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Program Title: Sustainable E-Waste Management and Battery Technologies for the Off-Grid Solar Sector

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for a cooperative agreement from qualified U.S. and Non-U.S. organizations to fund a program entitled **Sustainable E-Waste Management and Battery Technologies for the Off-Grid Solar Sector**. Eligibility for this award is restricted. Please see Section C of this NFO for eligibility requirements.

Subject to the availability of funds an award will be made to that responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) best meets the objectives of this funding opportunity and the selection criteria contained herein. While one award is anticipated as a result of this notice of funding opportunity (NFO), USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

For the purposes of this NFO the term "Grant" is synonymous with "Cooperative Agreement"; "Grantee" is synonymous with "Recipient"; and "Grant Officer" is synonymous with "Agreement Officer". Eligible organizations interested in submitting an application are encouraged to read this funding opportunity thoroughly to understand the type of program sought, application submission requirements and evaluation process.

To be eligible for award, the applicant must provide all information as required in this NFO and meet eligibility standards in Section C of this NFO. This funding opportunity is posted on www.grants.gov, and may be amended. Potential applicants should regularly check the website to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to this notice of funding opportunity. Applicants will need to have available or download Adobe program to their computers in order to view and save the Adobe forms properly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the entire NFO has been received from the internet in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion process. If you have difficulty registering on www.grants.gov or accessing the NFO, please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 or via email at support@grants.gov for technical assistance.

The successful Applicant will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the program objectives. Please read each section of the NFO.

Please send any questions to SOGE@usaid.gov with the RFA number referenced in the email subject line. Responses to questions received prior to the deadline will be furnished to all potential applicants through an amendment to this notice posted to www.grants.gov.

Issuance of this notice of funding opportunity 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 preparation or submission of comments/suggestions or an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Thank you for your interest in working with USAID.

Sincerely,

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SECTION A: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Overview

The Scaling Off-Grid Energy Grand Challenge for Development (Scaling Off-Grid) is a global partnership between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Shell Foundation, and the African Development Bank working to provide 20 million households across sub-Saharan Africa with access to modern, clean, and affordable electricity.

Given the high volume distribution of technology/appliances/devices/electronics that these electricity connections will require, Scaling Off-Grid has a vested interest in the sustainable management of solar home system end-of-life processes, including take-back programs, recycling, disposal, and repair. This also includes the environmental sustainability of battery storage technologies, as storage is currently the component of a solar home system with the highest cost and environmental risk, but also the lowest longevity.

In an effort to promote sustainable product design and the development of a robust solar electronic waste management infrastructure for solar home system distribution across sub-Saharan Africa, USAID is seeking an **implementing partner to administer USAID grant award programming** to engage and support off-grid solar home system companies and e-waste management companies seeking to develop the e-waste management ecosystem for the off-grid sector. **This program will catalyze innovative technologies and business models around sustainable battery technology and recycling infrastructure for the off-grid solar industry.** Given the lack of existing company take-back programs and e-waste recycling infrastructure across sub-Saharan Africa where the Scaling Off-Grid team is actively working to accelerate the market, this project will focus on the long-term sustainability of solar household system distribution, repair, and recycling.

This program will include a small grants or innovation prize component, with awards supporting companies or organizations working to improve end-of-life processing and disposal of a solar home system. Disruptive innovations around recycling, repair, and design-for-recycling are of particular interest under this program. The implementing partner will work with the Scaling Off-Grid team to promote industry advocacy around sustainable corporate product management and the secondary e-waste recycling industry supporting the off-grid solar industry, particularly around battery technology.

Award Program Objectives

This program aims to provide grant and technical support for:

- Recycling and e-waste management companies seeking to expand business activities in support of the off-grid sector across sub-Saharan Africa
- Solar home system distributors seeking to implement an end-of-life program without sufficient resources to pilot on their own

- Solar home system suppliers seeking to improve existing product design to solve recycling challenges to increase system value at end of life
- Battery technology suppliers with an especially compelling innovation that increases ease of recycling, longevity, and overall product environmental sustainability while remaining cost competitive

Selection Criteria

A successful Applicant will be highly experienced in administering small grant award programs and/or challenge prizes to private enterprises testing new innovation. The Applicant will also ideally have a deep understanding of the off-grid energy market in developing regions, energy storage technologies, and the industrial ecosystem of both, including e-waste management and recycling industries.

The Applicant will have the administrative capacity and technical expertise to solicit, evaluate, and prioritize market-leading innovations in the following categories:

- Recycling and e-waste management companies seeking to expand business activities in support of the off-grid sector across sub-Saharan Africa
- Solar home system distributors seeking to implement an end-of-life program without sufficient resources to pilot on their own
- Solar home system suppliers seeking to improve existing product design to solve recycling challenges to increase system value at end of life
- Battery technology suppliers with an especially compelling innovation that increases ease of recycling, longevity, and overall product sustainability while remaining cost competitive

Applicant will also be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Proposed approach to program administration (compatible programming approach based on grant objectives)
- Institutional capacity (capacity to effectively and efficiently implement the program)
- Key personnel (necessary expertise for efficient implementation)
- Past performance (demonstrated expertise in running high profile and highly technical grant award programs)
- Cost application (effective use of funds)
- Cost sharing (voluntary but encouraged)
 - A high priority is placed on the Applicant's capacity to leverage available USAID funding with external funding (public or private). Match funding is not required but may significantly boost an application.
 - Upon award, the Scaling Off-Grid team will work with the successful Applicant to explore additive funding sources to enhance the total budget for the award program.

[END OF SECTION A]

SECTION B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

6. Estimate of Funds Available and Number of Awards Contemplated

Subject to funding availability, USAID intends to provide **up to \$1,800,000 USD** in total USAID funding **over a 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.

USAID intends to award **one Cooperative Agreement** pursuant to this notice of funding opportunity.

USAID reserves the right to fund any one or none of the applications submitted.

2. Start Date and Period of Performance for Federal Awards

The period of performance anticipated herein is **nine months**. The estimated start date will be upon the signature of the award, on or about.

3. Substantial Involvement

Approval of the Recipient's Implementation Plans: If at the time of award, the program description does not establish a timeline in sufficient detail for the planned achievement of milestones or outputs, USAID may delay approval of the recipient's implementation plan for a later date.

Approval of Specified Key Personnel: USAID may designate as key personnel only those positions that are essential to the successful implementation of the recipient's program. USAID's policy limits this to a reasonable number of positions, generally no more than five positions or five percent of recipient employees working under the award, whichever is greater.

Agency and Recipient Collaboration or Joint Participation: When the recipient's successful accomplishment of program objectives would benefit from USAID's technical knowledge, the AO may authorize the collaboration or joint participation of USAID and the recipient on the program. There should be sufficient reason for Agency involvement and the involvement should be specifically tailored to support identified elements in the program description.

When these conditions are met, the AO may include appropriate levels of substantial involvement such as the following:

(1) Collaborative involvement in selection of advisory committee members, if the program will establish an advisory committee that provides advice to the recipient. USAID may participate as a member of this committee as well. Advisory committees must only deal with programmatic or technical issues and not routine administrative matters.

(2) Concurrence on the substantive provisions of sub-awards. This is generally limited to approving work by a third party under the agreement. If USAID wishes to reserve any further approval rights for sub-awards or contracts, it must clearly spell out such Agency involvement in the substantial involvement provision of the agreement.

(3) Approval of the recipient's monitoring and evaluation plans.

(4) Monitor to authorize specified kinds of direction or redirection because of interrelationships with other projects. All such activities must be included in the program description, negotiated in the budget, and made part of the award.

4. Title to Property

Property title under the resultant agreement shall vest with the recipient in accordance with the Requirements of ADS 318.

