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RFA Number: RFA-680-14-000002

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Questions due by: July 08, 2014, 1400 hrs Benin Time

Pre-Application Conference: July 10, 2014: 1400 hrs Benin Time

Application Deadline: July 31, 2014, 1400 hrs, Benin Time

SUBJECT: Request for Applications (RFA) Number: USAID/ Benin RFA-680-14-000002
Community Package of High-Impact Interventions

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The United States Agency for International Development in Benin (USAID/Benin) is seeking applications for multiple Cooperative Agreements (up to five agreements) from **qualified Benin Local Entities** to implement a project entitled “**Community Package of High Impact Interventions**” in Benin. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

For the convenience of the Local Organizations, a French version of the RFA (Section 1-Section VIII) is attached at Attachment IV entitled “French Version of RFA 680-14-000002, Section 1-VIII”. However, Pursuant to ADS 303.3.20, it is USAID policy that English is the official language of all award documents because a translation may not convey the full meaning of the original. If an award or any supporting documents are provided in both English and a foreign language, each document must state that the English language version is the controlling version.

The successful applicants will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives and expected results. Please refer to the Program Description in Section I of this RFA for a complete statement of goals and expected results.

USAID/Benin will hold a pre-application conference at the above mentioned date to briefly explain the requirements of this RFA and receive questions which will be answered at a later time via an amendment of solicitation. Interested applicants wish to participate in the Pre-application conference must register for the pre-application conference as specified in Section IV.

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Benin intends to provide five cooperative agreements under this RFA for a three-year period. Please refer to page 21 for an estimated cost for each Health Zone Budget. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Although it is planned to make up to five Cooperative Agreements under this RFA, USAID/Benin in its discretion reserves the right to make one award to one organization or more than one award to one organization or joint venture of organizations; or no award at all to anyone.

This RFA consists of this cover letter and the following:

U.S. Agency for International Development
C/O American Embassy, 01 B.P. 2012
Cotonou, BENIN

Tel: (229) 21-30-05-00, 30-05-91
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1. Section I, Funding Opportunity Description;
2. Section II, Award Information;
3. Section III, Eligibility Information;
4. Section IV, Application and Submission Information;
5. Section V, Application Review Information;
6. Section VI, Award and Administration Information;
7. Section VII, Agency Contacts;
8. Section VIII, Other Information; and
9. Attachment 1, Certifications and Assurances.
10. Attachment 2, Forms SF-424, 424-A, 424-B
11. Attachment 3, National PIHI document
12. Attachment 4, French Version of RFA, Section 1-VIII.

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must provide all required information in its application (please refer to section III), including the requirements found in any attachment to this Grants.gov opportunity. Applications that are submitted late, incomplete or are non-responsive will not be considered.

Award will be made to the responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) best meet(s) the requirements of this RFA and the evaluation criteria contained herein.

Applicants under consideration for an award that have never received funding from USAID will be subject to a pre-award review to determine fiscal responsibility, ensure adequacy of financial controls and establish an indirect cost rate.

The RFA can be available either of three ways below:

1. The preferred method of distribution of USAID Requests for Application (RFA) is electronically via Grants.gov. This RFA and any future amendments can be downloaded from <http://www.grants.gov>. It is the responsibility of the prospective applicant to ensure that it has received the RFA and any future amendments from <http://www.grants.gov> in its entirety. All interested parties are encouraged to register on <http://www.grants.gov> to receive automatic notification of amendments to this RFA.
2. RFA can be downloaded from USAID/Benin website address: <http://www.usaid.gov/bj>. Please select "Solicitation number as RFA-680-14-000002 for Community Package of High-Impact Interventions from the home page left hand side to download the RFA. Please contact Mr. Cosmas Apedo at apedo@usaid.gov and Francine Agblo at fagblo@usaid.gov
3. Upon request, a complete paper copy of the RFA could be available at USAID/American Embassy. Please send an email to apedo@usaid.gov and Francine Agblo at fagblo@usaid.gov two work days in advance if RFA needs to be collected from USAID/American Embassy, Cotonou, Benin.

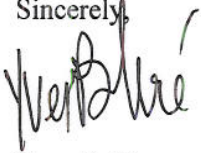
Applicants may upload applications to <http://www.grants.gov> ; however, USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes associated with electronic

submissions. Additionally, USAID/Benin requires that applications be submitted both electronically (e-mailed) AND in hard copy at the time and date mentioned on the cover page.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, USAID reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. **In addition, final award of any resultant Cooperative Agreement(s) will not be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures. While it is anticipated that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for award.** All application preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's own expense.

Thank you for your interest in USAID's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yves B. Kore', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Yves B. Kore
Supervisory Agreement Officer