

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		BPA NO.	1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE 1	OF PAGE 4
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. ONE		3. EFFECTIVE DATE SEE BLOCK 16C.	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY CODE REGIONAL ACQUISITION AND ASSISTANCE OFFICE USAID/SENEGAL B.P. 49 DAKAR - SENEGAL		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS			(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. RPA No. 685-10-A-07	
				9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) June 9, 2010	
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
CODE			X	10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
FACILITY CODE					

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

- ☐ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☐ is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
- (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment of each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

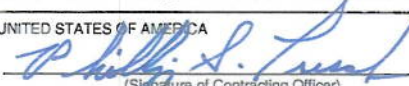
(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☒ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

(See Continuation Page)

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) N/A		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) PHILLIP S. TRESCH REGIONAL ACQUISITION AND ASSISTANCE OFFICER	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY  (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

The purpose of this amendment is to provide answers to a few questions received.

Question # 1

Is your mission specifically focusing on applicants who already have an office in Senegal, or whether you would consider applicants who would set up a local office upon awarding of a cooperative agreement?

Answer # 1

No. All proposals will be considered regardless of whether local offices already exist. It is expected that one or more offices will need to be established in Senegal.

Question # 2

Is the term "grant" used in the RFA synonymous with "subaward"? Is there a connotation that grant funds must be competitive among the partners or does the term describe any funds allocated to subawardees?

Answer # 2

The grant system is being established to ensure funds are allocated to strengthen local educational institutions, faculties, or training centers. Grants should generally be competitive in nature to get the best applications. However, balance will need to be achieved across components and some grants may be discussed/negotiated in collaboration with USAID and the steering committee being established for this program (i.e. during implementation, not during initial selection of awarding of cooperative agreement).

Note: Reference to grants program does not refer to sub-grantees or sub-partners. Also, in both technical and cost applications, give details of how grant program would be integrated into each component (i.e. illustrative examples of grant topics, possible implementers -- NGOs or others, end products that related to subject component and possibly cross-cutting themes such as gender, youth, etc).

Question # 3

Do grant funds include the funds allocated to partner institutions outside Senegal?

Answer # 3

No. Grant funds can only be used for partner institutions outside of Senegal for activities that directly benefit Senegal. For instance, grant funds would be expected to be used to pay for student fees, costs and transport for attending universities in the U.S.

Question # 4

If at least 60% of funds in each component will be dedicated to grants, is there a maximum of 40% of funds in each component that may be administered directly by the recipient for program implementation?

Answer # 4

No. Applicants can propose more than 60% of funds to be used as grants.

Question # 5

Is the percentage of money dedicated to infrastructure completely independent of the percentage allocated to grant money? For example, consider Component 1. If 60% is allocated to grants and an additional 30% is dedicated to infrastructure, then only 10% of the funds are potentially available to the management entity for implementing non-infrastructure activities. In this case the two percentages are additive. Alternatively one could interpret the RFA guidance as specifying that at least 60% be allocated to grants and up to 40% retained by the management entity for program implementation. From this total, 30% must be spent on infrastructure without regard to whether it is allocated to grants or administered directly.

Answer # 5

The percentage of money dedicated to infrastructure is not independent of the percentage allocated to grant money. Grant money can be used for infrastructure. Approximately 30% of the funds are targeted towards infrastructure without regard to whether it is allocated to grants or from the remaining 40% of the funds. However, the 40% figure does not imply that that amount must be used for project management.

Question # 6

On page 11 "Organization Capacity and Management Approach. Last sentence. Should it read "...and describe the role of Chief of Party, the Deputy Chief of Party, and key personnel". Should it read "other key personnel" which should not surpass a total five?

Answer # 6

Yes. A better wording would be "...and describe the role of the Chief of Party and other key personnel." Key personnel should not surpass five including the Chief of Party. It is up to the Applicant to decide if a Deputy Chief of Party is needed.

Question # 7

p26. 2nd full paragraph. "For planning purposes, the total funding for institutional support to the targeted AET institutions is \$28.0 million over five years. Applicants may allocate this to the four institutions as appropriate to their needs (i.e. this need not be divided equally)." Which four institutions? On page 25, three universities and three national agricultural training centers were mentioned among "other agricultural training centers". Are only four to be chosen or should the "four" be changed or eliminated?

Answer # 7

The number four should be eliminated. The project is expected to work with four universities:

- University of Saint-Louis-Gaston Berger;
- University of Thies (ENSA);
- University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD); and
- University of Ziguinchor.

In addition, four agricultural training centers are targeted including:

- the Technical school for "Elevage" of Saint-Louis;
- the Centre National d'Horticulture de Camberene in Dakar;
- the agricultural school in Ziguinchor; and
- the forestry school in Ziguinchor.

There is no need to divide the funds equally. Applicants should propose actions for each of these institutions but final funding decisions will be made in collaboration with the steering committee to ensure balance. The functions of the steering committee are: (a) Advisory board; (b) Social approval of annual reports and annual work plans; and (c) Policy advocacy.

Question # 8

Our organization is currently working with CORAF/WECARD based in Senegal on the project 'Strengthening Capacity for Agricultural Research in Africa (SCARDA)'. I believe there are areas where we can build synergies with your project.

Answer # 8

Applicants are free, and encouraged, to build on synergies with existing programs or develop synergies and collaborative efforts with other programs already in the country. We expect that this project will coordinate very closely with other programs under the Feed the Future Initiative.

Question # 9

Are the Senegalese looking for something specific with respect to agricultural development and any information pertinent to the existing agricultural resources available in the region?

Answer # 9

The two websites cited below provide among others more information on Agriculture in Senegal:

Stratégie de croissance accélérée (SCA) - Gouvernement du Sénégal :

www.gouv.sn check *Dossiers > Projets et programmes* -

Country Business Intelligence Reports: [Senegal](#) : the Accelerated Growth Strategy (**Stratégie de Croissance Accélérée, SCA**). ... www.oxfordbusinessgroup.com

Future programs will be developed/implemented jointly with the partner that is awarded this cooperative agreement. Note: It is important that partner's utilize their knowledge of implementing field agriculture and related sector (education) projects when preparing their applications; i.e. propose work interventions, grant programs (component by component), end-products/indicators that can create a productive overall program (for both individual activities/results and long-term sustainability).

END OF AMENDMENT # ONE