5. Authorized Geographic Code

The geographic code for this program is 937 – USAID's Default geographic code.

6. Purpose of the Award

The principal purpose of the relationship with the Recipient and under the subject program is to transfer funds to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation of the **Sustainable E-Waste Management and Battery Technologies for the Off-Grid Solar Sector** which is authorized by Federal statute.

The successful Recipient will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the program objectives and the efficient and effective administration of the award through the application of sound management practices. The Recipient will assume responsibility for administering Federal funds in a manner consistent with underlying agreements, program objectives, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Recipient using its own unique combination of staff, facilities, and experience, has the primary responsibility for employing whatever form of sound organization and management techniques may be necessary in order to assure proper and efficient administration of the resulting award.

[END OF SECTION B]

SECTION C: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Eligible Applicants

U.S. and non-US organizations may participate under this NFO.

USAID welcomes applications from organizations which have not previously received financial assistance from USAID.

Applicants must have established financial management, monitoring and evaluation processes, internal control systems, and policies and procedures that comply with established U.S. Government standards, laws, and regulations. The successful applicant(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination assessment (Pre-award Survey) by the Agreement Officer (AO).

The Recipient must be a responsible entity. The AO may determine a pre-award survey is required to conduct an examination that will determine whether the prospective recipient has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills – or ability to obtain them – in order to achieve the objectives of the program and comply with the terms and conditions of the award.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

USAID has established a suggested cost share of 50-100% for the recipient of the award. 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 guidance on cost sharing in grants and cooperative agreements, please refer to [USAID ADS 303.3.10](#).

3. Other

The Applicant may submit a single application under this notice of funding opportunity. Multiple applications will not be accepted, and this limitation is on both submitting organization and individual program director. Please direct any questions on this matter to SOG@usaid.gov.

[END OF SECTION C]

SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Agency Point of Contact

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Questions and Answers:

All questions regarding this NFO should be submitted in writing to Molly Doyle to the e-mail address above.

Questions regarding this NFO should be submitted by email no later than **June 8, 2018** to provide sufficient time to address the questions and incorporate the questions and answers as an amendment to this solicitation. Any information given to a prospective Applicant concerning this NFO will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Applicants as an amendment to this NFO, if that information is necessary in submitting applications or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective Applicant.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Applicant may contact the following POC for any materials not included in this RFA needed for application or to otherwise communicate with the POC regarding the application:

Kevin Armstrong, Agreement Specialist
USAID, Office of Acquisitions & Assistance
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, SA-44 508-J
Washington, DC 20547
E-mail: kearmstrong@usaid.gov

Applicants are expected to review, understand, and comply with all aspects of the NFO.

Preparation of Applications:

Each Applicant shall furnish the information required by this NFO. Applications shall be submitted in two separate parts: (a) Technical Application, and (b) Cost/Business Application.

Any erasures or other changes to the application must be initiated by the person signing the application. Applications signed by an agent on behalf of the Applicant shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

Applicants who include data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the U.S. Government except for evaluation purpose, should mark the title page with the following legend:

"This application includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the U.S. Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed – in whole or in part – for any purpose other than to evaluate this application. If, however, a grant is awarded to this Applicant as a result of – or in connection with – the submission of this data, the U.S. Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting grant. This restriction does not limit the U.S. Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets {insert sheet numbers} and, mark each sheet of data it wished to restrict with the following legend:

"Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this application."

Applicants should retain for their records one (1) copy of the application and all enclosures which accompany it.

3. Application Submission Procedures

It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that all necessary documentation is complete and received on time.

Applicants may upload applications to <http://www.grants.gov>. USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes associated with electronic submissions.

If the Applicant is experiencing any difficulty with submission, please contact Molly Doyle at SOGE@usaid.gov with the RFA number referenced in the email title line.

For an application sent by multiple emails, please indicate in the subject line of the email whether the email relates to the technical or cost application, and the desired sequence of multiple emails (if more than one is sent) and of attachments (e.g. "No. 1 of 4", etc.). For example, if your cost application is being sent in two emails, the first email should have a subject line which says: "[organization name], Cost Application, Part 1 of 2".

Our preference is that the technical application and the cost application be submitted as single email attachments, e.g. that you consolidate the various parts of a technical application into a single document before sending them. If this is not possible, please provide instructions on how to collate the attachments. USAID will not be responsible for errors in compiling electronic applications if no instructions are provided or are unclear. All applications received by the

submission deadline will be reviewed for responsiveness to the NFO and the application format. No addition or modifications will be accepted after the submission date.

After you have sent your applications electronically, immediately check your own email to confirm that the attachments you intended to send were indeed sent. If you discover an error in your transmission, please send the material again and note in the subject line of the email or indicate in the file name if submitted via grants.gov that it is a "corrected" submission. Do not send the same email more than once unless there has been a change, and if so, please note that it is a "corrected" email.

Component pieces of the technical application (e.g., if all copies of the application must bear original signatures on the face page or the program narrative may not exceed 10 pages). This includes any pieces that may be submitted separately by third parties (e.g., references or letters confirming commitments from third parties that will be contributing a portion of any required cost sharing].

Application Format

- Typed, single space on letter size paper (not legal size paper)
- 12 font size
- Text must be in a recent Windows-compatible version of MS Word (version 2000 or later) and/or Adobe PDF format; and
- Spreadsheets must be in unlocked MS Excel (version 2000 or later) format.

4. Technical Application Format (maximum 10 pages):

The technical application will be the most important factor for consideration in selection for award of the proposed Cooperative Agreement. The technical application should be specific, complete and presented concisely. The application should demonstrate the Applicant's capabilities and expertise with respect to achieving the goals of this program. The application should take into account the requirements of the program and evaluation criteria found in this NFO.

The technical application shall include the following sections:

(i) Cover Page

The Cover Page should include the following:

- a. Program title;
- b. Request for Applications reference number;
- c. Name of organization (s) applying for the agreement;
- d. Any partnerships; and
- e. Contact person, telephone number, fax number, address, and types name(s) and title(s) of person(s) who prepared the application, and corresponding signatures.

(ii) Table of contents that follows the technical application format outlined herein.

The application must address all of the above technical items as well as their respective components listed below. The submitted paper copy application will be used for the official page count. Pages in excess of stated limitation will not be considered. To facilitate the review of applications, narrative portions of applications should be organized in the same order as they appear below.

Environmental Compliance

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, Section 117 requires that the impact of USAID's activities on the environment be considered and that USAID include environmental sustainability as a central consideration in designing and carrying out its development programs. This mandate is codified in Federal Regulations (22 CFR 216) and in USAID's Automated Directives System (ADS) Parts 201.5.10g and 204 (<http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ADS/200/>), which, in part, require that the potential environmental impacts of USAID-financed activities are identified prior to a final decision to proceed and that appropriate environmental safeguards are adopted for all activities. Respondent environmental compliance obligations under these regulations and procedures are specified in the following paragraphs of this RFA.

In addition, the contractor/recipient must comply with host country environmental regulations unless otherwise directed in writing by USAID. In case of conflict between host country and USAID regulations, the latter shall govern.

No activity funded under this CA will be implemented unless an environmental threshold determination, as defined by 22 CFR 216, has been reached for that activity, as documented in a Request for Categorical Exclusion (RCE), Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), or Environmental Assessment (EA) duly signed by the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO). (Hereinafter, such documents are described as "approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation.")

5. Cost Application Format

The Applicant must sign and submit the cost application standard form number SF-424 and SF-424A. Standard Forms can be accessed electronically at www.grants.gov.

