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Question #1: Would you further clarify if the risk assessment should be an attachment or not and if it is an attachment is there a page limit? Page 9 of the NOFO does not seem to address this.

DOS Response: The risk assessment is part of the proposal, not an attachment.

Question #2: NOFO p. 16, Section D5. Funding Restrictions states that "Construction or renovations is not an allowable activity under this award." Would the upgrade or furnishing of an SNA operations room be considered a renovation?

DOS Response: Temporary upgrades and furnishings will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Question #3: NOFO p. 6: What are the specific "security directives issued by the SNA and ATMIS" and "U.S. regulations" applicable to this NOFO when personnel are deployed to the mission area?

DOS Response: The implementer will have to abide by base and facility access policies, which vary.

Question #4: Please clarify who will support and provide security to, transport staff to, and evacuate staff from deployed locations in Somalia if required?

DOS Response: Implementer will need to plan for transportation, security, and evacuation.

Question #5: The NOFO clarifies that CVs are not subject to the 20-page proposal narrative limit. Do they count against the 10-page limit for attachments?

DOS Response: Tab A Mandatory Attachments is limited to 10 pages total.