



Question: Does bibliography or reference list count in 10 page limit?

Answer: No. They can be put in an Appendix.

Question: Per the instructions, we recognize a four month budget is required; however, on p.13 there is a two month option period. Is a budget for this two month budget period required as well?

Answer: Contractors should supply a base period of 4 months and a 2 month option period as separate cost line items, but each should follow the guidelines in Section 3 by supplying the labor hours, labor categories and the fully burdened rates for each.

Question: In light of the RFP's emphasis on multi-disciplinary perspectives, can you please clarify whether subcontracts are allowable to enable relevant organizations to submit a joint proposal?

Answer: As long as the PI is leading, subcontracts are allowable.

Question: Can you please clarify the desired expertise and backgrounds of key personnel for the project? References to desired qualifications and staffing on pages 9 and 15 appear to provide somewhat different guidance.

Answer: Please refer to Section 3 - Management Approach on subcontracting guidelines.

- It is expected that the PI/Project Lead be an Informatics expert, and it is strongly preferred that they are a PhD or MD.
- It is desired that this be a multidisciplinary team, and strongly encouraged that at least one of the team members (lead, or additional two FTEs) have a clinical background.