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Building Capacity to Counter Violent Extremism in Mozambique: Q and A

Question 1. *As the eligibility criteria clearly states, "For-profit commercial firms are not eligible to apply in response to this NOFO.", but I was wondering if this also counts for a potential consortia in which a non-profit / non-governmental organization would be the lead application, and a for-profit commercial firm as sub-awardee/partner?*

Response: Per the NOFO, organizations may form consortia and submit a combined proposal. However only **one** organization may be designated as the lead applicant. The lead applicant must meet the eligibility criteria listed in this NOFO. Sub-recipient organizational status will be discussed with the successful applicant, potential recipient. Preference will be given to non-profit sub-recipient organizations. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.400 g, it is U.S. Department of State policy **not** to award profit under federal assistance instruments. We urge you to read the NOFO and Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI) in their entirety.

Question 2: *Would the Bureau of African Affairs consider accepting applications from a for profit commercial firm that would forego applying a fee?*

Response: The State Department strives for fair and open competition, and all applicants are required to follow the applications instructions outlined in the NOFO, **no** exceptions.