

Announcement Type: Open Competition Cooperative Agreement
Funding Opportunity Title: Support for Libyan Customs College
Funding Opportunity Number: SFOP0009305

NOFO Qs & As

Q1. Does the organization have to register first or the registration "UEI"-number" can be provided later?

A1. Both a valid Unique Entity Identifier (formerly DUNS) number and a SAM.gov registration are required prior to submitting an application. Please register with SAM.gov before you apply for this announcement.

In accordance with 2 CFR 25.200, each applicant for a Federal Award must:

1. Be registered in SAM.gov prior to submitting an application;
2. Maintain an active registration at all times during which it has an active Federal award or application under consideration; and
3. Provide its unique entity identifier in each application submitted

Q2. Page 5 - Proposed Work section lists 4 "potential areas for repair." Can you precise the meaning of potential?

A2. The ultimate size, scope, and duration of this project is contingent upon the availability of funds and the results of the initial assessment. The government is still pricing the cost of all repairs, thus all repairs are "potential."

Q3. Page 5 -Proposed Work section indicates the implementer is required to "oversee the repair and outfitting".

Q3a. Is the implementer responsible to execute the repair?

A3a. Please see page 5 of the NOFO:

Phase Two: The implementor will carry out the necessary repairs. Given the difficulties of operating in Libya, EXBS does not require that the implementor deploy a fulltime onsite contractor; however, the implementer will need to document progress of all repairs photographically throughout the grant lifecycle.

o EXBS also requires a fulltime Local Liaison Coordinator Officer to ensure proper oversight.

As of the writing of this grant, Phase One is currently underway. The implementer will not need to implement Phase One in full, but will instead conduct work based upon the results of Phase One. Applicants should expect that the results of the Phase One assessment may significantly alter the final scope of this award. During the award process, grantees should be prepared to work closely with ECC to prioritize repairs and design a clear and achievable scope of work. During this time, ISN/ECC also intends to share any GFI (photos, descriptions) to give bidders sufficient information to more clearly estimate repair costs.

Q3b. Can you precise the meaning or indicate the level of repair and outfitting?

A3b. The ultimate size, scope, and duration of this project is contingent upon the availability of funds and the results of the initial assessment.

Q3c. Does it imply building/spaces need to be furnished or just a shell ready to be furnished?

A3c. Some spaces will need to be furnished; this can be better determined after completion of Phase One.

Q4. Phase 2 indicates no full-time local contractor is required but a full time Local Liaison Officer. Can you specify the difference and/or any specific requirements for the position of Local Liaison Officer?

A4. A Local Liaison Office would be a direct hire by the Offeror and not an independent entity.

Q5. Page 5 - As part of Phase 1, Is it to be understood that there is a list of authorized contractors and builders by LEO and ECC?

A5. No, there is no authorized list.

Q6. Page 5 - Deliverables section mentions 2 phases. Phase 1 relates to scoping and pricing but a subsequent paragraph indicates Phase 1 being partially completed. Can we get the results/report of Phase 1? If yes, at what stage, by what date? Are we expected to develop solution and pricing for Phase 1?

A6. The results of Phase 1 will be provided to the grantee upon grant award. Offeror's work would be based upon the results of the assessment, to include solution and pricing.

Q7. Page 6 - Indicators to measure outcome and impact depend on the level of repair/outfitting expected. Can you clarify?

A7. Government does not understand the question.

Q8. Page 6 - Applicants should work closely with ECC to determine scoping during the award process. When can we be provided with additional information/results of Phase 1 considering the proposal is due March 4th and an action plan must be provided 30 days upon award? Can you please clarify the timeline?

A8. The government will furnish the results of the assessment to the grant recipient. Additionally, before a grant is awarded, the Government reserves the right to renegotiate scope with potential grantees; this is standard practice, as all grants are awarded on the basis of availability of funds. In this instance, the Government may also choose to make the assessment available, depending on timing and availability of funds.

Q9. Page 6 - Several bullet points relate to curriculum development and training? Is that in scope?

A9. These are stock examples and do not pertain to this grant. Curriculum development and training is not in scope.

Q10. Page 7 - Can you please define the acronym, IVP?

A10. International Visitors Program.

Q11. Page 9 - In paragraph 5, organization should provide one proposal per line of effort. Please clarify line of effort and/or confirm only one proposal for the entire NOFO is expected.

A11. Since this award only has a single line of effort only a single application should be submitted.

Q12. Page12 - Paragraph h requests samples of course material, is training in scope?

A12. No such reference appears on page 12 of the NOFO; training is not in scope.

Q13. Page 12 - Paragraph j does not specify a budget line item for construction - which appears confirmed in p.16/last paragraph/2nd bullet point. This project seems, however, to be centered around repair and construction. Can you please clarify?

A13. –This project is centered around repairs and refurbishment, not construction.

Q14. This NOFO is a repeat of NOFO SFOP0008601 of the same title from 2022. We would like to know why it is being reposted for competition.

A14. This NOFO is building upon NOFO SFOP0008601 and is not a repeat. The Government believes this is the best course of action.

Q15. Pg. 6: “As of the writing of this grant, Phase One is currently underway. The implementer will not need to implement Phase One in full, but will instead conduct work based upon the results of Phase One.”

Which organization has conducted Phase One of this project? What coordination is the implementer expected to have with this organization during Phase Two?

A15. CRDF has conducted Phase One. The USG will facilitate all coordination, as needed.

Q16. What process will be followed in terms of moving from Phase One to Phase Two? Will the construction workplan be provided to the implementer for Phase Two?

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Q17. Is the implementer expected to maintain a permanent presence in Libya for the duration of the project?

A17. No, a permanent presence is not required.