

TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

a. General

1. The Government will make awards to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposals provide the best value to the Government, cost and other factors considered, including the provisions of FAR 19.1103. For this solicitation, the technical proposal shall receive paramount consideration in the selection of the contractor(s). The evaluation will be based on the demonstrated capabilities of the prospective offerors in relation to the evaluation criteria as set forth herein. Each proposal must document the feasibility of successful implementation of the requirements of the BAA.
2. The estimated cost of an offer must be reasonable for the tasks to be performed, and, in accordance with FAR 15.305, will be subject to a cost realism analysis by the Government.
3. All technical proposals will undergo evaluation by a peer review group also known as the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP).
4. Final selection of awards will depend upon the availability of funds, scientific priority, and program balance, which the NCI determines to exist at the time of award selection.
5. Offerors are reminded that the Technical Approach is evaluated within the context of "contribution and relevance to this program." For example, even though a proposal provides a clear, comprehensive technical plan for achieving a particular objective, if the plan is NOT within the context of the goals of this program, it will receive a low technical score regardless of the technical feasibility of the technical approach.

b. Technical Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria are used by the Technical Evaluation Panel when reviewing the technical proposals. The criteria below are listed in relative importance with weights assigned for evaluation purposes.

Evaluation Factor Weight		Weight
a.	Potential contribution and relevance to the NCI Best Case Series Program	60%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance, as presented in the proposal, to the technical objectives as outlined in BACKGROUND AND TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES SECTION, including the relevance to the Solicitation Objectives and Technical Challenges presented in the TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES section. • Significance • Innovation, level of innovation within the context of the goals of the NCI Best Case Series Program. • Intervention 	
b.	Technical Approach	20%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit of the technical plan within the context of the goals of the NCI Best Case Series Program. • Appropriateness of the technical milestones and proposed time frame for completion. • Feasibility of the overall Approach • Partnership • Transition plan 	
c.	Offeror's capabilities	20%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigator, suitability of the Principal Investigator's training, record of innovation, time commitment and project leadership experience. • Suitability of the qualifications and time commitments of the members of the proposed project team. • Suitability of the proposed management structure. • Suitability of the research Environment. 	