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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Issue Date: Monday, November 22, 2010
Closing Date: Monday, December 6, 2010
Closing Time: 17:00 Hours Rwanda Time

**Subject: USAID-RWANDA-696-11-001-DRAFT-RFA - Future Request for Applications
“LITERACY, LANGUAGE AND LEARNING” - EARLY LITERACY AND
NUMERACY INITIATIVE**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

USAID/Rwanda announces its intention to invite comments and suggestions on a draft Program Description for the implementation of the program entitled **“Literacy, Language and Learning” - Early Literacy and Numeracy Initiative** in Rwanda. The total estimated cost of the award for this program will be approximately US\$15-17 million to support the activities over a four year period.

The final version of the Request for Applications (RFA) is projected to be issued in early January 2011. USAID/Rwanda invites comments and suggestions on the attached draft program description from firms and organizations eligible to compete, experts in the area of Literacy, Language and Learning and other interested parties. U.S. and non-U.S. based organizations may be eligible and are strongly encouraged to review the document, provide comment, and consider submitting applications in response to the resulting final solicitation. The purpose of posting this draft program description is to enhance the quality of the RFA. Comments and suggestions received may be considered as the RFA is finalized.

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATION. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THIS DRAFT AS IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

We are soliciting comments and suggestions from interested parties, in order to further refine this draft program description. Your comments will be appreciated and considered as we finalize the RFA for the proposed cooperative agreement. Comments may or may not be incorporated in the program description. USAID/Rwanda will entertain suggestions/comments to the draft program description until the Closing Date and Time stated above. USAID reserves the right to incorporate and/or to reject suggestions and comments on the draft program description. **USAID/ Rwanda will not be able to respond to questions or requests for clarifications resulting from this notice until the final RFA is issued.**

The period of performance is expected to be four years. No information on Pricing, Competition, Instructions to Applicants or Evaluation Criteria is available at this time. Please refrain from submitting questions or requests for clarifications in regard to these sections, as responses will not be provided. When the RFA is issued, any amendments thereof will be posted on www.grants.gov, and interested parties should check the website regularly.

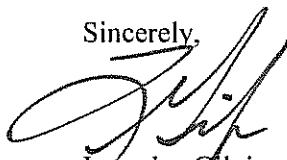
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Issuance of this draft program description does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of comments/suggestions or an application. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to defer issuance of the RFA solicitation or not to issue an RFA, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

Please submit your comments/suggestions electronically to the Regional Agreement Officer, Lauralea Gilpin at lgilpin@usaid.gov with a copy to the Senior A&A Specialist, Aster Kebede at askebede@usaid.gov. The email subject line should read **“USAID-RWANDA-696-11-001-DRAFT-RFA”**.

Thank you for your interest in USAID/Rwanda programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Gilpin', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Lauralea Gilpin
Regional Agreement Officer
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