The Cost or Business application is to be submitted under a separate cover from the Technical application. The Applicant is requested to submit a budget broken down by program years with an accompanying detailed budget narrative which provides in detail the total costs for implementation of the program as further detailed below.

The cost application must detail all direct costs associated with the implementation and completion of activities, as well as any indirect costs and program costs such as those related to any sub-agreements and/or contracts as detailed below. Certain documents are required to be submitted by an Applicant in order for the Agreement Officer to make a determination of responsibility. The following sections describe the documentation that Applicants for Assistance awards must submit to USAID prior to award. While there is no page limit for this portion,

Applicants are encouraged to be as concise as possible, but still provide the necessary detail to address the following:

a) Include a budget with an accompanying budget narrative which provides in detail the total proposed costs for implementation of the program your organization is proposing. Detailed budget notes which explain the basis of estimate (cost realism and cost reasonableness) and supporting justification of all proposed budget line items must be included. A summary of the budget must be submitted using Standard Form 424 and 424A which can be downloaded from the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website.

1. The breakdown of all costs associated with the program according to costs of, if applicable, headquarters, regional and/or country offices.
2. The breakdown of all costs according to each partner organization (or sub-Recipient) involved in the program.
3. The costs associated with external, expatriate technical assistance and those associated with local in-country technical assistance.
4. The breakdown of the financial and in-kind contributions of all organizations involved in implementing the expected Cooperative Agreement.
5. Potential contributions of non-USAID or private commercial donors to this Cooperative Agreement.
6. The procurement plan for commodities.
7. Indicate the name, annual salary, and expected level of effort of each person charged to the project. Provide resumes showing work experience and annual salary history for at least the three most recent years for major personnel.
8. If not included in an indirect cost rate agreement negotiated with the U.S. Government, specify the applicable fringe benefit rates for each category of employees, and explain the benefits included in the rate.
9. The same individual information for consultants must be provided as for regular personnel.
10. Allowances must be broken down by specific type and by person, and must be in accordance with the Applicant's policies.
11. Travel, per diem and other transportation expenses must be detailed in your proposal to include number of international trips, expected itineraries, number of per diem days and per diem rates.
12. Specify all equipment to be purchased and the expected geographic source.
13. Financial Plans for all proposed sub-grants and subcontracts must have the same format and level of detail as those of the Applicant. Following the Applicant's detailed budget breakdown, detailed budget breakdowns for each sub-Recipients/ (sub) contractor must be presented. Sub-Recipient/ (sub) contractor budgets must not be intermingled. The first page must be a summary budget, following the same budget format and line items as are set forth above for the full term of the sub- agreement/subcontract. Detailed budget notes which explain how the subs' proposed budget was reviewed and how a determination was made that it is fair and reasonable must be provided.

14. Other direct costs such as supplies, communication costs, photocopying, visas, passports and other general costs must be separate cost line items.
15. If the Applicant is a consortium, the cost application must include documents that reflect the legal relationship among the parties. The document(s) should include a full discussion of the relationship among the applicants, including the identity of the applicant that the USG will treat for purposes of administration of any cooperative agreement or grant, identity of the applicant that will have accounting responsibility, how the applicant proposes to allocate effort under any cooperative agreement or grant, and the express agreement of the principals of the Applicant organization to be held jointly and severally liable for the acts of omissions of the other.
16. The Applicant's proposed budget should provide estimates of the program based upon the total estimated amount for the Agreement. Applicants should minimize their administrative and support costs for managing the project to maximize the funds available for project activities.

b) A copy of the latest Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) if your organization has such an agreement with the US Government;

c) Required certifications and representations.

NOTE: Past Performance References requested in the certifications and representations should be attached to the technical application.

d) Cost Sharing: Cost share is defined by USAID as "contributions, both cash and in-kind, which are necessary and reasonable to achieve program objectives and which are verifiable from the recipient's records." Cost sharing also refers to that portion of a project or program cost not borne by the USG. Cost share or match is normally associated with contributions from the same prime and sub-recipients sources that also receive USAID funds. Examples of cost share for this program may include the provision of technical assistance, commodities, distribution networks and other sources of support. Cost share must be verifiable from the recipient's records, is subject to the requirements of 22 CFR 226.23, and is subject to audit. A recipient's failure to meet its cost share requirement can result in questioned costs.

According to USAID policy, cost sharing is an important element of the USAID-recipient relationship. While cost share is not required as part of this program, applicants are encouraged to contribute cost share to increase overall program impact. Applicants must be aware that all cash contributions and non-Federal third party in-kind contributions must meet all the criteria set forth in 22 CFR 226.23 and the applicable OMB cost principles. Applicant cost share may be in any combination of in-kind support, staff salaries, waiver of overhead, etc. Awards will be made to responsible applicants whose applications offer the greatest value, cost and other factors (i.e. technical evaluation criteria) considered.

e) Applicants who do not currently have a NICRA from their cognizant audit agency must also submit the following information:

1. Copies of the Applicant's financial reports for the previous three-year period, which have been audited by a certified public accountant or other auditor satisfactory to USAID;
2. Projected budget, cash flow and organizational chart; and
3. A copy of the organization's accounting manual.

f) Applicants should submit additional evidence of responsibility they deem necessary for the Agreement Officer to make a determination of responsibility. The information submitted should substantiate that the Applicant:

1. Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the award.
2. Has the ability to comply with the award conditions, taking into account all existing and currently prospective commitments of the Applicant, nongovernmental and governmental.
3. Has a satisfactory record of performance. Past relevant unsatisfactory performance is ordinarily sufficient to justify a finding of non-responsibility, unless there is clear evidence of subsequent satisfactory performance.
4. Has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics; and,
5. Is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive a cooperative agreement under applicable laws and regulations (e.g., EEO).

The Applicant is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Applicant/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub awards issued under this Agreement that results from this Request for Applications.

g) Applicants that have never received a cooperative agreement, grant or contract from the U.S. Government are required to submit a copy of their accounting manual. If a copy has already been submitted to the U.S. Government, the Applicant must advise which Federal Office has a copy and provide a point of contact with contact information (e.g., phone number). Alternatively, applicants may file a self-certificate of compliance with USAID standards. This certificate template is available from the USAID point of contact listed in this Request for Full Applications upon request.

h) Certificate of Compliance: Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Compliance if your organization's systems have been certified by the USAID/Washington's Office of Acquisition and Assistance.

i) Applicants must provide the following cost element details:

1. Salary and Wages – Applicants must propose direct salaries and wages in accordance with their personnel policies;
2. Fringe Benefits – These benefits are non-wage compensation that an organization can provide to its employees in addition to their salaries. If the Applicant has a fringe benefit rate approved by an agency of the U.S. Government, the applicant should use such rate

and provide evidence of its approval. If an Applicant does not have a fringe benefit rate approved, the application should propose a rate and explain how the Applicant determined the rate; in this case, the narrative should include a detailed breakdown comprised of all items of fringe benefits (e.g., unemployment insurance, workers compensation, health and life insurance, retirement, etc.) and the costs of each, expressed in U.S. dollars and as a percentage of salaries;

3. Travel and Transportation – The Applicant should indicate the number of trips, domestic and international, estimated as necessary to carry out the proposed program description, and their estimated costs. Applicants must specify the origin and destination for each proposed trip, the duration of travel, and number of individuals who would be traveling. If applicable, applicants should base per-diem calculations on current, published U.S. Government per diem rates for the localities concerned.
4. Other Direct Costs – Applicants should detail any other direct costs, including the costs of communications, report preparation, passport issuance, visas, medical exams and inoculations, insurance (other than insurance included in the applicant's fringe benefits), equipment, office rent, etc.;
5. Indirect Costs – These are costs that are incurred by an organization overall but that cannot be attributed directly to a specific project it is working on. The applicant should support the proposed indirect cost rate with a letter from a cognizant, U.S. Government audit agency, a Negotiated Indirect Cost Agreement (NICRA), or with sufficient information to determine the reasonableness of the rates. (For example, a breakdown of labor bases and overhead pools, the method of determining the rate, etc.).

