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To all Offerors/Bidders

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9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

USAID-Vietnam-486-11-037-RFA

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9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
06-14-2011

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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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 on 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.)

The purpose of this RFA amendment is to provide responses to questions received under this RFA.

All other terms and conditions indicated in the RFA issued on June 14, 2011 remain unchanged.

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)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

Craig Riegler
Regional Agreement Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

7.1.2011

Question 1: Does USAID envision a specific budget allocation by country? Could USAID provide those estimated allocations to applicants?

USAID Response 1: USAID has not allocated funds by country but will consider what applicants propose. Applicants should consider the seriousness of malaria transmission in each target area as well as the availability of non-USG resources and the ease and cost of achieving program objectives. Applications will be considered by the degree to which proposed approaches will reduce transmission of malaria in artemisinin resistance areas rather than in relation to pre-determined funding allocations.

Question 2: Given the regional nature of this project, and the opportunity to leverage other donor resources and create linkages between complementary programs, would USAID accept key personnel who also have responsibilities that are cost shared by other donors to support the activities proposed under this RFA?

USAID Response 2: The Chief of Party and Country Program Managers in Burma and Cambodia must contribute a full time level of effort to this project. As stated in the evaluation criteria, applicants should propose an organizational structure and decision-making process that *“will facilitate timely and goal-oriented implementation, demonstrate flexibility to respond to emerging threats and opportunities, and focus on building local capacity while maintaining constructive relationships with host-country partners, USAID and other donors.”*

Question 3: On page 7 of the RFA, USAID states *“It is expected that there will be intensive malaria control efforts in targeted communities starting in Northwestern Cambodia and Southeastern Burma and continuing in identified “hotspots” throughout the life of the project with an emphasis on linking the community with the health facilities. Targeted cross-border areas in Thailand may also be included, depending on identified needs.”* Later USAID says, *“Specifically, activities will initially focus on Southeastern Burma, Northwestern Cambodia and respective border areas with Thailand; however, these areas may expand and/ or change over the life of the project as the epidemiologic/programmatic situations change, and dependent on the availability of funds. This project will also include cross-border activities on the Thai-Cambodia and Thai-Burma borders, which link the various bilateral activities.”* Could USAID provide applicants with more detail regarding the geographic hotspots that applicants are expected to reach in year one?

USAID Response 3: As indicated above, USAID’s objective is to reduce transmission of malaria in artemisinin resistance areas. applicants should propose the most cost-effective geographic targeting for doing this. In selecting locations, applicants should consider epidemiological factors, the feasibility of program interventions, and the availability of non-USG technical and financial resources. RDMA/OPH believes that program interventions are most needed on the Thai-Burmese border, especially Kawthoung-Ranong area; and on the Thai-Cambodian border, especially Trat-Pailin. However, the situation may evolve considerably over the life of the project.

Question 4: On page 11 of the RFA, in the Scope of Work for Burma, USAID states that *“Other USAID partners will conduct operational research, design, develop, and produce behavior change communication messages and associated information, education, communication materials as well as train village volunteers in the methods for disseminating behavior change messages, materials, and giving appropriate referrals to services.”* Again on page 16, with regards to Cambodia, USAID says again. *“The Applicant must collaborate and coordinate directly with other USAID partners for appropriate behavior change communication messages for malaria prevention outreach. Other USAID partners will conduct operational research, design, develop, and produce BCC messages and associated information, education, communication materials as well as train village volunteers in the methods for disseminating behavior change messages,*

materials, and giving appropriate referrals to services. Could USAID clarify what partners it is referring to in these sections?

USAID Response 4: These partners have not been identified at this time. As stated in the Program Description of the RFA, the applicant's technical approach should include a structure to coordinate and collaborate with USAID partners, host governments, other donors, and multilaterals, and the flexibility to respond to emerging threats and opportunities, including new partners.

Question 5: Does the USAID fund research to develop low-cost diagnostics? Would a novel diagnostic kit-development proposal meet the objectives of USAID-RDMA-486-11-037-RFA?

USAID Response 5: No. The purpose of this RFA is to strengthen implementation of proven approaches for reducing transmission of malaria in artemisinin resistance areas.

Question 6: Could applicants propose an alternative management structure that includes other personnel than those specifically mentioned in the RFA? Additionally, could applicants propose a COP that was based in the region, but not located in Bangkok, although fully accessible for meetings and/or consultations as needed?

USAID Response 6: Please see the response to Question 2 above. Applicants should submit a technical approach that will implement the components and realize the objectives contained in the Program Description of the RFA and best satisfy the evaluation criteria contained in Section IV of the RFA.

Question 7: Are Public International Organizations (PIOs) eligible to submit an application under this RFA?

USAID Response 7: Yes.