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Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 2

Program Title: Disaster Risk Management Professionalization and Youth Leadership (DRM-PYL) Activity

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The United States Government (“USG”), represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development’s (“USAID/ETHIOPIA”) hereby amends the above-referenced NOFO.

The purpose of Amendment 02 is to provide formal responses to questions received from prospective applicants by the deadline. See Attachment 1 for the answers to questions submitted by prospective applicants.

Thank you for your interest and consideration of this USAID initiative. We look forward to your organization's continued participation.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sampson
Agreement Officer

Attachment No. 1 - Questions and Answers

General Questions

Q1. Is USAID/Ethiopia's Disaster Risk Management - Professionalization and Youth (DRM-PYL) opportunity which we suspect might be an addenda to Broad Mission Announcement (BMA) #72066320BMA00001?

Response: No, it is not an addendum to 72066320BMA00001. DRM-PYL is a standalone activity not linked to a BMA..

Technical Questions

Q2. To finalize our proposal, we want some clarifications:

1. On page 12 Geographic Focus says- 'in each region at **least one** university will be targeted for Fellow recruitment and additional DRM training support', but how could this be implemented if the graduates of some universities don't meet the needs and requirements of DRM-host institutions?

Response: The intent of the geographic focus is to build a national network of young professionals who are equipped with new DRM/analytical skills and leadership opportunities in various regions of the country. USAID recognizes that some higher institutions already have established DRM curriculum while others do not. In institutions that don't have a pre-established DRM curriculum, Fellows can be recruited from other disciplines, including agriculture, social sciences, public health, etc. The implementing partner(s) will then be expected to work with selected universities to develop a 4-6 week pre-Fellowship DRM training module and provide technical assistance to the universities to deliver the annual training for Fellows (for those from non-DRM specific academic programs, at a minimum) prior to placement as Fellows in government DRM-related institutions. Refer to section A.5 Program Activities, sub-section on Activity Intermediate Outcome 1 for more information. If there is barrier that has emerged that is restricted you from meeting the requirement please include in your response to the NOFO.

2. The recruitment methods, duration and management of expatriate staff needs more clarifications'.

Response: Applicants are encouraged to propose a management structure that best suits the technical proposals and the estimated budget. This may include Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian staff. The duration of any expatriate staff contracts will be up to the Applicants to propose within budget limitations. Implementing partner(s) will be required to recruit their own staff and Chief of Party personnel within budget parameters. The

Chief of Party, whether expatriate or Ethiopian staff, will work closely with the USAID Agreement Officer (AO) and Agreement Officer Representative (AOR) as described in this NOFO. Refer to section A.3 Results and Goals, sub-section d) Management Arrangements & Management Approach for more information.

3. Are fire engines, first aid kits, and ambulance vehicles eligible purchases for training.

Response: USAID will consider proposed budgets for appropriate training supplies, including practice-based training tools. Applicants should aim to maximize training budgets to allow for annual 4-6 week pre-Fellowship DRM training modules for cohorts of approximately 150 Fellows per year. Applicants should also keep in mind that training might need to be held virtually initially as COVID-19 and security- related travel restrictions evolve in Ethiopia and should design budgets appropriately. Emergency vehicles like fire engines and ambulance vehicles will not be considered reasonable expenses.