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Project Title: Cleaner Air and Better Health (CABH) Activity

Closing Date and Time for Submission of Concept Paper: April 23, 2021, 11:59 PM (IST)

This NOFO is amended to provide responses to questions received as below:

- Q1a. Will subs be eligible to participate in co-creation workshops?
- Q1b. Is there a policy regarding exclusivity for subs?
- Q1c. Will USAID please clarify if an organization can submit a concept note as a sub-partner and open to be connected with a potential prime during the co-creation process or it is required that it has to be part of a consortium from the concept note stage itself?

USAID Response: Subs can participate in Co-Creation. It is for the prime applicant to decide who from the consortium they want to participate.

No, USAID has not asked for exclusivity under this procurement.

Concept Notes can only be submitted by the Prime Applicant but the sub-partner can partner with more than one Prime applicant.

- Q2. Is leverage / cost-sharing by prime only or as a sum of the contribution of the subs?

USAID Response: Leverage/cost share amount can be contributed by any/all consortium members. For more detail on leverage please see section C.2 on page#14 of the NOFO

- Q3. If a prime is brought into co-creation and chosen for the award, does this guarantee a spot for the initial proposed subs in the consortium?

USAID Response: It is for the prime to decide which sub/s (partner) best suits their proposed program needs.

Q4. As per the NOFO document, this funding opportunity is unrestricted and is open to all eligible U.S and non-U.S. nongovernmental organizations (other than those from foreign policy restricted countries), including foundations, institutions of higher education, consortiums and public international organizations, etc. While for-profit firms may participate, no profit will be paid to any for-profit entity receiving or administering Federal financial assistance as a recipient or subrecipient.

Based on this, our understanding is that for-profit entities and consulting firms in India can participate in this NOFO, keeping all the other Federal funding conditions in place.

We request you to please confirm if our understanding is correct so that we can proceed forward accordingly. We look forward to hearing from you.

USAID Response: Your understanding is correct.

Q5. Will USAID clarify if it is expecting the applicants to cover as many NCAP cities as possible or limiting to some demonstration cities?

USAID Response: Please refer to section A.2.5 on Page#9 of the NOFO.

Q6. Given the short turnaround time, and the potential change in approach based on answers to the types of questions received, we request that USAID consider extending the due date by two (2) weeks to allow proposers sufficient time to submit a response.

USAID Response: CABH was posted under Forecast in grants.gov for two weeks hence extension of submission date is not possible.

Q7a. Can references be included in the Annex that do not count toward the page limit?

Q7b. Can the list of references be included in an Annex that do not count toward the page limit? By references, we are referring to the journal articles and other supporting evidence that we normally cite in the technical approach.

USAID Response: Yes.

Q8a. Can the “list of tentative indicators and targets” be included in the Annex that do not count toward the page limit?

Q8b. Can the “list of tentative indicators and targets” be included in an Annex that do not count toward the page limit? If so, would that be in addition to the 2-page limit for “Other charts, graphs, tables...”?

USAID Response: Indicators and targets are included in the page count and must not be included as an annex.

Q9. Page 19 under *D.6.a. Annexes* states “Past performance (1 page per sub-awardee/partner).” Page 20 states “The Applicant must provide recent performance information for each consortium member (as an Annex; no longer than one page per organization). The Applicant is strongly encouraged to provide specific examples of significant impact of their past projects and how cooperation in prior partnerships/consortia contributed to that impact.” This seems to indicate that the prime applicant’s past performance is part of the Annex but is not limited to page restrictions for their past performance and that only sub-awardees’ past performance are limited to one page. Will USAID please confirm?

USAID Response: Please provide 1 page per organization. One page for the prime/consortium leader and one page each for each consortium member/subs.

Q10. Does USAID have expectations on the minimum number of source sectors to focus on for the mitigation? Is addressing 1 source sector sufficient?

USAID Response: USAID has no set expectations for the minimum number of source sectors. Offerors should propose where their interventions will be conducted and provide the analysis supporting the geographic focus.

Q11. Is the proposer expected to address all results under both the objectives (i.e., Results 1.1 through 1.4 and 2.1 through 2.4)?

USAID Response: Yes, the offeror is expected to address all results under both the objectives.