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WEST BANK/GAZA

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Subject: Small and Medium Enterprise Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART)
Activity / Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Request for Application
Number 72029421RFA00002 / Amendment No. 2

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide responses to the second round of questions raised under the subject RFA under Annex A to this Amendment.

All other terms and conditions of this NOFO remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Annex A - Questions and Answer / 2nd Round

1. What is the general or average turnaround time for USAID to vet prospective Palestinian partners under the SMART activity, inclusive of individuals working for enterprises, associations, or other institutions that SMART may directly engage?

USAID Response: Vetting requests are usually processed within two to four weeks from Partner Information Form acceptance.

2. Regarding the direction that Offerors should not address Objective 3 of the Program Description, are Offerors still permitted to address general plans for implementation of Objectives 1 and 2 in Gaza?

USAID Response: Yes.

3. USAID's answers to the first round of Q&A notes an expectation that Offerors will propose the number of start-ups to be supported. Is the number to be proposed inclusive or exclusive of Objective 3-related activities and funding?

USAID Response: Yes the number to be proposed should be exclusive of Objective 3.

4. Can USAID confirm that grants made under SMART must adhere to the thresholds listed in ADS 302.3.4.13?

USAID Response: The ADS citation refers to Grants under Contracts. It is not applicable to Assistance instruments. Grants made under SMART do not need to adhere to the thresholds listed in ADS 302.3.4.13.

[End of Annex A]