



AMENDMENT NO. 1
Request for Applications (RFA) No. 514-09-000005

RFA Title: Montes de Maria – “Enhanced Livelihood Initiative”

Issuance Date: October 20, 2009
Closing Date and Time for Application Submission: **November 13, 2009**
3:00 p.m. (Colombian Time)

DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:

The purpose of this amendment is to make changes reflected in the Questions and Answers document. Changes are made as follows:

On the COVER LETTER, replace “Closing Date and Time for Applications Submissions, October 30, 2009” with “Closing Date and Time for Applications Submissions, **November 13, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Colombian Time**)

In order to remove the “two levels” requirement by this amendment, SECTION I – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION, 10. Management and Implementation Plan, 2nd paragraph, is replaced in its entirety with:

“As part of their technical approach, respondents are free to propose a management structure that includes local organizations as sub-awardees or sub-contractors to implement this program.

Each approach will be evaluated for cost effectiveness as previously stated, in terms of both cost effectiveness and management efficiency.

Finally, USAID wants to ensure that the selected recipient has access to the best Colombian organizations and individuals to implement this activity. Respondents are encouraged to work with local organizations that best fit their technical approach without developing exclusivity agreements.

The terms “Consortium” or “Consortia” as found within this RFA, are defined as “a group of companies/organizations that agree to join or associate for an enterprise beyond their individual capabilities or resources”.

On SECTION I – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION, 8. Partnerships, 2nd paragraph, replace in its entirety with:

“Partnerships with national NGOs and foundations operating in the same areas will be actively sought, as well as coordination with international NGOs, donors, and UN agencies. In development of medium to long term projects such as livelihood and job creation, substantial leveraging (no less than two to one) will be encouraged and should be sought from the private sector when possible”.

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On SECTION IV – APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION, E. TECHNICAL APPLICATION FORMAT, 6. Required Supporting Documentation, replace “Estimated workplan for program implementation” with “Implementation Plan”.

On SECTION V – APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION, A. EVALUATION CRITERIA, 4. Personnel, 4.3, replace in its entirety with:

“4.3. All Key Personnel should be fluent in written and oral English and Spanish, and should have a Masters degree or higher, in a relevant field”.

On SECTION VII – OTHER INFORMATION. The “Plan de Retorno” document will be uploaded as and attachment to the RFA and will also be posted at:
https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=6efe116075d8f030030699b9337fceb8&tab=core&_cview=1

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the RFA remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,



Neil G. Price
Agreement Officer