

Number	Question	Category	Response
1	What is the envisioned scale for this project? Is the intent to target commercial-scale production (e.g., >10,000 tons per year), or is there a specific target scale required for proposals?	General Questions	There is no intended target scale. The DoW is interested in demonstration/pilot and commercial scale.
2	The RPP references budget tiers between \$100–\$500 million and over \$500 million. Will proposals for smaller projects under \$100 million be considered?	Eligibility	Yes.
3	In addition to alloys, do eligible finished products include ceramic materials, such as battery cathode active materials produced from critical minerals (e.g., lithium, phosphate, nickel, cobalt)?	Technology	The proposal must at minimum address production of at least one of the in-scope mineral commodities titanium, indium, manganese, and magnesium and/or their value-added material forms. Additional co-product that is not one of the primary in-scope commodities can be considered for funding as part of the overall project, but only if the project addresses one of the in-scope commodities.
4	Section 2.0 identifies indium, magnesium, manganese, and titanium as in-scope commodities and states that project solutions must address at least one of these. The same section also notes that the list "is not representative of all minerals deemed critical by the Government." Would a project solution addressing domestic gold and silver processing capability be considered responsive under this RPP, or is the four-commodity list a firm eligibility requirement for Phase 1 evaluation? We ask because Executive Order 14241 (March 20, 2025) includes gold within its definition of "mineral" for purposes of expanding domestic mineral production, and our proposed capability addresses AOI 3 (metal production, refining, and upscaling) and AOI 5 (recycling and recovery).	Eligibility	<See answer to question 3>
5	Does the Government have a preferred Technology Readiness Level (TRL) range for proposed projects under this RPP?	General Questions	The Government has no preferred TRL range for the RPP
6	Is there a suggested project cost or period of performance the Government is targeting?	General Questions	No.
7	Can an EU-based industrial company / project location be considered under RPP-CM-26-02 if the project demonstrates a clear contribution to the U.S. Defense Industrial Base through U.S. downstream customers, offtake partners or supply-chain integration?	Eligibility	Yes.

8	Are letters of intent, offtake discussions or technical qualification activities with U.S. semiconductor / defence customers helpful for demonstrating DIB relevance at Phase 1 Quad Chart stage?	Submissions	Submitters are welcome to reference letters of intent, offtake discussions, and technical qualification activities in the supply chain integration section of the requested quad chart.
9	Would an Indium-led project be permitted to include additional critical mineral co-products (e.g., Germanium), provided at least one in-scope mineral under the RPP is produced?	Eligibility	Yes
10	For AOI 1 (Raw mineral sourcing and beneficiation), does IBP have a preferred or ideal proposal value range, and is there a preferred or expected cost-share contribution from the Consortium Member for projects in this AOI?	General Questions	No.