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USAID/Lebanon

Annual Program Statement

Title: University Scholarship Assistance Program II (USAP-II)

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

The subject APS is hereby amended to provide clarifications to questions raised and clarify that the closing date of the APS is the deadline for the submission of concept papers.

The subject APS is hereby modified as follows:

Cover Page, add the following:

“Deadline for submission of concept papers: December 31, 2011 4:00 p.m. Cairo local time”

The following are answers to questions received:

- 1- We are an NGO and not a university. I already read your eligibility criteria and I was wondering if the program tends for partnerships only with universities ?**

Response: According to Section 2, Eligibility of the APS the following is stated:

“A. Type and Nationality of Applicant

USAID/Lebanon is seeking innovative concept papers from qualified educational institutions or other institutions to provide scholarship assistance to meritorious and financially needy students to attend institutions of higher education in Lebanon.

Universities, Non-Governmental Organizations (both for-profit and non-profit), and other educational institutions are eligible to submit applications under this Annual Program Statement (APS) and may submit applications individually or in partnership with other institutions which comply with Government of Lebanon’s legal requirements. “

As stated above, partnerships can take place with institutions that comply with Government of Lebanon’s legal requirements i.e. not only universities.

- 2- Deadline : it’s written that it’s on the 31st of December 2011. Is it the deadline for submitting a concept paper or the latter with a full application ?**

Response: The closing date of the APS is December 31, 2011 i.e. USAID can accept concept papers till that date. So the answer is that the deadline of December 31, 2011 is for submitting concept papers i.e. following the application process in the APS.

- 3- Is it acceptable to apply for this APS and start the recruitment of students during the academic year 2012-2013?**

Response: Yes, it is acceptable to apply for this APS and start the recruitment of students during the academic year 2012-2013. The APS is open till December 31, 2011.

- 4- If an entity has already received an award under this APS, is it possible to submit a concept paper again for the possibility of receiving another award under this APS?**

Response: Yes. If you had already been awarded a Cooperative Agreement under this APS and would like to submit a concept paper for the possibility of receiving another award, you can still do that as long as you submit the concept paper no later than December 31, 2011 4:00 pm Cairo local time which is the deadline for submitting concept papers. The application process stated in Section 6 of the APS applies. However, if awarded a new award under this APS, this must not affect the progress of the current award.

- 5- If an entity has already received an award under this APS, can it still apply for this APS and start the recruitment of students during this academic year 2011-2012 together with the recruitment under its current USAP II award?**

Response: Yes. However, this should not affect the progress of the current award so as not to cause delays to the deadlines of the current award.