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Solicitation Number: 72038818REoI01

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Due date to submit EoI: November 27, 2017

17:00 Bangladesh time

Title: USAID's Promoting Advocacy and Rights (PAR) Activity

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The United States Agency for International Development in Bangladesh (USAID/Bangladesh) seeks to invest in people, networks and institutions to make democracy in Bangladesh more accountable, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of its citizens. USAID/Bangladesh is interested in supporting vibrant civil society organizations (CSO) active in advocating for rule of law, human and other democratic rights enshrined in the constitution and international commitments of the Government of Bangladesh. Civil society includes a broad range of organizations such as, advocacy groups, service providers, community based organizations, local government associations, labor unions, business/professional associations, media, think tanks and other independent research institutions.

USAID's intent is to fund a new five year program to support CSOs, encourage sectoral and cross-sectoral collaboration and partnerships, jointly advocating for improved governance and other reforms. USAID will support platforms, tools and initiatives that enable CSOs to advocate more effectively for transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to citizens' needs that will lead to improved good governance practices. The activity will also pay attention to the inclusion of women, youth, and minorities.

The purpose of this notice is to identify potential partners to implement a five year project entitled "Promoting Advocacy and Rights" (PAR), jointly funded by USAID and UK's Department for International Development (DFID). Organizations responding to this notice will receive a Notice of Funding Opportunity "NOFO" with problem statement for the proposed PAR activity, so that they can develop and submit a full technical and cost application. Interested parties can expect to receive the NOFO o/a December 7, 2017. All national and international organizations, including research institutions, and universities are eligible to apply. No further notice for Expressions of Interest

and related solicitation will be made. An expression of interest for this activity must be submitted in response to this call, by the date and time specified above.

Instructions for the EOI submission:

1. This Notice for Expressions of Interest will remain open for 10 calendar days from the date of issuance.
2. EOIs must be submitted electronically via e-mail to Agreement Officer, Abdullah Akbar at abakbar@usaid.gov with a copy to Acquisition and Assistance Specialists Ildiko Huhn at ihuhn@usaid.gov and Mohammed Ahsanur Rahman at marahman@usaid.gov by the date and time specified above.
3. An Expression of Interest must contain the following information:
 - Name of the Organization
 - Organization Type
 - Organization Address
 - Information on Point of Contact (name, address, email, and phone number)
 - Government of Bangladesh Non-Government Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) registration status (if applicable)
4. Partner Information (if any) should include information for each partner as requested above.

No other information will be considered in response to this Notice.

Interested parties responding to this EOI should insert the following subject line in their e-mail message: **"EOI: Promoting Advocacy and Rights"**.

USAID/Bangladesh encourages interested parties to submit an EOI through diverse consortiums, and strongly discourages exclusive partnerships or arrangements that will limit the ability of local NGOs to participate in multiple applications.

Issuance of this notice does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in preparation or submission of an interest or an application. Please be advised that all preparation and submission costs incurred through an expression of interest are at the interested party's expense.

Thank you for your interest in USAID's programs.

Sincerely,



Abdullah Akbar
Agreement Officer