



April 8, 2012

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NO. SOL-268-12-000006

Building Alliance for Local Advancement, Development, and Investment (BALADI)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

The purpose of this amendment is to amend a certain section in the program description, add applicable documents, correct contact information, add the requirement for one annex, remove the requirement for organization's accounting manual, add USAID Local Compensation Plan Summary and amend the technical evaluation criteria.

The subject RFA is hereby amended as follows:

1- Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, item D. Detailed Program Description, page 14, item (m), delete in its entirety and replace with:

“m. A public-private partnership with significant shared contributions between the public sector and the private sector is a plus; one-to-one public-to-private share ratio is encouraged.”

2- Section I. Funding Opportunity Description, add section H. Applicable documents:

a- USAID website <http://www.usaid.gov/lb/> contains **relevant** information on previous and ongoing programs. Applicants are encouraged to review the entire website and its sections ‘About/Fact Sheets’ and ‘programs’.

b- The following is the link to the TAMKIN and EMLED evaluation reports:

<http://dec.usaid.gov/index.cfm?p=search.getSQLResults&CFID=22243394&CFTOKEN=61985112>

Then click on “Advanced Search”, type under Title “TAMKIN” and select under Country/region “Lebanon”, then click “submit”.

c- Lebanon map with marked USAID projects attached.

- 3- Section IV Application and Submission Information, Point of Contact, page 19, **delete** in its entirety and **replace with**:

Stanley Canton, the Agreement Officer: e-mail address: scanton@usaid.gov, telephone: 00-202-2522-6910

Abeer Rizk, Acquisition and Assistance Specialist e-mail address: arizk@usaid.gov, telephone: 00-202-2522-6884

- 4- **Section IV Application and Submission Information**, item (A) The Technical Proposal Format, add the following annex “evidence to substantiate the eligibility of the applicant NGO and the sub-NGO”. Thus the following paragraph is deleted:

“THE TECHNICAL APPLICATION HAS A STRICT THIRTY FIVE (35) PAGE LIMIT, excluding annexes. Annexes to the technical application which do not count against the page limitation consist of: Resumes/CVs for key personnel, letters of commitment of organizational partners or key personnel and past performance information. ”

Replace with:

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- 5- **Section IV Application and Submission Information, item (B) COST/BUSINESS APPLICATION FORMAT**, the last bullet before “Environmental Compliance”, **delete** “3) A copy of the organization's accounting manual.”

- 6- **Same section as above**, add the following:

“USAID Local Compensation Plan Summary for Implementers Reference

Position alignments consist of grade FSN-1 through FSN-12 with 13 Steps at each grade as follows:

Grades 10, 11 & 12: Technical Specialists: Field & Program Officers, Management & Financial Specialists.

Grades 7, 8 & 9: Technical Assistants (all fields) & Senior Administrative Officers.

Grades 4, 5 & 6: Clerks, Mechanics, Cashier, Driver, & Security semi-skilled.

Grades 1, 2 & 3: Mail Clerk, Warehouse Driver, Custodians, Laborers.

The basic salary among grades is listed below with step one as the minimum salary rate in LBP and Step 12 as the highest salary rate. Step 13 is used as a longevity step and the waiting period after step 12 is 156 weeks.

FSN GRADE	Amount LBP Step 1	Amount LBP Step 12	Amount LBP Step 13
12	71,436,952	110,727,280	114,299,128
11	63,562,989	98,522,628	101,700,777
10	45,253,557	70,143,015	72,405,693
9	38,193,787	59,200,366	61,110,055
8	33,905,065	52,552,848	54,248,101
7	29,359,535	45,507,282	46,975,259
6	25,919,509	40,175,234	41,471,209
5	21,978,092	34,066,047	35,164,952
4	20,005,549	31,008,596	32,008,873
3	16,012,047	24,818,669	25,619,271
2	14,211,111	22,027,227	22,737,783
1	12,956,413	20,082,444	20,730,265

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7- SECTION V APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION, item 3. Personnel (20%), under the Program Director should have, page 24, delete:

“Prior experience in implementing USAID programs” and **replace with:**

“Prior experience in implementing donor programs”

8- SECTION V APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION, item 3. Personnel (20%), page 24, delete:

“Should attach CVs of all proposed key personnel and other main non-key personnel.” and **replace with:**

“Should attach CVs of all proposed key personnel and other main non-key personnel. Each CV should include three references including contact information for reference checks.”

9- SECTION V APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION, page 25, delete “3. Past Performance (10%), and replace with “5. Past Performance (10%)”

10- Same section as above, add the following:

“All applicants will be subject to a past performance review as explained below. If the applicant has no past performance history, the applicant will receive a neutral rating.”