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Question 1: Will it be possible to put forward a proposal that only focuses on Southeast Asian Countries, for less than the award ceiling, or do we need to provide training across all the countries/regions identified in the NOFO (inclusive of India, South Africa, Kenya, Egypt, Turkey, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, and Peru)? Although it says only one award will be made, is it possible for us to work with a different implementer who would focus on the non-East Asian regions of the world?

DOS Response: As stated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, only one award, with one primary recipient will be issued for this opportunity. The primary recipient may propose to use implementing partners or sub-recipient (subject to Department of State approval) as described in Paragraph E1: Criteria in Section E: Application Review Information.

E1. Criteria

The Department of State will issue an award to the applicant whose proposal represents the best value to the U.S. Government based on technical merit, efficient use of U.S. Government funds, and satisfactory organizational capacity. In addition, the organization must demonstrate adequate financial management capability to be measured by a responsibility determination.

Applications should contain the applicants' best terms from both cost and technical standpoints. The implementing partners (sub-recipients) of the primary recipient will be subject to Department of State approval.

Eligible applications will be evaluated by an independent review panel consisting of subject matter experts from other DOS bureaus/or offices, U.S. Embassies, and/or other U.S. Government agencies. Final approval resides with the DOS Grants Officer.

The decision for the final eligibility and award determination rests with the Grants Officer.