

Additional Q&A

- 1. You were specific that we are not allowed to contact Nigerien university partners, but are we allowed to contact non-university partners in Niger?**

USAID Response -USAID must rescind the portion of this as this was due to partial confusion on this specific APS application development process and the nature of the procurement. Provided that the Nigerien Universities are open to discussing with all potential applicants, they may contact each other without issue.

Please understand that the selection team will be USAID only and the Nigerien Universities will still be operating as consultants and will not have a vote in any final decisions and that any relevant information that shared with one applicant will need to be shared with all such as the previous Q&A and this follow-up.

- 2. Please clarify if US University as a lead needs to be registered in Niger? It is clear that all implementing partners must be legally registered, but the question is legally registered where? Is it enough if US university is legally registered in the US and Nigerien partners are legally registered in Niger.**

USAID Response -As this question does not address which type of registration hence our apprehension to answer this without research, this answer will cover 3 registrations within concern.

For Registrations as institutions of learning, universities must only be recognized as academic institutions in their own respective countries.

The issue of Registration for Federal Awards can easily be done by <https://sam.gov/content/home> and verifying your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) or filing for a new one. This is free and I recommend all universities do this if you do not have a UEI. Note that most institutions that possessed a DUNS number (Dunn and Bradstreet) will find that they already have a UEI. Having this ID handy will make any award easier.

Finally, any apparent US awardee(s) may need to register as an entity in Niger to gain exemption to Value Added Taxes. Specifics will be discussed at that time with said awardees.

- 3. Please clarify if, in addition to 1 page cover page, the page limit is 5 pages for section II and III combined or 5 pages for EACH section II and III?**

USAID Response The main body of the Concept Note (sections II and III combined) must not exceed 5 pages (+1-page cover page + a 1-page notional budget template) and must use 12pt Times New Roman font, single spaced with 1 inch margins.