

Professionalizing African Union Staff for Rule of Law Initiatives
Opportunity Number: INL18CA0051-INLAME-AUROL-061118
NOFO Applicant Questions and INL Responses
July 10, 2018

1. Question:

Questions 1-A and 1-B pertain to the following section of the NOFO: *Section III (1) of the Eligibility Information of the NOFO provides, among other things, that to be eligible to compete for this opportunity, the applicant “Must have at least one established office in sub-Saharan or North Africa, and have been working in that country for at least two years.”*

Question 1-A. Does this requirement mean that a U.S. based 501(c)(3) educational institution without an office in sub-Saharan or North Africa is ineligible to submit a proposal under this NOFO?

INL Response: Yes.

Question 1-B. If the answer to Question 1 is yes, is a U.S. based 501(c)(3) educational institution without an office in sub-Saharan or North Africa eligible to act as a sub-grantee to an entity which meets this requirement?

INL Response:

As long as the primary applicant can meet the requirement..

2. Question:

Question 2-A and 2-B pertain to the following section of the NOFO: In the section entitled “Training” in the Program Description the NOFO provides that, *“The proposed project anticipates that training will be primary activity, and that should occur in Addis Ababa, the seat of the AU Headquarters”.*

Question 2-A. Does the requirement that training should occur in Addis Ababa exclude the possibility of the provision of some graduate level academic training in another location?

INL Response:

Question 2-B. Does the requirement that training will be the primary activity exclude the possibility of the provision of academic credit courses in Addis Ababa?

INL Response:

3. Question:

It is noted that the cover page of the NOFO indicates that Questions are due July 10, 2018; however, page 3 of the NOFO indicates that questions are due July 9. Please clarify that the proper due date for questions is the 10th and that our questions are timely received.

INL Response:

The correct due date for questions is July 10, 2018.

4. Question:

On page 6 of the NOFO, we note the following "the AU has identified the following topics as key areas of focus, although this list is not exhaustive..." (emphasis added). There appears to be an omission in this sentence. Could INL please clarify what key areas of focus the AU has identified?

INL Response:

The referenced sentence on Page 6 has an extra comma in error. The key areas are identified at the last part of the sentence, following the colon, "...although this list is not exhaustive and AUC staff may identify other thematic areas: corruption, sanctions and other punitive measures, maritime security, transnational crime, and intellectual property."

5. Question:

It is noted the description of the roles and responsibilities section (NOFO, p. 17) references organizational capacity and CVs for key personnel. Can INL please clarify whether it is seeking an additional narrative (what might be referred to in other contexts as the personnel "section" or "chapter" of the technical submission) or a more brief summary chart, such as a wiring diagram? Further, would INL please confirm that this section, however formulated, a) should be submitted as an attachment to the technical submission and b) is not subject to the 5 page limit on Attachments (requirement No. 16, p. 18)?

INL Response:

INL is not seeking any additional information regarding personnel. As stated, we are asking applicants to provide a brief bio of key personnel that will be working on this project. CVs are not required at this time. The format to be used that provides this information is at the sole discretion of the applicant. The document will be considered an attachment to the application package and NOT as an optional attachment as described in the NOFO.

6. Question:

It is noted that the proposal requirements (NOFO, p. 17) exclude both the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Logic Model (requirement No. 10, p. 17) and the Program Risk Analysis (requirement No. 14, p. 17) from the 20 page limit for the technical submission. Would INL please clarify that these requirements a) should be submitted as attachments to the technical submission and b) are not subject to the 5 page limit on Attachments (requirement No. 16, p. 18)?

INL Response:

These documents will be considered an attachment to the application package and NOT as an optional attachments as described in the NOFO.