Certain documents are required to be submitted by an Applicant in order for the Agreement Officer to make a determination of responsibility. However, it is USAID policy not to burden Applicants with undue reporting requirements if that information is readily available through other sources. There is no page limit on the Cost Application. However, unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective application in response to this NFO is not desired.

If the Applicant has established a consortium or another legal relationship among its partners, the Cost/Business application must include a copy of the legal relationship between the parties. The agreement should include a full discussion of the relationship between the Applicant and Sub-Applicant(s) including identification of the Applicant with whom USAID will work with for purposes of Agreement administration, identity of the Applicant which will have accounting responsibility, how Agreement effort will be allocated and the express agreement of the principals thereto to be held jointly and severally liable for the acts or omissions of the other.

The Applicant must sign and submit the cost application standard form number SF-424 and SF-424A. Standard Forms can be accessed electronically at www.grants.gov.

The following sections describe the documentation that the Applicants must submit to USAID prior to award. While there is no page limit for this portion, Applicants are encouraged to be as concise as possible, but still provide the necessary details to address the following:

1. The budget must have an accompanying detailed budget narrative and justification that provides in detail the total program amount for implementation of the program your organization is proposing. The budget narrative should provide information regarding the basis of estimate for each line item, including reference to sources used to substantiate the cost estimate (e.g. organization's policy, payroll document, and vendor quotes, etc.).
2. A budget for each program year with an accompanying detailed budget narrative which provides in detail the total costs for implementation of the program. The budget must be submitted using Standard Form 424 which can be downloaded from the following web site at: <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>
3. A breakdown of all costs associated with the program according to the costs of, if applicable, headquarters, regional and/or country offices.
4. Applicants who intend to utilize contractors or sub-awardees should indicate the extent intended and a complete cost breakdown. Extensive contracts/agreement financial plans should follow the same cost format as submitted by the primary Applicant. A breakdown of all costs according to each partner organization, contract or sub-awardee involved in the program should be provided.

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200 Contract means a legal instrument by which the Applicant purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a resulting award. The term does not include a legal instrument when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a Federal award or sub-award (see § 200.92 Sub-award), even if the Applicant considers it a contract. The Applicant must describe the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting proposed by the contractor, and the quality of its record of past performance for similar work. For-profit contract organizations that work under the award and do not meet the above definition of a sub-awardee are eligible for profit/fee.

The cost/business application should contain the budget categories as shown on the SF-424A.

The Applicant must submit a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement NICRA if the organization has such an agreement with an agency or department of the U.S. Government. If no NICRA the Applicant should submit the following:

Reviewed Financial Statements Report: a report issued by a Certified Public Account (CPA) documenting the review of the financial statements was performed in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services; that management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation. The account must also state the he or she is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements; or

Audited Financial Statements Report: An auditor issues a report documenting the audit was conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), the financial statements are the responsibility of management, provides an opinion that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the company and the results of operations are in conformity with the applicable financial reporting framework (or issues a qualified opinion if the financial statements are not in conformity with the applicable financial reporting framework).

The business section of the cost/business application should include:

1. Required assurances, certifications and representations
2. Evidence of responsible the Agreement Officer can use to determine the Applicant
 - a. Has adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as require during the performance of the award;
 - b. Has the ability to comply with the award conditions, taking into account all existing and currently prospective commitments of the Applicant;
 - c. Has a satisfactory record of performance. Past relevant unsatisfactory performance is ordinarily sufficient to justify a finding of non-responsibility, unless there is clear evidence of subsequent satisfactory performance;
 - d. Has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics; and
 - e. Is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive a Cooperative Agreement under applicable laws and regulations (e.g., EEO).
3. Certificate of Compliance: Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Compliance if your organization's systems have been certified by USAID/Washington's Office of Acquisition and Assistance (M/OAA).
4. Statutory and Regulation Certifications: The Applicant shall complete the certifications in Section IV, B. Required Certifications and sign and date in the signature space provided. The signed and dated printout must then be submitted with the application as an annex to the cost application. Original signed hard copy of the certifications will be requested from the successful applicant prior to the agreement award.

Potential Request for Additional Documentation

Upon consideration of award or during the negotiations leading to an award, Applicants may be required to submit additional documentation deemed necessary for the Agreement Officer to make an affirmative determination of responsibility. Applicants should not submit the information below with their applications! The information in this section is provided so that Applicants may become familiar with additional documentation that may be requested by the Agreement Officer:

The information submitted should substantiate:

1. Bylaws, constitution, and articles of incorporation, if applicable.

2. Whether the organizational travel, procurement, financial management, accounting manual and personnel policies and procedures, especially regarding salary, promotion, leave, differentials, etc., submitted under this section have been reviewed and approved by any agency of the Federal Government, and if so, provide the name, address, and phone number of the cognizant reviewing official. The Applicant should provide copies of the same.

Required Certifications

Certifications, Assurances, Other Statements of the Recipient and Solicitation Standard Provisions

NOTE: When these Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements of Recipient are used for cooperative agreements, the term "Grant" means "Cooperative Agreement."

Part I – Certifications and Assurances

1. *Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs*

Note: This certification applies to Non-U.S. organizations if any part of the program will be undertaken in the United States.

1. The recipient hereby assures that no person in the United States will, on the bases set forth below, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving financial assistance from USAID, and that with respect to the Cooperative Agreement for which application is being made, it will comply with the requirements of:
 - A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352, 42 U.S.C. 2000-d), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
 - B. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
 - C. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (Pub. L. 95-478), which prohibits discrimination based on age in the delivery of services and benefits supported with Federal funds;
 - D. (4) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance (whether or not the programs or activities are offered or sponsored by an educational institution); and
 - E. USAID regulations implementing the above nondiscrimination laws, set

forth in Chapter II of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

2. If the recipient is an institution of higher education, the Assurances given herein extend to admission practices and to all other practices relating to the treatment of students or clients of the institution, or relating to the opportunity to participate in the provision of services or other benefits to such individuals, and must be applicable to the entire institution unless the recipient establishes to the satisfaction of the USAID Administrator that the institution's practices in designated parts or programs of the institution will in no way affect its practices in the program of the institution for which financial assistance is sought, or the beneficiaries of, or participants in, such programs.

2. Certification Regarding Lobbying

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal Cooperative Agreement, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned must complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. The undersigned must require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including contracts, subawards, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients must certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

"The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned must complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure."

3. Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers for Covered Countries and Individuals (ADS 206)

USAID reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, to demand a refund or take other appropriate measures if the Grantee is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking as defined in 22 CFR Part 140. The undersigned must review USAID ADS 206 to determine if any certifications are required for Key Individuals or Covered Participants.

If there are COVERED PARTICIPANTS: USAID reserves the right to terminate assistance to or take other appropriate measures with respect to, any participant approved by USAID who is found to have been convicted of a narcotics offense or to have been engaged in drug trafficking as defined in 22 CFR Part 140.

3. Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing, Implementing Executive Order 13224

By signing and submitting this application, the prospective recipient provides the certification set out below:

4. The Recipient, to the best of its current knowledge, did not provide, within the previous ten years, and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that it does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts, as that term is defined in paragraph 3. The Certification in the preceding sentence will not be deemed applicable to material support or resources provided by the Recipient pursuant to an authorization contained in one or more applicable licenses issued by the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
5. The following steps may enable the Recipient to comply with its obligations under paragraph 1:

a. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will verify that the individual or entity does not (i) appear on the master list of, [Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons](#), which is maintained by OFAC, or (ii) is not included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited individuals or entities that may be provided by USAID to the Recipient.

b. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient also will verify that the individual or entity has not been designated by the United Nations Security (UNSC) sanctions committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999) (the "1267 Committee") [individuals and entities linked to the Taliban, Usama bin Laden, or the Al-Qaida Organization]. To determine whether there has been a published designation of an individual or entity by the 1267 Committee, the Recipient should refer to the consolidated list available online at the Committee's Website:
<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/committees/1267/1267ListEng.htm>.

c. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will consider all information about that individual or entity of which it is aware and all public information that is reasonably available to it or of which it should be aware.

d. The Recipient also will implement reasonable monitoring and oversight procedures to safeguard against assistance being diverted to support terrorist activity.

6. For purposes of this Certification -

a. "Material support and resources" means currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials."

(i) "Training" means instruction or teaching designed to impart a specific skill, as opposed to general knowledge.

(ii) "Expert advice or assistance" means advice or assistance derived from scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge.

b. "Terrorist act" means -

(i) an act prohibited pursuant to one of the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols related to terrorism (see UN terrorism conventions Internet site:

<http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp>); or

(ii) an act of premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; or

(iii) any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

c. "Entity" means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group or subgroup.

d. References in this Certification to the provision of material support and resources must not be deemed to include the furnishing of USAID funds or USAID-financed commodities to the ultimate beneficiaries of USAID assistance, such as recipients of food, medical care, micro-enterprise loans, shelter, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that one or more of these beneficiaries commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

e. The Recipient's obligations under paragraph 1 are not applicable to the procurement of goods and/or services by the Recipient that are acquired in the ordinary course of business through contract or purchase, e.g., utilities, rents, office supplies, gasoline, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that a vendor or supplier of such goods and services commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

This Certification is an express term and condition of any agreement issued as a result of this application, and any violation of it will be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement by USAID prior to the end of its term.

6. Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons, Implementing Title XVII of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013

Note: This certification must be completed prior to receiving an award if the estimated value of services required to be performed under the award outside the United States exceeds \$500,000. This certification must also be submitted

annually to the Agreement Officer during the term of the award.

By signing below, the applicant or recipient, as applicable, through its duly designated representative, after having conducted due diligence, hereby certifies the following:

1. The applicant/recipient has implemented a compliance plan to prevent the prohibited activities identified in section (a) of the Mandatory Provision "Trafficking in Persons" and is in compliance with that plan;
2. The application/recipient has implemented procedures to prevent any activities described in section (a) of the Mandatory Provision "Trafficking in Persons" and to monitor, detect, and terminate any contractor, subawardee, employee, or other agent of the applicant/recipient engaging in any activities described in such section; and
3. To the best of the representative's knowledge, neither the applicant/recipient, nor any employee, contractor, or subawardee of the applicant/recipient, nor any agent of the applicant/recipient or of such a contractor or subawardee, is engaged in any of the activities described in section (a) the Mandatory Provision "Trafficking in Persons."

7. Certification of Recipient

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for (1) the Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing NonDiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, (2) the Certification Regarding Lobbying, (3) the Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers for Covered Countries and Individuals (ADS 206), (4) the Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing Implementing Executive Order 13224, and (5) the Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons above.

These certifications and assurances are given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipient by the Agency, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which was approved before such date. The recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in these assurances, and that the United States will have the right to seek judicial enforcement of these assurances. These assurances are binding on the recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign these assurances on behalf of the recipient.

Request for Application or
Annual Program Statement No. _____

Application No. _____

Date of Application _____

Name of Recipient _____

Typed Name and Title _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Part II – Key Individual Certification Narcotics Offenses and Drug Trafficking

I hereby certify that within the last ten years:

1. I have not been convicted of a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation of the United States or any other country concerning narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other controlled substances.

2. I am not and have not been an illicit trafficker in any such drug or controlled substance.

3. I am not and have not been a knowing assistor, abettor, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such drug or substance.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

NOTICE:

1. You are required to sign this Certification under the provisions of 22 CFR Part 140, Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers. These regulations were issued by the Department of State and require that certain key individuals of organizations must sign this Certification.

2. If you make a false Certification you are subject to U.S. criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Part III – Participant Certification Narcotics Offenses and Drug Trafficking

1. I hereby certify that within the last ten years:

a. I have not been convicted of a violation of, or a conspiracy to violate, any law or regulation of the United States or any other country concerning narcotic or psychotropic drugs or other controlled substances.

b. I am not and have not been an illicit trafficker in any such drug or controlled substance.

c. I am not or have not been a knowing assistor, abettor, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such drug or substance.

2. I understand that USAID may terminate my training if it is determined that I engaged in the above conduct during the last ten years or during my USAID training.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

NOTICE:

1. You are required to sign this Certification under the provisions of 22 CFR Part 140, Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers. These regulations were issued by the Department of State and require that certain participants must sign

this Certification.

2. If you make a false Certification you are subject to U.S. criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Part IV – Representation by Organization Regarding a Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Criminal Conviction

- (a) As required by sections 744 and 745 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), and similar provisions, if contained in subsequent appropriations acts, none of the funds made available by that Act may be used to enter into an assistance award with any organization that –
- (1) “Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency has direct knowledge of the conviction, unless the agency has considered, in accordance with its procedures, that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government”; or
 - (2) “Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency has direct knowledge of the unpaid tax liability, unless the Federal agency has considered, in accordance with its procedures, that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government”.

It is USAID’s policy that no award may be made to any organization covered by (1) or (2) above, unless the M/OAA Compliance Division has made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) Applicant Representation:

- (1) The Applicant represents that it is ☐ is not ☐ an organization that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.
- (2) The Applicant represents that it is ☐ is not ☐ an organization that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an

agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

Part V – Other Statements of Recipient

1. Authorized Individuals

The recipient represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the Government and to bind the recipient in connection with this application or grant:

Name	Title	Telephone No.	Facsimile No.

8. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

If the recipient is a U.S. organization, or a foreign organization which has income effectively connected with the conduct of activities in the U.S. or has an office or a place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the U.S., please indicate the recipient's TIN:

TIN: _____

3. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number

9. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation using an applicable exemption, in the space provided at the end of this provision, the recipient should supply the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number applicable to that name and address. Recipients should take care to report the number that identifies the recipient's name and address exactly as stated in the proposal.

(b) The DUNS is a 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services. If the recipient does not have a DUNS number, the recipient should call Dun and Bradstreet directly at 1-800-333-0505. A DUNS number will be provided immediately by telephone at no charge to the recipient. The recipient should be prepared to provide the following information:

- (1) Recipient's name.

- (2) Recipient's address.
- (3) Recipient's telephone number.
- (4) Line of business.
- (5) Chief executive officer/key manager.
- (6) Date the organization was started.
- (7) Number of people employed by the recipient.
- (8) Company affiliation.

(c) Recipients located outside the United States may email Dun and Bradstreet at **globalinfo@dbisma.com** to obtain the location and phone number of the local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services office.

The DUNS system is distinct from the Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) system.

DUNS: _____

10. Letter of Credit (LOC) Number

If the recipient has an existing Letter of Credit (LOC) with USAID, please indicate the LOC number:

LOC: _____

5. Procurement Information

(a) Applicability. This applies to the procurement of goods and services planned by the recipient (i.e., contracts, purchase orders, etc.) from a supplier of goods or services for the direct use or benefit of the recipient in conducting the program supported by the grant, and not to assistance provided by the recipient (i.e., a subgrant or subagreement) to a subgrantee or subrecipient in support of the subgrantee's or subrecipient's program. Provision by the recipient of the requested information does not, in and of itself, constitute USAID approval.

