

December 5, 2011

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NO. RFA-118-12-000001

RESILIENT CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECT (RCSP)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

The subject RFA is hereby modified as follows:

Add the following after ANNEX B:

“ANNEX C

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR RFA NO. RFA-118-12-000001

Question: Is it possible for an NGO registered in St. Petersburg to apply for the grant for work in St. Petersburg?

Answer: No. Leningradskaya Oblast is not included in the geographic priority list provided in RFA Section VIII – Regional Considerations. In addition, according to RFA Section I – Funding Opportunity Description, “Projects addressing the regional component should seek to involve no less than five of the regions from the same geographic priority list”.

Question: We noticed in the criteria that Sakhalin Oblast is not mentioned as a priority region. Does this mean a Russian NGO from Sakhalin should apply? In other words, will Sakhalin region be considered as acceptable region?

Answer: A Russian NGO from Sakhalin may apply but Sakhalin region is not an acceptable region.

Question: According to the RFA, "Qualified applicants must be Russian non-governmental organizations (NGOs)". If the applicant is a Russian NGO and the partner organization(s) - private company or NGO from Poland, is it within the eligibility requirements?

Question: On page 20, the RFA specifies that applicants must be Russian NGOs. Is it possible for U.S. or international organizations to serve as subrecipients to Russian NGOs under this RFA?

Answer: While the prime applicant must be a Russian NGO registered as a legal entity in Russia to qualify for this grant, there is no restriction on the nationality of subrecipients or other implementing partners.

Question: Will the application package for this solicitation be available in Russian?

Answer: No.

Question: On page 9 of 73, paragraph V. Coordination refers to “Local Government Program – This program has not yet been awarded...”, while earlier on this page it says “USAID expects that the new RCSP will coordinate program activities and seek out synergies with USAID’s other civil society implementing partners”. Please explain if this particular LG program has been awarded and to which organization, and if

not, what is the status, also please advise in both cases what should the potential applicant for this component do in order to be qualified for the grant and how to proceed with the application process?

Answer: USAID/Russia has just begun designing a new Local Governance Project. It is anticipated that the new project will be awarded in late summer 2012. Potential applicants are merely advised in the RFA that they will be expected to coordinate with other partners, including the LG partners, when selected.

Question: On page 20 of the RFA, USAID explains that there is no cost share requirement, but references leveraging requirements of 10% for program activities proposed under the national component and 5% for program activities proposed under the regional component. Can USAID please clarify the differences between cost sharing and leveraging as well as how applicants will be expected to account for their leveraging obligations during the implementation of the program?

Answer: Cost share refers to the resources a recipient contributes to the total cost of an agreement. Cost sharing is legally binding; it must be verifiable from the recipient's records and can be audited. If a recipient does not meet its cost sharing requirement, it may result in questioned costs.

Leveraging includes resources that third parties bring to the program without necessarily providing these resources directly to the recipient. These parties may include the host government, private foundations, businesses, or individuals. Leveraging is reported on in performance reports.

For more information on the distinction between cost share and leveraging, please refer to the following resources:

USAID Global Partnerships site:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/

Acquisition & Assistance Policy Directive (AAPD) 04-16:

http://www.usaid.gov/business/business_opportunities/cib/pdf/aapd04_16.pdf ”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF AMENDMENT NO. 1:

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