



**STTR 25.D Q&A Telecon Transcript  
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- SOCOM25D-001: Active Index Matching for Micro-optics (AIMM)

**SBIR Process Timeline**

December 04, 2024: Topic issued for pre-release

January 08, 2025: USSOCOM begins accepting proposals via DSIP

January 22, 2025: DSIP Topic Q&A closes to new questions at 12:00 p.m. ET

February 05, 2025: Deadline for receipt of proposals no later than 12:00 p.m. ET

1. **What is the preferred display technology?** We do not dictate a specific technology in terms of the display. As we put out in the description, we are looking for something that is power efficient and has good transmission to avoid some downfalls for usability.
2. **When do you expect to execute a contract for performance?** Our team tries to complete the evaluation within 30 days of the closing of the RFP, and we try to have the awards 30-90 days after the evaluation has been completed.
3. **What role do certifications (e.g., SDVOSB, DBE) play in the selection process for STTR awards?** They do not play a role in selection as we do not make determinations for particular set asides. All STTRs are open to all US based small businesses.
4. **For the business, however, how will key personnel certification be used in the evaluation portion?** I don't know that certifications are necessarily something that would be looked at in the evaluation portion, but you can include them for key personnel.
5. **Can you provide any details on the type of conclusions from phase one? Format of research results?** Please refer to the announcement, as there is a good description of phase one on there.
6. **What specific criteria will be used to evaluate the feasibility and commercialization potential of proposals in Phase I and Phase II?** Evaluation criteria is discussed in USSOCOM instructions.
7. **As noted in the instruction, the SBC and its subcontractors must perform all research or R&D work in the US. How close to SOCOM must the workers be?** I don't think there's any proximity or relationship requirements with SOCOM.
8. **Is there an acceptable amount of support a non-US company can give a US STTR awardee?** The companies or places funded must primarily be in the US or exclusively in the US. There is not an acceptable amount of support.
9. **Is there a specific NAICS in SAMs that potential small businesses must meet? If so, what NAICS? For example, NAICS 541990.** Yes, the SBC must be registered in SAM with NAICS 41715.
10. **Will the government allow a phase in approach to employment supporting this effort?** Phase one is the feasibility study, so I would say you won't need as much effort as a phase two. All phases of SBIR and STTR work are for US only companies.

Please submit any additional questions to the DSIP tool [here](#). Questions are typically answered within seven days.