(b) Amount of Procurement. Please indicate the total estimated dollar amount of goods and services which the recipient plans to purchase under the grant:

\$ _____

(c) Nonexpendable Property. If the recipient plans to purchase nonexpendable equipment which would require the approval of the Agreement Officer, indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types, quantities of each, and estimated unit costs. Nonexpendable equipment for which the Agreement

Officer's approval to purchase is required is any article of nonexpendable tangible personal property charged directly to the grant, having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION (Generic)	_____
QUANTITY	_____
ESTIMATED UNIT COST	_____

(d) Source If the recipient plans to purchase any goods/commodities which are not in accordance with the Standard Provision "USAID Eligibility Rules for Procurement of Commodities and Services," indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each, estimated unit costs of each, and probable source. "Source" means the country from which a commodity is shipped to the cooperating country or the cooperating country itself if the commodity is located in the cooperating country at the time of purchase. However, where a commodity is shipped from a free port or bonded warehouse in the form in which received, "source" means the country from which the commodity was shipped to the free port or bonded warehouse. Additionally, "available for purchase" includes "offered for sale at the time of purchase" if the commodity is listed in a vendor's catalog or other statement of inventory, kept as part of the vendor's customary business practices and regularly offered for sale, even if the commodities are not physically on the vendors' shelves or even in the source country at the time of the order. In such cases, the recipient must document that the commodity was listed in the vendor's catalog or other statement of inventory; that the vendor has a regular and customary business practice of selling the commodity through "just in time" or other similar inventory practices; and the recipient did not engage the vendor to list the commodity in its catalog or other statement of inventory just to fulfill the recipient's request for the commodity.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION	_____
QUANTITY	_____
ESTIMATED GOODS	_____
PROBABLE GOODS	_____
PROBABLE (Generic)	_____
UNIT COST	_____
SOURCE	_____

© Restricted Goods. If the recipient plans to purchase any restricted goods, indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each, estimated unit costs of each, intended use, and probable source. Restricted goods are Agricultural Commodities, Motor Vehicles, Pharmaceuticals, Pesticides, Used Equipment, U.S. Government-Owned Excess Property, and Fertilizer.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION	_____
QUANTITY	_____
ESTIMATED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
INTENDED USE (Generic)	_____
UNIT COST	_____
SOURCE	_____

(f) Supplier Nationality. If the recipient plans to purchase any goods or services from suppliers of goods and services whose nationality is not in accordance with the Standard Provision "USAID Eligibility Rules for Procurement of Commodities and Services," indicate below (using a continuation page, as necessary) the types and quantities of each good or service, estimated costs of each, probable nationality of each non-U.S. supplier of each good or service, and the rationale for purchasing from a non-U.S. supplier.

TYPE/DESCRIPTION	_____
QUANTITY	_____
ESTIMATED	_____
PROBABLE SUPPLIER	_____
NATIONALITY	_____
RATIONALE (Generic)	_____
UNIT COST (Non-US Only)	_____
FOR NON-US	_____

11. Past Performance References

On a continuation page, please provide past performance information requested in the RFA.

12. Type of Organization

The recipient, by checking the applicable box, represents that -

(a) If the recipient is a U.S. entity, it operates as ☐ a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of, ☐ an individual, ☐ a partnership, ☐ a nongovernmental nonprofit organization, ☐ a state or local governmental organization, ☐ a private college or university, ☐ a public college or university, ☐ an international organization, or ☐ a joint venture; or

(b) If the recipient is a non-U.S. entity, it operates as ☐ a corporation organized under the laws of _____ (country), ☐ an

individual, [] a partnership, [] a nongovernmental nonprofit organization, [] a nongovernmental educational institution, [] a governmental organization, [] an international organization, or [] a joint venture.

8. Estimated Costs of Communications Products

The following are the estimate(s) of the cost of each separate communications product (i.e., any printed material [other than non-color photocopy material], photographic services, or video production services) which is anticipated under the grant. Each estimate must include all the costs associated with preparation and execution of the product. Use a continuation page as necessary.

Part VI – Standard Provisions for Solicitations

13. Branding Strategy – Assistance (June 2012)

- a. Applicants recommended for an assistance award must submit and negotiate a “Branding Strategy,” describing how the program, project, or activity is named and positioned, and how it is promoted and communicated to beneficiaries and host country citizens.
- b. The request for a Branding Strategy, by the Agreement Officer from the applicant, confers no rights to the applicant and constitutes no USAID commitment to an award.
- c. Failure to submit and negotiate a Branding Strategy within the time frame specified by the Agreement Officer will make the applicant ineligible for an award.
- d. The applicant must include all estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth, in the budget portion of the application. These costs are subject to the revision and negotiation with the Agreement Officer and will be incorporated into the Total Estimated Amount of the grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance instrument.
- e. The Branding Strategy must include, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (1) All estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth.
 - (2) The intended name of the program, project, or activity.

- (i) USAID requires the applicant to use the "USAID Identity," comprised of the USAID logo and brandmark, with the tagline "from the American people" as found on the USAID Web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/branding>, unless Section VI of the RFA or APS states that the USAID Administrator has approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.
 - (ii) USAID prefers local language translations of the phrase "made possible by (or with) the generous support of the American People" next to the USAID Identity when acknowledging contributions.
 - (iii) It is acceptable to cobrand the title with the USAID Identity and the applicant's identity.
 - (iv) If branding in the above manner is inappropriate or not possible, the applicant must explain how USAID's involvement will be showcased during publicity for the program or project.
 - (v) USAID prefers to fund projects that do not have a separate logo or identity that competes with the USAID Identity. If there is a plan to develop a separate logo to consistently identify this program, the applicant must attach a copy of the proposed logos. Section VI of the RFA or APS will state if an Administrator approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.
- (3) The intended primary and secondary audiences for this project or program, including direct beneficiaries and any special target Segments.
 - (4) Planned communication or program materials used to explain or market the program to beneficiaries.
 - (i) Describe the main program message.
 - (ii) Provide plans for training materials, posters, pamphlets, public service announcement, billboards, Web sites, and so forth, as appropriate.
 - (iii) Provide any plans to announce and promote publicly this program or project to host country citizens, such as media releases, press conferences, public events, and so forth. Applicant must incorporate the USAID Identity and the

message, "USAID is from the American People."

- (iv) Provide any additional ideas to increase awareness that the American people support this project or program.
 - (5) Information on any direct involvement from host-country government or ministry, including any planned acknowledgement of the host-country government.
 - (6) Any other groups whose logo or identity the applicant will use on program materials and related materials. Indicate if they are a donor or why they will be visibly acknowledged, and if they will receive the same prominence as USAID.
- f. The Agreement Officer will review the Branding Strategy to ensure the above information is adequately included and consistent with the stated objectives of the award, the applicant's cost data submissions, and the performance plan.
- g. If the applicant receives an assistance award, the Branding Strategy will be included in and made part of the resulting grant or cooperative agreement

(END OF PROVISION)

14. Marking Plan – Assistance (June 2012)

- a. Applicants recommended for an assistance award must submit and negotiate a "Marking Plan," detailing the public communications, commodities, and program materials, and other items that will visibly bear the "USAID Identity," which comprises of the USAID logo and brandmark, with the tagline "from the American people." The USAID Identity is the official marking for the Agency, and is found on the USAID Web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/branding>. Section VI of the RFA or APS will state if an Administrator approved the use of an additional or substitute logo, seal, or tagline.
- b. The request for a Marking Plan, by the Agreement Officer from the applicant, confers no rights to the applicant and constitutes no USAID commitment to an award.
- c. Failure to submit and negotiate a Marking Plan within the time frame specified by the Agreement Officer will make the applicant ineligible for an award.

