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REFERENCE: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) Number - RFA-OAA-17-000007 - Energy Utility Partnership Program (EUPP) – **PRE-RFA**

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 02

DATE: March 1, 2017

Dear Potential Recipients:

The purpose of this amendment is to issues responses to questions from potential recipients.

Please see page 2 for answers to questions posed by potential recipients.

Thank you for your continued interest in working with USAID.

Sincerely,

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PRE-RFA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1. The pre-solicitation lists 6 programmatic objectives for the EUPP to address. Based on the utility assessments in target countries, does USAID see any objective/s to be of higher priority than others? Would the proposed approach/capabilities be evaluated equally across the 6 objectives or are some objective/s considered of higher significance than others?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the majority of the partnership activities will fall under: 1) Bilateral utility partnerships; and 2) Regional utility partnerships. However, the objectives will evaluated equally under each of the six Illustrative Activities.

Q2. What is the nature of the legal documentation that the agency expects to receive for a consortium that is established for the purposes of the EUPP application/ program? Would a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between various partners of the consortium be sufficient to meet this submission requirement for cost application?

USAID Response: Yes, an MOU signed between partners will be sufficient.

Q3. The draft RFA states that cost share contributions from non-USAID sources count against the program's $20M ceiling. In order to encourage sustained public-private partnerships, can this accounting be limited to monetary contributions from outside sources?

USAID Response: Third party sources of cost sharing are allowed, provided funds or in-kind contributions meet the prescriptions stated in 2 CFR 200.306 and 2 CFR 700.1

Q4. Is there a potential conflict of interest for the Private Sector Advisory Council if they recommend an "innovation" that is being used by a US company (as is suggested in the RFA)?

USAID Response: Engaging the private sector is key to achieving the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) development goals, and central to USAID's mission. USAID continues to expand engagement with the private sector, and develop new ways to partner more strategically and systematically to increase the scale and sustainability of our results. The Private Sector Advisory Council may share their experiences and make recommendations on innovations used by US companies. Sharing of lessons learned and specific innovative approaches and/or technologies will not be viewed as a conflict of interest.