

Questions NOFO 72066921RFA00001 Conservation Works

1. Greetings. We have a question about the Conservation Works Activity NOFO for Liberia. At this stage (with items due May 25), **is the full cost application (budget + budget narrative) also due on May 25th?** Or is it the case that only the technical application is due?

USAID Yes, please follow the instructions on Section D. 6.

2. *Page 13. Section M. Environmental Safeguards*
Question: The Offeror respectfully requests that USAID/Liberia provide the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for this activity.
3. *Section F.4. Environmental Compliance. Could USAID please share the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) “Conservation Works”?*

USAID The IEE for the Conservation Works activity is attached for your reference. This activity is captured under the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) number 53110 Liberia Conservation Works. The IEE was approved by the Regional Environmental Officer, Colin Quinn on March 5, 2021. It was reviewed and approved by Brian Hirsch of the Africa Bureau Environmental Office, March 17, 2021. The majority of current and planned Economic Growth activities have received categorical exclusions with negative determination. The IEE covers the period 2021 through 2027.

4. In case at all possible, we respectfully request an extension on the deadline.

USAID The Agreement Officer is extending the closing date for submission of applications, for a new closing date of **June 8th, 2021 at 14:00 GMT**.

5. Could USAID please clarify if a draft branding strategy and marking plan needs to be included in the Technical Application? On page 26 it states, “that the following should be presented as annexes “Draft Branding Strategy and Marking Plan”, however on page 32 it states, “The apparently successful applicant will be asked to provide a Branding Strategy and Marking Plan to be evaluated and approved by the Agreement Officer and incorporated into any resulting award”.

USAID Yes, please submit your draft branding strategy and marking plan. If your organization is deemed to be the apparently successful applicant and you are invited to the joint program description, you will be asked to provide the Branding Strategy and Marking Plan as a result of the joint program description development.

6. Could USAID please clarify if the cover page is included in the 14-page limit? On page 22, it states, “USAID/Liberia requests the submittal of Technical Applications limited to fourteen (14) pages including cover page”. However, on page 23, the cover page and the table of contents are allowed one page that is not included in the 14 page limit of the technical application.

USAID The cover page is not included in the 14 pages. This has been corrected in the attached amendment.

7. Could USAID confirm if an acronym list allowed to be included in the Technical Application?

USAID Applicants may choose to include an acronym list in their Technical Application but it will count towards the 14-page limitation.

8. Section D. 5. Institutional Capability and Past Performance. Does USAID prefer a format for offerors to use to detail the past performance information?

USAID There is no preferred format. Please follow the instructions on page 24.

9. Would USAID consider permitting offerors to include a two-page executive summary that will not count against the 14-page maximum?

USAID No, Applicants may choose to include a summary but it will count against the 14-page limit.

10. Will USAID please e-mail us PDF copies of the NOFO and all attachments? Due to the approaching deadline and poor internet connectivity we are unable to access the documents.

USAID Unfortunately, USAID is unable to send individual NOFO and attachments to every applicant that asks for one. As noted above, the application deadline has been extended to **June 8th, 2021 at 14:00 GMT** to enable applicants adequate time to access the materials.

[END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS]