

Title: Countering Violent Extremism – Countering Terrorist Ideology

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Question: The geographic region for the NOFO originally included South Asia and specifically identified Sri Lanka. However, it looks like the NOFO was updated on May 4, and is now limited to Southeast Asia, and no longer includes South Asia and Sri Lanka, is that accurate?

Answer: That is correct. The NOFO was amended and the geographic regions now include 1) Southeast Asia and 2) Sahel and Littoral states.

Question: You stated that 'Littoral states' include countries south of the Sahel, particularly: Benin, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Guinea. Does this preclude offerors from focusing on other littoral states that are also south of the Sahel, such as: Nigeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, and Somalia?

Answer: For the purposes of this NOFO, we are considering regional or country-specific proposals that include the Littoral states previously identified, including Benin, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Guinea. Any country-specific proposal must be limited to one of those countries. A regional proposal may include another littoral state or states, but it must be part of a larger regional program focused on the Littoral states named in the Q&A dated May 5.

Question: Do you consider Mozambique a littoral state suitable for this project, or should it be littoral states surrounding the Sahel region?

Answer: For the purposes of this NOFO, we are considering Littoral states to include Benin, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Guinea. Any country-specific proposal must be limited to one of those countries. A regional proposal may include another littoral state or states, but it must be part of larger regional program focused on the Littoral states named in the Q&A dated May 5.

Question: How can the foundation proceed with the applicant profile – organization account – without a UEI or DUNS number, or does the foundation lose eligibility to apply without a UEI or DUNS number?

Answer: Per the NOFO, all applicants must provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) or Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), and completed www.sam.gov registration when submitting an application on www.grants.gov in response to this NOFO. Applicants that do not have a valid DUNS number and completed www.sam.gov registration will not be eligible for consideration.

Question: The organization does not have an Employer/Taxpayer ID number. This is required in the SF-424 template, so what can be written in replacement to this?

Answer: US-based entities have an organization-specific taxpayer number. Some overseas organizations may not have it. For assistance, please contact grants.gov help desk.

Question: As for the SF-424/SF-424A/SF-424B templates, according to my understanding I can either design similar templates and fill in them, or I can print them out and fill in them in hand written and then re-attach them to the application. Kindly correct me if I'm wrong about my understanding to this part.

Answer: The NOFO provides a DOS-basic application package including the above-referenced forms. Please follow the instructions or contact grants.gov help desk. DOS does not provide technical assistance.

Question: In order to make sure the package is well submitted, can I send the application by the due date via email, in addition to the electronic package via the application, in case the system lagged or there was any difficulty sending it through the system?

Answer: Per the NOFO, E-mailed, faxed, or mailed proposal packages or individual documents that failed to transmit through grants.gov will not be considered. We urge applicants to review the NOFO and corresponding PSIs in their entirety.

Question: Can for-profit organizations join an application by a not-for-profit organization as a partner tasked with supporting aspects of the project implementation, e.g. the capacity building.

Answer: A for-profit organization should be able to apply as an implementing partner but not as a lead applicant. Per the NOFO, "Organizations may form consortia and submit a combined proposal. However, only **one** organization may be designated as the lead applicant. The lead applicant must meet the eligibility criteria listed in this NOFO".

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.400 g, it is U.S. Department of State policy **not** to award profit under assistance instruments.