



U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Containing the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill: An Overview of the Proposal Process for Small Businesses

I. BP Process

BP has received more than 80,000 ideas on how to stop the flow of oil or contain the oil spill since the Gulf of Mexico incident began.

- Company proposals should be submitted in one of two categories: (1) ideas and (2) developed products and services.
- To submit alternative response technology, services or products, **call (281) 366-5511**. Each caller to the Houston suggestion line will have their details entered into the Horizon Call Center database. The database will then send the caller a simple form, termed either the **Alternative Response Technologies** form, or the **Products and Services** Form, for them to set out the details of their idea.
- The forms are available online at: www.horizedocs.com. (A sample form can be found below. The forms must be filled out and submitted online).
- After the caller completes and submits the form, it is sent for review by a team of 30 technical and operational personnel who will review its technical feasibility and application. Given the quantity of the proposals and the detail in which the team investigates each idea, the technical review can take some time.

(1) If you have an **idea** to contain the spill or clean it up, please submit this form on-line:

Alternative Technology Response Form

This form is to be used **ONLY** if you wish to submit an Idea or Alternate Response Technology for containing the Source or Spill in support of the Deepwater Horizon Incident. An attachment containing technical details can be included with the form. If more than one attachment is required, they must be compressed into a single zip file.

If you have Products, Services and/or Equipment you wish to make available for either containing the Source or Spill, please use the Products / Services / Equipment Information Sheet on the previous page. An attachment containing technical details can be included with the form. If more than one attachment is required, they must be compressed into a single zip file.

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Contact Information (* indicates required information)

First Name*:	<input type="text"/>	Last Name*:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>	State*:	<input type="text" value="Select a State"/>	or Country (If Not in U.S.):	<input type="text"/>
Primary Phone*:	<input type="text"/>	Other Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Email*:	<input type="text"/>
This is a solution for the:		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Spill <input type="radio"/> Source			

Brief Description of Technology (200 words or less)

Materials Required (50 words or less)

Equipment Required (50 words or less)

Expertise Required – including description and numbers (100 words or less)

Attachments - Size Limit: 2MB (NOTE: if you have more than One (1) attachment, you MUST ZIP before uploading File:

- (2) If you have an already **developed product or service** to contain the spill or clean it up, please submit this form on-line:

Product / Service / Equipment Information Sheet

This form is to be used ONLY if you wish to submit Products, Services and/or Equipment in support of the Deepwater Horizon Incident. The Products, Services and/or Equipment form implies they are commercially available and you have these immediately available, including experienced implementation resources.

If you have an Idea OR Alternate Response Technology for either containing the Source or Spill, please use the Alternate Responses Technology form on the previous page.

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Contact Information (* indicates required information)

First Name*: Last Name*: Date:
Company: State*: or Country (If Not in U.S.): ZIP:
Primary Phone*: Other Phone: Email*:

Brief Description of Product (200 words or less)

Brief Description of Service (200 words or less)

Brief Description of Equipment (200 words or less)

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II. Federal Process

In addition to submitting proposals to stop the flow of oil or contain the oil spill through BP, the federal government also has an avenue for the submission of such proposals.

- **The Interagency Alternative Technology Assessment Program** workgroup (IATAP), established by the National Incident Commander for the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, has established a process for collecting and reviewing oil spill response solutions from scientists and vendors.

To submit a suggestion, visit www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com click on the suggestions tab and follow these steps:

1. Go to the [FedBizzOps Deepwater Horizon Response](#) page.
2. Open the most current Amendment (Amendment #1 as of June 4, 2010) that contains BAA synopsis.
3. Read the BAA synopsis.
4. If submitting a BAA white paper, click on the link on page 3 of the BAA synopsis. The link follows the words: "Offerors shall respond to this BAA by electronically submitting a White Paper at"
5. Fill out the online form and attach BAA white paper as per synopsis.
6. Click Submit.

What happens to these suggestions?

The IATAP and the RDC will screen and triage submissions based on technical feasibility, efficacy and deployability.

Additional Information

Individuals submitting suggestions shall respond to this BAA by electronically submitting a White Paper at www.homeport.uscg.mil/RDC-BAA-DHR. All contractual and technical questions regarding this BAA must sent in writing to RDC-BAA-DHR@uscg.mil. FAQs will be periodically posted at <http://www.homeport.uscg.mil/RDC-BAA-DHR-FAQ>.