may submit in Stage 1 if they can identify a credible role relevant to the DMRE objectives. Respondents that do not operate a production facility should complete the facility profile to the extent applicable for the location or office supporting the proposed role and may mark non-applicable production-capacity fields as not applicable. Such respondents should clearly describe their role, relevant capabilities, relationship to production facilities if any, and how their proposed contribution supports the applicable topic.

6	May a single respondent address both Topic 1 and Topic 2 in one coordinated submission (for example, a supplier-network orchestration role spanning both topics), or must a separate response be submitted for each topic?	Submissions	Respondents should submit one questionnaire per topic. A respondent that wishes to be considered for both Topic 1 and Topic 2 should submit separate Stage 1 questionnaires for each topic, even if the same entity, facility, or orchestration concept is involved.
7	Given the single-facility submission guidance, may a respondent submit a Stage 1 response on behalf of a team or coordinated group of facilities organized under one production-architecture or orchestration concept?	Submissions	A respondent may describe a proposed team, network, or production-architecture concept in its Stage 1 response, but the submission should still be anchored to the single respondent entity and the primary facility, office, or location represented in the questionnaire. Separate production facilities or entities seeking independent evaluation should submit separate Stage 1 questionnaires. The Government may consider team, network, or orchestration concepts as part of its assessment, but Stage 1 submissions should not aggregate multiple production facilities into a single facility profile.
8	Section 6.0 contemplates Stage 2 prototype awards to manufacturers, design owners, integrators, and "other entities determined relevant to exercise objectives." Are supplier-network coordination, orchestration, and network-architecture roles eligible for Stage 2 prototype award consideration, or is Stage 2 limited to manufacturing-side and design-side production roles?	Award	Supplier-network coordination, orchestration, and network-architecture roles may be considered for Stage 2 if the Government determines that the proposed role is relevant to DMRE objectives and can support a bounded prototype activity, deliverable, or evidence-generation requirement. Stage 2 is not limited solely to traditional manufacturing-side or design-side roles; however, any Stage 2 consideration will depend on evaluation results, Government requirements, funding availability, and the relevance of the proposed activity to the exercise.
9	The RFS (Section 1.0) and SON (Section 5.7) identify "CRMN-related planning" and "development of a CRMN plan" as intended outputs of the exercise. What is industry's role in supporting the architecture and orchestration of the DMRE and CRMN planning? Is CRMN planning, architecture, or operating-model development eligible as a prototype solution under this RFS, or will that work be performed solely by the Government or the CMO using evidence generated by exercise participants?	Definitions	Industry participants may support DMRE and CRMN-related planning by providing evidence, data, facility and network information, constraints, proposed production approaches, teaming concepts, readiness assumptions, and other information generated through the exercise. The Government and its supporting organizations will use that information to inform CRMN-related planning and operating concepts. A respondent may propose an architecture, orchestration, or operating-model role if it is tied to a bounded DMRE production, readiness, or evidence-generation objective. This RFS is not intended as a standalone request for general CRMN consulting services disconnected from the Topic 1 or Topic 2 production ecosystems.
10	Will the Government provide reference scenarios, demand signals, or notional requirements (e.g., target quantities, production rates, or surge objectives) for the Group 3 UAS/UAV family and munitions wiring harness/connector topics to frame Stage 1 responses, or should respondents state their own planning assumptions?	Proposal Topic	For Stage 1, respondents should provide their current and potential capabilities, capacity, constraints, lead times, and assumptions based on the information requested in the questionnaire and the applicable topic description. Respondents may state any planning assumptions used to frame their response. The Government will provide additional scenarios, demand signals, notional quantities, or other planning assumptions in later stages if needed to support prototype activities, validation, or exercise objectives.

11	For Topic 1 and Topic 2, will the Government identify specific platform families, systems, or representative item/part classes of interest, or is scope intentionally left open for respondents to define a bounded production role? If open, does the Government have a preferred level of granularity for describing a "bounded role"?	Proposal Topic	The scope is intentionally structured to allow respondents to identify credible bounded roles within the Topic 1 and Topic 2 ecosystems. Respondents should describe their proposed role at a level of granularity sufficient for the Government to understand what the respondent can produce, support, integrate, test, inspect, coordinate, or scale. A strong response should identify the relevant component, subsystem, process, service, facility, equipment, materials, workforce, capacity, lead times, dependencies, constraints, and relationship to the applicable topic.
12	Must a respondent hold DIBC membership at the time of Stage 1 submission, or only prior to a Project Sub Agreement award? What is the typical membership timeline and any fee?	Eligibility	Please see section 1.2 of the RFS. For Stage 1, respondents are not required to be DIBC members. There are no fees to join DIBC, and we encourage non-members to apply for membership at their earliest convenience. Please visit the following URL to learn more: https://www.dibconsortium.org/how-to-join/
13	The RFS cover page lists Attachment 2 (Warranties and Representations) as "submit in Stage 1" but the Attachment Submission Note and 2.2 state the Stage 1 response consists solely of the AMP questionnaire, with no supplemental documents unless expressly requested. Is the Warranties and Representations form required at initial questionnaire submission, or only upon selection/award-readiness?	Submissions	Only the AMP questionnaire is required for Stage 1 submission. Attachment 2, Warranties and Representations, is not required at the initial Stage 1 questionnaire submission unless expressly requested by ATI/DIBC or the Government at a later stage. This has been clarified with Amendment 01 to the RFS, issued 07/08/2026
14	Will a representative Project Sub Agreement (including data-rights, intellectual property, and payment terms) be available for review before respondents commit to Stage 2?	General Questions	A copy of the DIBC Base Agreement can be provided upon request by emailing DIBC.contracts@ati.org which contains the overarching terms and conditions such as cost type, invoicing, data right categories etc. which will be applicable to a Project Sub Agreement (PSA). Stage 1 submission does not require a respondent to execute a PSA or commit to Stage 2 participation. If selected for Stage 2, a draft copy of the PSA can be provided upon request after an organization is issued a request for cost proposal, if applicable.
15	For Stage 2, does the Government anticipate a single prototype award, one award per topic, or multiple/team-based awards, and would a team be structured under a single prime Project Sub Agreement or multiple PSAs?	Award	The Government may make one or more Stage 2 prototype awards, including awards by topic, role, facility, team, or other structure determined appropriate for the exercise objectives. The final award structure, including whether a team is organized under a single prime Project Sub Agreement or multiple Project Sub Agreements, will depend on evaluation results, acquisition strategy, funding availability, and Government requirements. No specific number or structure of Stage 2 awards is guaranteed.
16	If a respondent intends to address both Topic 1 and Topic 2, should it submit separate questionnaires per topic (similar to the single-facility, separate-submission guidance), or a single combined response?	Submissions	Respondents should submit one questionnaire per topic. A respondent seeking consideration under both Topic 1 and Topic 2 should submit separate Stage 1 questionnaires for each topic.
17	Please confirm the 36-month proposal-validity certification in the Stage 1 questionnaire applies only to the screening information provided, and does not bind respondents to hold capacity, pricing, or teaming arrangements for 36 months.	General Questions	The 36-month validity certification applies to the respondent's Stage 1 submission information for purposes of Government review and potential consideration in later DMRE-related activities. It does not require a respondent to hold capacity, pricing, teaming arrangements, or business commitments unchanged for 36 months. Respondents should notify ATI/DIBC or the Government if material information in their submission changes.