AMENDMENT 0005

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)
Number N00244-17-S-FO01

"FY17 – FY18 Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program: Military Specific HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Treatment Program for Non-PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) Funded Countries"

The purpose of this Amendment 0005 is to incorporate the following:

DHAPP is accepting "Concept Papers" for Mali as described below through 20 June 2018.

NOTE: Each narrative is a standalone effort and should not be combined with another narrative and all the program elements (tasks) in each specific narrative must be addressed in that concept paper submission.

E-mail address for submission of Concept Papers: usn.nhrc.dhapp@mail.mil

The full solicitation is available at: http://www.grants.gov/

Eligible Applicants are requested to submit **Concept Papers** following the guidelines and format provided in the N00244-17-S-FO01, Section IV.

All respondents must demonstrate the active support of the in-country military and the DoD representative in the corresponding U.S. Embassy in the planning and execution of their proposals. The selected Grantee is the Implementing Partner and will be referred to as IP in this document.

Mali Seroprevalence and Behavioral Epidemiology Risk Survey (SABERS)

HVSI: $479,506
Support for HIV Surveillance and Research Studies.
Period of Performance: 36 months

Proposals are solicited to support the Department of Defense's (DoD) HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (DHAPP) and DoD/Defense Health Program (DHP) in conducting an HIV surveillance study among the Malian Armed Forces.

This study will be an HIV Seroprevalence and Behavioral Epidemiology Risk Survey (SABERS).

Potential study size is 1,000 – 2,000 participants at the primary military site in Bamako. Data collection methods include interviewer-administered electronic surveys using a tablet; the study may include collection and testing of biological samples including, but not limited to: HIV, recency testing, HBV, TB, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and viral load. The implementing partner will work in collaboration with DHAPP and the Malian Armed Forces; DHAPP will lead research efforts. The successful bidder will provide technical research support for the following:

- Provide language support (French) for communication with military.
- Provide translation services, as necessary, for documents that include protocol, training manuals and materials, questionnaire, and final report.
- Coordinate and support regular email and telephone communication between all stakeholders.
- Navigate through a complex sociopolitical climate and deal with arduous conditions
- Understand the cultural environment and be able to problem solve while in country.
- Train and support military on meticulous protocol development, implementation and data collection.
- Provide human subject confidentiality, protection, and accountability training to military conducting the study, and ensure human subject protection is upheld
- Order and deliver study materials including testing materials and reagents.
- Facilitate the rental or procurement of laboratory equipment, and/or facilitate batch shipment of bio specimen to a third party for testing if necessary
- Ensure laboratory procedures adhere to strict protocols and include quality assurance

- Support and administer per diem costs for study data collection, biological data collection, as necessary.

- Prepare a final activity report.

Work Plans

The IP or Grantee must submit annual, programmatic and financial, work plans to DHAPP Program Manager and DHAPP HQ (Budget breakdown per activity and for program management is required). Work plans include activities implementation timeline, including the M&E ones. Funding amount in year 1 is related to start-up costs need to initially build the program. All materials and equipment purchased for this grant will be turned over to the HCM at the completion of the period of performance.

Reporting

- Quarterly Fiscal Reports: IP or Grantee must submit quarterly programmatic and financial reports to DHAPP in order to monitor expenditures according to the program areas (HVOP, HVCT, HBHC, HLAB, and OHSS). The report template will be provided by DHAPP. Reports will be submitted 30 calendar days after each reporting period (3/31, 6/30, 9/30, and 12/31).
- Interim Progress: Indicator Report: This report shall summarize progress in relation to the approved Work Plan as well as monitor grant deliverables. The Grantee shall submit quarterly indicator reports in accordance with the format provided by the Program Office within 45 calendar days following the end of the reporting period: 12/31, 3/31, 6/30 and 9/30. The IP shall provide reports in accordance with the template provided by NHRC.
- Reports will follow DHAPP Headquarters and Country Team Templates.
- The IP will be expected to submit strategic information reports on quarterly basis for all activities that are being conducted under this grant.