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NOFO Qs & As

Q1. For Line of Effort #1: On p.7-8 of the NOFO, could you please clarify ISN's expectations regarding "This Phase may include several weeks of SME consultations (remote or in-person) in addition to deliveries of both workshops"? Are these consultations with experts to prepare the materials for the workshops, or consultations conducted by experts with the Government of Indonesia?

A1. Consultations conducted by experts with the Government of Indonesia (GoI) are expected. Depending on when these occur, they can inform the workshop(s).

Q2. For Line of Effort #1: On p.8 of the NOFO, "Phase Three" involves one or two study tours. Does ISN/ECC have any geographic preference for these study tours, and does it have to be in the region?

A2. ISN/ECC is open to suggestions, given due consideration to relative advantages of different locations such as proximity, existing ties/relationships, legal/regulatory similarities, comparable risks, etc.

Q3. For Line of Effort #1: If EXBS and applicant determine that a second study tour to a location with a more mature FDI screening system is required, would additional funds be made available?

A3. The applicant should propose an approach which meets project objectives under the specified budget. There is no certainty that additional funds could be provided to this effort.

Q4. For Line of Effort #1: Will the Recipients receive outreach and contact support from the U.S. Government to ensure they reach and are able to speak with and train the appropriate audiences within the Government of Indonesia?

A4. Yes.

Q4. For Line of Effort #1: Are applicants allowed to reach out to existing contacts within the Government of Indonesia to discuss specific activities, when developing this proposal?

A4. Applicants must follow the guidelines outlined in the NOFO pertaining to foreign assistance and acquisition/procurement guidelines, including not creating the expectation or impression of committing the applicant or the U.S. Government to specific activities to the GOI. Unauthorized commitments are agreements that may not legally bind the government solely because the representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into such an agreement on behalf of the U.S. Government.

Q5. Page 5 of the NOFO: Could you please explain what are the other EXBS FDI programs with the Government of Indonesia that the Line of Effort must integrate with?

A5. ISN/ECC cannot share additional details. In general, we seek to execute assistance that is complementary across our implementers, including the execution of events within a logical sequence or occasionally coinciding in time so as to deliver the most value with the greatest efficiency to our Indonesian partners. The applicant should be prepared to work with ISN/ECC to meet project objectives while also striving for complementarity with other programming. Any awardee will not be expected to take instruction from any other EXBS implementer.