



RE: USAID Notice of Funding Opportunity 7200AA18RFA00023 Sustainable E-Waste Management and Battery Technologies for the Off-Grid Solar Sector

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AMENDMENT #02

AMENDED LANGUAGE FOR CLARIFICATION:

1. In Section B p.6, **DELETE** the first paragraph and **REPLACE** with “Subject to funding availability, USAID intends to provide up to \$1,400,000 USD in total USAID funding over a minimum nine month period. The ceiling for this award program will be based on the implementing partner’s capacity to crowd in additional funding from relevant donor and private sector partners.”
2. In Section B p.6 “2. **Start Date and Period of Performance for Federal Awards.**” please **DELETE** “The period of performance anticipated herein is **nine months**. The estimated start date will be upon the signature of the award, on or about,” and **REPLACE** with “The period of performance anticipated herein is to be confirmed with implementing partner and USAID based on a minimum nine month grant program to administer and manage grant sub-awards. This nine month period does not include pre-sub-award program activities (such as developing a call for proposals window and pre-sub-award administration), nor post-award activities undertaken by the implementing partner (primarily to market and disseminate program results). The estimated start date will be upon the signature of the award, on or about.
3. In Section C p.8 under “2. **Cost Sharing or Matching.**” **DELETE** the paragraph and **REPLACE** with “USAID has established a suggested cost share of 50-100% for the recipient of the award. This is voluntary and not required: The capacity to provide match funding by the Applicant will support an application, but this will not disqualify the Applicant if match funding is limited. Such funds may be mobilized from the recipient; other multilateral, bilateral, and foundation donors; host governments; and local organizations, communities and private

businesses that contribute financially and in-kind to implementation of activities at the country level.

For applications demonstration cost-share from external organizations, please provide a letter of intent stating funding amount and any stipulations on funding. Given the short timeframe prior to application deadline, it is understood that solid commitments may not be confirmed by application date, but it is expected that advanced negotiations have taken place to secure additional funding. If additional follow-on funding is secured after the program has commenced, the SOGE team can work with the implementing partner to modify programming to accommodate. For guidance on cost sharing in grants and cooperative agreements, please refer to [USAID ADS 303.3.10](#).”

4. In Section D p.11 under “**4(e). Technical Application Format (maximum 10 pages):**” please **ADD:** “

1. Proposed implementation plan (compatible programming approach based on cooperative agreement objectives, including grant administration timeline). This should comprise the body of the technical application. This plan should include:
 - a. Pre-program activities such as developing a call for proposals and sub-award evaluation, review, and award administration
 - b. Program details on grant sub-awards (number and size dependent on the total budget based on USAID and any supplemental external funding) including sub-award administration, management, sub-awardee communications, and monitoring and evaluation. Given the short time period of these sub-awards, data collection and reporting requirements for the implementing partner will be primarily the collection and analysis of key learnings from sub-awardee research efforts for further dissemination to the sector upon program completion.
 - c. Post-program activities to analyze and disseminate program findings, including any marketing and advocacy efforts to elevate key research findings.
2. Institutional capacity (Implementing partner’s capacity and efficiency in effectively administering the program)
3. Key personnel (necessary expertise for efficient implementation). Please note that any attached CVs are not included in the total page restriction, and can be included as an appendix.
4. Past performance (demonstrated expertise in efficient management of prior grant programs). Please note that this does not need to specifically be USAID-funded programs in the past, and specific past program descriptions can be added as supplemental information as an appendix, not included in the total page restriction.”

5. In Section D p.13 under “**a)2. Cost Application Format,**” please **ADD:** “(It is not expected that there will be sub-Recipients of this program due to **efforts to minimize implementing partner overhead and maximize budget for sub-awards**, unless a sub-Recipient presents a compelling value add to the program.)”