- d. The applicant must include all estimated costs associated with branding and marking USAID programs, such as plaques, stickers, banners, press events, materials, and so forth, in the budget portion of the application. These costs are subject to the revision and negotiation with the Agreement Officer and will be incorporated into the Total Estimated Amount of the grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance instrument.
- e. The Marking Plan must include all of the following:
- (1) A description of the public communications, commodities, and program materials that the applicant plans to produce and which will bear the USAID Identity as part of the award, including:
 - (i) Program, project, or activity sites funded by USAID, including visible infrastructure projects or other sites physical in nature;
 - (ii) Technical assistance, studies, reports, papers, publications, audio-visual productions, public service announcements, Web sites/Internet activities, promotional, informational, media, or communications products funded by USAID;
 - (iii) Commodities, equipment, supplies, and other materials funded by USAID, including commodities or equipment provided under humanitarian assistance or disaster relief programs; and
 - (iv) It is acceptable to cobrand the title with the USAID Identity and the applicant's identity.
 - (v) Events financed by USAID, such as training courses, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, fairs, workshops, press conferences and other public activities. If the USAID Identity cannot be displayed, the recipient is encouraged to otherwise acknowledge USAID and the support of the American people.
 - (2) A table on the program deliverables with the following details:
 - (i) The program deliverables that the applicant plans to mark with the USAID Identity;

- (ii) The type of marking and what materials the applicant will use to mark the program deliverables;
 - (iii) When in the performance period the applicant will mark the program deliverables, and where the applicant will place the marking;
 - (iv) What program deliverables the applicant does not plan to mark with the USAID Identity , and
 - (v) The rationale for not marking program deliverables.
- (3) Any requests for an exemption from USAID marking requirements, and an explanation of why the exemption would apply. The applicant may request an exemption if USAID marking requirements would:
- (i) Compromise the intrinsic independence or neutrality of a program or materials where independence or neutrality is an inherent aspect of the program and materials. The applicant must identify the USAID Development Objective, Interim Result, or program goal furthered by an appearance of neutrality, or state why an aspect of the award is presumptively neutral. Identify by category or deliverable item, examples of material for which an exemption is sought.
 - (ii) Diminish the credibility of audits, reports, analyses, studies, or policy recommendations whose data or findings must be seen as independent. The applicant must explain why each particular deliverable must be seen as credible.
 - (iii) Undercut host-country government "ownership" of constitutions, laws, regulations, policies, studies, assessments, reports, publications, surveys or audits, public service announcements, or other communications. The applicant must explain why each particular item or product is better positioned as host-country government item or product.
 - (iv) Impair the functionality of an item. The applicant must explain how marking the item or commodity would impair its functionality.
 - (v) Incur substantial costs or be impractical. The applicant must explain why marking would not be cost beneficial or

practical.

- (vi) Offend local cultural or social norms, or be considered inappropriate. The applicant must identify the relevant norm, and explain why marking would violate that norm or otherwise be inappropriate.
 - (vii) Conflict with international law. The applicant must identify the applicable international law violated by the marking.
- f. The Agreement Officer will consider the Marking Plan's adequacy and reasonableness and will approve or disapprove any exemption requests. The Marking Plan will be reviewed to ensure the above information is adequately included and consistent with the stated objectives of the award, the applicant's cost data submissions, and the performance plan.
- g. If the applicant receives an assistance award, the Marking Plan, including any approved exemptions, will be included in and made part of the resulting grant or cooperative agreement, and will apply for the term of the award unless provided otherwise.

(END OF PROVISION)

**15. Conscience Clause Implementation (Assistance) – Solicitation Provision
(February 2012)**

- (a) An organization, including a faith-based organization, that is otherwise eligible to receive funds under this agreement for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, or care—
 - 1) Shall not be required, as a condition of receiving such assistance—
 - (i) to endorse or utilize a multisectoral or comprehensive approach to combating HIV/AIDS; or
 - (ii) to endorse, utilize, make a referral to, become integrated with, or otherwise participate in any program or activity to which the organization has a religious or moral objection; and
 - 2) Shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or issuance of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements for refusing to meet any requirement described in paragraph (a)(1) above.

- (b) An applicant who believes that this solicitation contains provisions or requirements that would require it to endorse or use an approach or participate in an activity to which it has a religious or moral objection must so notify the cognizant Agreement Officer in accordance with the Mandatory Standard Provision titled "Notices" as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for submission of applications under this solicitation. The applicant must advise which activity(ies) it could not implement and the nature of the religious or moral objection.
- © In responding to the solicitation, an applicant with a religious or moral objection may compete for any funding opportunity as a prime partner, or as a leader or member of a consortium that comes together to compete for an award. Alternatively, such applicant may limit its application to those activities it can undertake and must indicate in its submission the activity(ies) it has excluded based on religious or moral objection. The offeror's proposal will be evaluated based on the activities for which a proposal is submitted, and will not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably due to the absence of a proposal addressing the activity(ies) to which it objected and which it thus omitted. In addition to the notification in paragraph (b) above, the applicant must meet the submission date provided for in the solicitation.

(END OF PROVISION)

16. Prohibition on Providing Federal Assistance to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements – Representation (May 2017)

(a) Definitions.

"Contract" has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

"Contractor" means an entity that receives a contract as defined in 2 CFR Part 200.

"Internal confidentiality agreement or statement" means a confidentiality agreement or any other written statement that the recipient requires any of its employees or subrecipients to sign regarding nondisclosure of recipient information, except that it does not include confidentiality agreements arising out of civil litigation or confidentiality agreements that recipient employees or subrecipients sign at the behest of a Federal agency.

"Subaward" has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

“Subrecipient” has the meaning given in 2 CFR Part 200.

(b) In accordance with section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions), Government agencies are not permitted to use funds appropriated (or otherwise made available) for federal assistance to a nonFederal entity that requires its employees, subrecipients, or contractors seeking to report waste, fraud, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict its employees, subrecipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

© The prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision does not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, (Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement), Form 4414 (Sensitive Compartmented Information Nondisclosure Agreement), or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

(d) Representation. By submission of its application, the prospective recipient represents that it will not require its employees, subrecipients, or contractors to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees, subrecipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse related to the performance of a Federal award to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information (for example, the Agency Office of the Inspector General).

(END OF PROVISION)

Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management

Dun and Bradstreet and SAM.gov Requirements

USAID may not award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements. Each applicant is required to:

17. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. SAM is streamlining processes, eliminating the need to enter the same data multiple times, and consolidating hosting to make the process of doing business with the government more efficient.;
18. Provide a valid unique entity identifier in its application; and
19. Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that all necessary documentation is complete and received on time.

20. Funding Restrictions

USAID policy is not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the agreement program and are in accordance with applicable cost principle under 2 CFR 200 Subpart E. of the Uniform Administrative Requirements may be paid under the anticipated award.

[END OF SECTION D]

SECTION E: APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Criteria

A successful Applicant will be highly experienced in administering small grant award programs and/or challenge prizes to private enterprise testing new innovation. The Applicant will also ideally have a deep understanding of the off-grid energy market in developing regions, energy storage technologies, and the industrial ecosystem of both, including e-waste management and recycling industries.

