

Questions/Answers #3: February 18, 2011

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Q1: In the "3. Classification and Evaluation of Proposals" in "Part I - General Information" of the guidelines document, I have a question about the "references" alluded to in this section:

"3.3 Completeness of Proposals.Submitted responses may not include references to information located elsewhere, such as Internet Web sites or libraries, unless specifically requested...."

Does this refer to ANY reference, i.e. even to journal articles used for "Background" information on the problem statement?

A: It is acceptable to indicate the bibliography for developing a proposal. The intent of the requirement that reference to material located elsewhere not be included is to insure that the proposal is a stand-alone document that can be read and understood without having to refer to material at another location.

In this way, any material that the proposer wants MDOT to understand and consider while scoring the proposal must be in the proposal document.