

2nd round of Questions from Potential Bidders – received between by 3/24/2010

1. How will USAID coordinate between two grant recipients who have overlap either technically or geographically? - **The two awards will be closely coordinated by the USAID AOTR. After award, a strategic planning exercise will be undertaken to maximize the effort of both awards and avoid duplication.**
2. Could USAID share its thinking on how the organization of operations for the two awards will be determined? For example, will each TB CARE award be assigned one or more geographic regions in which to work or will some other methodology be employed? **See answer to Question #1 above.**
3. Could Peru apply? I have seen this is not a prioritised country, but still appears listed. **Peru is one of the countries on the USAID TB priority countries list in Section 1.4. As already stated in the first round of the response to questions, all applicants should be capable of and prepared to support the TB control activities in any of the countries identified in Section I.4. See the amended USAID TB CARE RFA (amendment 1) posted March 16, 2010.**
4. Would it be possibly for a Peruvian non-profitable organisation to participate? **Any organization that meets the eligibility requirements as listed in Section III.1 is eligible to apply.**
5. Does it have to be in consortium with public entities or can it be in partnerships – **See answer to Question #4 above.**
6. The RFA mentions \$700,000,000 in total. (see amendment 1) I understand this is also the ceiling and that 1 grant will be awarded. (see amendment 1) Is it expected then to have a country intervention in the range of \$700,000, 000 tops? **See amended RFA (amendment 1, posted March 16, 2010) which details the revised award structure (2 awards anticipated; maximum each award of \$225,000.000).**
7. Can the submission be electronically or is it compulsory to do both? - **It is COMPULSORY to submit print copies as detailed in Section IV – Application and Submission Information; you may submit your application electronically via Grants.gov in addition to the compulsory print copies sent to the identified point of contact.**
8. Technical Area 4.6 Community Mobilization has been removed from the amended RFA. Can USAID please clarify why this section was removed? **This technical area will no longer be a major focus of TB CARE and does not require a special section in the RFA.**

9. On page 39 under the Cost/Business Application Instructions, under Travel and Transportation, the RFA states “Do not blend travel rates.” On page 61, under Geographic Allocation of Funds, the RFA also states that “The actual selection of countries will depend, for the most part, on Mission demand and field support funding.” Given that the actual selection of countries will take place after award, would USAID reconsider allowing applicants to use blended travel rates based on the USAID TB Priority Countries listed on page 13 of the RFA? **In instances where multiple travel locations are required, applicant may blend travel rates. However, the applicant must provide the basis of that blended rate, to include specified countries, rates, and percentage of travel anticipated to those countries as backup detail.**