

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### I. Full Application Phase Questions:

#### Q1. WE HAVE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING DE FOA 0002784 - EXPLORATORY TOPIC I.

1. THE FOA MENTIONS ON PAGE 143 UNDER INTRODUCTION THAT THE TEAM WILL HOST A FIELD DAY EVENT IN FALL 2024. HOWEVER, THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE 12 MONTHS STARTING FROM SPRING/SUMMER 2024. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DOE CAN EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT WHEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT, THE SELECTED TEAM WILL BE EXPECTED TO HOST THIS EVENT.
2. ARE CURRENT NEXTCAR-II TEAM LEAD ORGANIZATIONS ALLOWED TO BE PARTNERS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

#### ANSWER

1. The Field Day event is tentatively planned for Fall 2024. A full 12 months has been provided for the period of performance to allow sufficient time following the Field Day to compile testing results, including the preparation of a final report (see Section 2.C.4 of the FOA).

2. The selected Applicant will necessarily be working with the NEXTCAR Phase II lead organizations in order to plan and execute the Field Day. Therefore, NEXTCAR Phase II lead organizations are not eligible to be listed as subrecipients on the proposed project for this FOA.

#### Q2. COULD YOU EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THIS SUBMISSION CONSIDERING THAT INTERESTED PROPOSERS MIGHT NEED MORE TIME GIVEN THE NEED FOR CLARIFICATIONS SUCH AS WE ARE SEEKING?

**ANSWER:** Per the cover page of the FOA, the deadline to submit applications is 9:30 AM ET, April 10, 2024.