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To all Offerors/Bidders

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9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

USAID-RDMA-486-09-018-RFA

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9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
05-11-2009

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,
 IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X) A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☒ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this RFA amendment is to provide answers to questions received regarding this RFA. These are detailed in Attachment A of this Amendment.

All other terms and conditions indicated in the RFA issued on May 11, 2009 remain unchanged.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

Craig Riegler
 Regional Agreement Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

5/27/09

ATTACHMENT A:

Q&A

USAID-RDMA-486-09-018-RFA

Greater Mekong Subregion – Responses to Infectious Diseases (GMS-RID)

Q.1. Are non-US non-governmental organization eligible to apply for this grant either alone or by working as a subsidiary of a US organization?

A.1. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) to support U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and/or a consortia to support regional and country-based infectious disease programs. This award will permit the recipient to carry out activities on a region-wide basis and/or in all of the following countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS): Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and possibly Burma in the future.

Q.2. If read narrowly, the RFA could be understood to mean that an NGO might have to be an “incorporated entity” in order to apply. Is this the case, or is it meant to broaden the definition of an NGO to also include incorporated entities?

A.2. It isn't a requirement that the NGO is an incorporated entity.

Q.3. According to Key Staffing Plan, Section B, Page 13, the basic requirements of the Chief of Party (COP) and Infectious Disease Advisor positions can be met by someone without an advanced degree in public health or a related field, provided that person has the relevant experience.

However, under Key Personnel in Section C, Page 25, both positions list a qualification of a Graduate Degree.

Must the candidate have a graduate degree, or can a number of years of relevant experience be substituted? If experience can be substituted, will there be a point deduction for not having a graduate degree?

A.3. Section B-Selection Criteria – II. Key Staff and Staffing Plan part A to read as follows:

A. The application demonstrates that core technical staff possess a breadth and depth of technical expertise and experience in management, design and implementation of complex ID programs, particularly for API, malaria, TB, and other program components outlined in the RFA. In addition, key staff should possess the following (15 points):

a. Chief of Party

The Chief of Party (COP) will be responsible for overall planning and management of activities under this cooperative agreement. The COP is primarily responsible for facilitating senior level policy and technical dialogue with the Ministries of Health (MoHs), other Ministries and International Partners. S/he will also assist USAID/RDMA with effective use and coordination of USAID resources.

Qualifications:

- Graduate degree in public health, public administration, health finance, health economics or related health disciplines.
- Minimum of 10 years experience implementing and/or evaluating public health programs in less-developed countries.
- Demonstrated success at providing technical assistance to a developing country MoH(s). Preference in descending order for experience in the GMS, Southeast Asia, a low-income country, other developing countries.
- Recent, prior experience in the management of a long-term health technical assistance program of similar nature and scope, including negotiating work plans, interfacing with donors, ministries, other development partners; developing terms of reference, identifying technical assistance sources, and ensuring high quality.

- Skills and experience anticipated in some combination of the following: negotiation, advocacy, health policy development and strategic planning, information management, public health human resources, decentralization of health systems and local health planning, managing community participation, health care quality improvement, and technical areas of IDs.
- Ability to provide effective guidance and oversight to the technical members of the local team and short-term technical consultants.
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal and cross-cultural skills.
- Excellent communications skills, both oral and written in English and, preferably, in one or more of the local languages of the GMS countries.

b. Infectious Disease Advisor

The Infectious Disease Advisor will be responsible for providing technical direction to activities under this cooperative agreement. The ID Advisor is primarily responsible for providing technical strategy development for infectious disease activities and initiatives; providing technical backstopping in monitoring and evaluation, epidemiology and the collection and analysis of data; and staying abreast of and contributing to the state-of-the-art in issues concerning API, malaria, TB and emerging diseases.

Qualifications:

- Graduate degree in medicine, nursing, public health
- Minimum of 10 years experience implementing and/or evaluating public health programs in less-developed countries.
- Demonstrated success at providing technical assistance to a developing country MoH(s). Preference in descending order for experience in the GMS, Southeast Asia, a low-income country, other developing countries.
- Skills and experience anticipated in technical areas of IDs, in particular, API, malaria and/or TB.
- Excellent communications skills, both oral and written in English and, preferably, in one or more of the local languages of the GMS countries.

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