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REFERENCE: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - Request for Application (RFA)
Number: 72065621RFA00012 Improved Learning Outcomes in Primary
Education (SABER) Activity

SUBJECT: Amendment 03

DATE: October 18 ,2021

Dear Potential Applicant:

The purpose of this amendment 03 is to:

1. Delete Section G.1 NOFO Points of Contact in its entirety and replace with:

“1. NOFO Points of Contact:

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2. Provide additional answers to questions submitted by potential applicants (Attachment 1).

Thank you for your interest in USAID Programs.

Sincerely,

Jean-Jacques Badiane
Agreement Officer

AMENDMENT 03 ATTACHMENT 1 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&AS)

QUESTION 1: On page 54 of the NOFO, USAID states that “*All personnel must demonstrate exceptional written and oral communication skills in English and Portuguese and have an excellent command of the technical area.*” In our experience in Mozambique there are strong local technical and operations staff who may not meet the requirement for “exceptional written and oral communication skills in English”—particularly in SABER’s target provinces—but would add value to the project. To ensure that applicants are able to propose the strongest staff available, would USAID please consider limiting this requirement to key personnel only?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1:

Under section D.6.Criterion 3, page 54: Organizational Capacity and Staffing, delete the following paragraph:

"Other Required Project Personnel

“Applicants have the discretion to determine the proper number and mix of additional personnel including other long-term permanent staff, consultants, personnel from local organizations, short-term technical staff, and others to meet project requirements, and to describe them in the technical Application. If Applicants propose technical leads for particular areas, USAID/Mozambique strongly encourages that they consider locally (non-Overseas)-hired technical leads for most positions. All personnel must demonstrate exceptional written and oral communication skills in English and Portuguese and have an excellent command of the technical area. Familiarity with the political, social, economic and cultural context of working in Mozambique is also necessary.”

And replace with:

Other Required Project Personnel

*Applicants have the discretion to determine the proper number and mix of additional personnel including other long-term permanent staff, consultants, personnel from local organizations, short-term technical staff, and others to meet project requirements, and to describe them in the technical Application. If Applicants propose technical leads for particular areas, USAID/Mozambique strongly encourages that they consider locally (non-Overseas)-hired technical leads for most positions. All **key** personnel must demonstrate exceptional written and oral communication skills in English and Portuguese and have an excellent command of the technical area. Familiarity with the political, social, economic, and cultural context of working in Mozambique is also necessary.*

QUESTION 2: To ensure a level playing field for all applicants, please confirm that USAID would like the offer to name select non-key personnel only, rather than name all non-key positions in the organizational structure.

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2:

USAID will not require applicants at the application stage to name all non-key personnel. Applicants can name already identified non-key personnel staff.

QUESTION 3: On page 54 of the NOFO, USAID states that “Applicants must provide resumes and proposed position descriptions for the candidates proposed for all key personnel and long-term professional positions. The resumes should indicate the names of the proposed personnel and demonstrate that the proposed key personnel and long-term professional staff possess the skills and knowledge to effectively carry out their proposed responsibilities.” Could USAID please clarify that the requirement for including resumes and position descriptions only applies to key personnel and named long-term professional positions?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3:

Detailed position descriptions are only required for key personnel.

QUESTION 4: The response to question 73 on advance financing stated that “this procurement is on a reimbursement basis,” noting that a Letter of Credit (LOC) is reserved for US NGOs. However, this is contradictory to our understanding of ADS 636.3.6.2, which notes that “the preferred method of financing grants or cooperative agreements with For-Profit organizations is through Advance Payments (either LOC or Treasury check/ACH or EFT). The method of advance funding shall be specifically authorized in the grant or cooperative agreement.” Could USAID please confirm that For-Profit organizations will be able to utilize an existing Letter of Credit to finance this award, or state the method of advance funding?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4:

Yes, applicants will be able to utilize an existing Letter of Credit.

[END OF ATTACHMENT 1 OF AMENDMENT 03]