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RFA Number: Request for Applications (RFA) 391-13-000002

Title: “Center for Advance Studies (CAS)”

The purpose of this amendment is to make changes in the Request for Applications and provide answers to questions submitted by the Applicant.

1. On page 31 there are two different application deadlines for the required email submission, namely, December 12, 2012, NLT 14:00 PM Pakistan Standard Time (PST) and December 05, 2012, NLT 14:00 PM Pakistan Standard Time (PST). Which deadline is correct?

USAID Response: The application submission deadlines date is December 12, 2012, NLT 14:00 PM Pakistan Standard Time (PST).

2. What is the deadline, if any, for physical delivery of the required hard copies of the application?

USAID Response: The deadline for submission is the same as for the email submission which is December 12, 2012, NLT 14:00 PM Pakistan Standard Time (PST).

3. What is the physical delivery address for the hard copies?

USAID Response: Agreement Officer, Office of Acquisition & Assistance (OAA), USAID, U.S. Embassy, Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna 5, Islamabad, Pakistan

Note: USAID has a security system in place which requires all incoming mail to be checked and scanned for clearance. Therefore, all Applicants shall submit their proposals anticipating time for security check. It is advised that Applicants should plan well and may reserve 1-2 day time for this purpose while submitting hardcopies through courier in order for timely submission.

4. Would a university member of a Grantee consortium be eligible to submit a proposal in a solicitation of applications for U.S. partner universities conducted by the Grantee?

USAID Response: Yes, if the consortium is composed of those eligible Applicants as defined under this solicitation.



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5. The link to the feasibility assessment report on page 5 does not appear to be functional; can that report be made available through a different source?

USAID Response: File for Feasibility Assessment Report is attached as “Final Public USAID Pakistan COE Final Report” with this amendment.

6. We understand that the 4 Pakistani universities have been selected. The question really is this --> If the full award going to one of the pre-identified Pakistani universities? Or is being doled out to an American university or consortium of universities to serve as the RFA's "primary agent through the five years? The language could be interpreted both ways... thus our confusion.

USAID Response: A single award will be made to the highest evaluated qualified applicant under this RFA, who will further sub grant to the pre-selected four Pakistani universities as well conduct a competitive procurement to further select three American universities to make partnerships with the pre-selected four Pakistani universities. These pre-selected four Pakistani universities will be sub-grantees under this project.

7. If it is an American university [or consortium] that is given the award, does this particular agent serve as the RFA's "fiscal & administrative agent" and/or serve as a full partner in the key identifies areas [i.e., water, etc.]?

USAID Response: Yes, the successful applicant will serve as the RFA's "fiscal & administrative agent" as well as will provide technical assistance to the Pakistani universities and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, if needed and when requested.

Sincerely,

Dale Lewis,
Agreement Officer
USAID/Pakistan