The Applicant will have the administrative capacity and technical expertise to solicit, evaluate, and prioritize market-leading innovations in the following categories:

- Recycling and e-waste management companies seeking to expand business activities in support of the off-grid sector across sub-Saharan Africa
- Solar home system distributors seeking to implement an end-of-life program without sufficient resources to pilot on their own
- Solar home system suppliers seeking to improve existing product design to solve recycling challenges to increase system value at end of life
- Battery technology suppliers with an especially compelling innovation that increases ease of recycling, longevity, and overall product sustainability while remaining cost competitive

Applicant will also be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Proposed approach to program administration (compatible programming approach based on grant objectives)
- Institutional capacity (capacity to effectively and efficiently implement the program)
- Key personnel (necessary expertise for efficient implementation)
- Past performance (demonstrated expertise in running high profile and highly technical grant award programs)
- Cost application (effective use of funds)
- Cost sharing (voluntary but encouraged)
 - A high priority is placed on the Applicant's capacity to leverage the existing total available USAID funding with private sector match funding, and the SOGE team will work with the successful Applicant to explore further funding sources to enhance the existing total budget for the award program. Leveraged non-USAID resources from private firms and institutions (including third party corporate or other private funding) may be considered part of cost share and is highly encouraged. Match funding is not required but may significantly boost an application.

2. Review and Selection Process

APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Technical Evaluation

USAID will conduct a merit review of all applications received that complies with the instructions in this NFO. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

Technical Approach The extent to which the proposed technical approach and PMP demonstrate a clear understanding of the objectives of the program and a convincing approach to achieve them.
Institutional Capability Extent to which the Applicant's institutional capability demonstrates the ability to effectively implement this program.
Key Personnel Extent to which the proposed Key Personnel convincingly demonstrate the ability to successfully and effectively implement the proposed program.
Past Performance Extent to which the applicant and its teaming partners, if any, demonstrate successful past performance in achieving results on similar programs.

B. Cost Evaluation

While Cost is less important than technical and is not weighted, the strongest technical applications will be evaluated for cost effectiveness including the level of proposed cost share. Other considerations are the completeness of the application, adequacy of budget detail, and consistency with elements of the technical application. In addition, the organization must demonstrate adequate financial management capability, to be measured for a responsibility determination.

The application with the lowest estimated cost may not be selected if award to a higher priced technical application offers a greater overall benefit for the program. All other evaluation factors, when combined, are significantly more important than cost. However, estimated cost is an important factor and the estimated cost to the Government increases in importance as competing applications approach equivalence and may become the deciding factor when technical applications are approximately equivalent in merit.

Cost estimates will be analyzed as part of the application evaluation process. Proposed costs may be adjusted, for purposes of evaluation, based on results of the cost analysis and its assessment of reasonableness, completeness, and credibility.

Cost Sharing

A high priority is placed on the Applicant's capacity to leverage the existing total available USAID funding with private sector match funding, and the SOGE team will work with the successful Applicant to explore further funding sources to enhance the existing total budget for the award program. Leveraged non-USAID resources from private firms and institutions (including third party corporate or other private funding) may be considered part of cost share and is highly encouraged. Match funding is not required but may significantly boost an application. Cost sharing may be also demonstrated either through direct funding, beneficiary contributions, in-kind assistance, or a combination thereof. USAID shall make the final determination and assess whether or not the Applicants cost share contributions (e.g. categories or items) meet the standards set in 2 CFR 200.

[END OF SECTION E]

SECTION F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Federal Award Notices

Award of the agreement contemplated by this NFO cannot be made until funds have been appropriated, allocated and committed through internal USAID procedures. While USAID anticipates that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for the award. The Agreement Officer is the only individual who may legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds. No costs chargeable to the proposed Agreement may be incurred before receipt of either a fully executed Agreement or a specific, written authorization from the Agreement Officer.

2. Administrative & National Policy Requirements

For U.S. organizations, 2 CFR 700, 2 CFR 200, and ADS 303, Standard Provisions for U.S. Non-governmental Organizations are applicable. For non-U.S. organizations, ADS 303, Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Non-governmental Organizations will apply.

3. Reporting Requirements.

Financial Reporting:

(A) Financial reporting requirements shall be in accordance with 2 CFR 200.327. Except as may be otherwise indicated below, either paper copies or electronic copies (scanned PDF document) may be submitted, but not both.

(B) In accordance with 2 CFR 200.327, Standard Form 425 (SF-425) and SF-425A (available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_forms/) are used to report accrued expenditures. Reporting periods are calendar quarters. Quarterly reports are due not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The final report will be due not later than 60 days after the estimated completion date of the resulting Agreement.

The Recipient shall submit this form in the following manner:

(i) Submission to USAID GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LAB/SOGE

One copy of all financial reports must be submitted to the AOR. The Recipient may omit Lines 10a-c of the SF-425 for the submission to USAID GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LAB/SOGE or to AOR and AO.

(ii) Submission to USAID/M/CFO/CMP

One copy of the final financial report must be submitted to the USAID/Washington M/CFO/CMP- LOC Unit. The Recipient may omit Lines 10a-c of the SF-425 for the submission to loc@usaid.gov.

The Letter of Credit (LOC) is a payment method that authorizes grant recipients to request an electronic drawdown/advance of funds approved by USAID's agreement officers via award documents. USAID has outsourced its LOC award drawdown/advances and reporting services to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Full instructions for SF-425 Federal Financial Report Letter of Credit (LOC) Account Set-Up and Payment Procedures can be found in [ADS 636sab](#).

Performance Reporting

The successful Applicant will use the standard form Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report performance progress for the program under the award when the program exceeds \$100,000 or more per project/grant period.

Development Experience Clearinghouse Requirements

For instructions on detailed guidance on the submission of copies of reports and other information to USAID's Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC), please refer to [ADS 540](#).

Branding & Marking:

- a. The application should include a well-defined Branding Strategy describing how the program, project, or activity is named and positioned; promoted and communicated to beneficiaries and cooperating country citizens, and identifies how donors will be acknowledged.
- b. The application should include a well-defined Marking Plan which details the public communications, commodities, and program materials and other items that will visibly bear the USAID identity.

See also ADS 320.3.3 Marking and Public Communications under USAID-Funded Assistance <http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/320.pdf>.

Environmental Compliance

As part of its initial Work Plan, and all Annual Work Plans thereafter, the [contractor/recipient], in collaboration with the USAID Cognizant Technical Officer and Mission Environmental Officer or Bureau Environmental Officer, as appropriate, shall review all ongoing and planned activities under this CA to determine if they are within the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation. 4b) If the recipient plans any new activities outside the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation, it shall prepare an amendment to the documentation for USAID review and approval. No such new activities shall be undertaken prior to receiving written USAID approval of environmental documentation amendments. 4c) Any ongoing activities found to be outside the scope of the approved Regulation 216 environmental documentation shall be halted until an amendment to the documentation is submitted and written approval is received from USAID.

A provision for sub-grants is included under this award; therefore, the [contractor/recipient] will be required to use an Environmental Review Form (ERF) or Environmental Review (ER) checklist using impact assessment tools to screen grant proposals to ensure the funded proposals will result in no adverse environmental impact, to develop mitigation measures, as necessary, and to specify monitoring and reporting. Use of the ERF or ER checklist is called for when the nature of the grant proposals to be funded is not well enough known to make an informed decision about their potential environmental impacts, yet due to the type and extent of activities to be funded, any adverse impacts are expected to be easily mitigated. Implementation of sub-grant activities cannot go forward until the ERF or ER checklist is completed and approved by USAID. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that mitigation measures specified by the ERF or ER checklist process are implemented.

The recipient will be responsible for periodic reporting to the USAID Cognizant Technical Officer, as specified in the Schedule/Program Description of this solicitation/award.

[END OF SECTION F]

SECTION G: FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACT(S)

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[END OF SECTION G]

SECTION H: OTHER INFORMATION

USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

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