

ANNEX 1 –Questions and Answers

Q1. Page 13 refers to demonstrating institutional strength as represented by breadth and depth of experienced personnel in project-relevant disciplines/areas. Does this refer to project staff or staff of the organization as a whole?

USAID is expecting that Applicants demonstrate institutional strength represented by breadth and depth of experienced personnel in project-relevant disciplines/areas. The institutional strength should be reflected by both project staff and staff of the organization as a whole. USAID is expecting the Applicant’s Home Office to provide the necessary technical and managerial support to the field staff and this should be done through experienced personnel.

Q2. The RFA states on page 10 that USAID will entertain one expat under this program. Please clarify as follows:

- a. By “expatriate” do you mean “a person **not** a citizen or permanent legal resident of the West Bank”? If not, please define this term.
- b. Do you mean that responsive applications will propose **no fewer than 4** Palestinian permanent residents to fill the 5 positions identified as Key Personnel?

A2.

a. USAID will entertain one qualified expatriate under the media program who is not a permanent legal resident of the Cooperating Country.

b. The RFA states on page 10 that: Applicants may propose and justify different titles and/or configuration for the proposed key personnel which USAID will consider. However, any configuration must include the required qualifications needed and intended job responsibilities of the proposed key personnel, if the position is different from one listed above. If the configuration for the proposed key personnel reflects the needed and required skills necessary for the successful implementation of the program, Applicants may propose fewer than four Palestinian permanent residents as part of the key personnel.