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Questions and Answers

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1. When speaking to USAID officers in Lima it was clear that the vast majority of USAID projects are either managed via national governments or go through a procurement process that involves tendering to a specification. In this context, the Colombia Alliance Program would seem to be somewhat of an exception in that it is an open call for proposals.

Is this approach really as rare as was implied by your colleagues here, or are there actually many examples? If it is a method that is commonly used, I'd be keen to be able to identify calls in Latin America under the broad themes of climate change and poverty alleviation. Are you able to make any suggestions?

The APS is indeed an open call for concept papers, but there are Areas of Focus in Section III that specify programs for which we are requesting applications.

2. After a proposal is submitted, how long does it take you to fulfill the whole technical evaluation process and let the organization know about the outcomes of it?

Due to the high volume of concept papers received, it may take several weeks for an applicant to receive a response.

3. Before making the last decision on the approval or no of a proposal, are you allowed to write or to make any suggestions to the applicant organization?

Communication with applicants during the life of the APS is limited to responses to concept paper submissions, full applications (when requested), and answers to questions (such as this document, that are posted on www.grants.gov).

4. Once a proposal is approved, does USAID train the recipient organizations in any aspect regarding to a specific management policy and/or to a countable policy for proposal execution that the recipient organization must keep in mind?

Any organization receiving an award will be provided with instructions and will have the opportunity to ask questions in a kick-off meeting with USAID. The Agreement Officer's Technical Representative, Financial Management and Office of Acquisition and Assistance will always be available to answer questions.

5. After a proposal is submitted, how long does it take you fulfill the whole technical evaluation process and let the organization know about the outcomes of it?

See the answer to questions No. 2.

* Due to the new closing date of this APS, now June 15, 2011, no further questions will be considered.



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