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Global Telecommunications and Emerging Technology Training
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Question 1: Please confirm if the training needs to be accompanied with a formal accreditation from a university or is a certificate of completion sufficient.

DOS Response: A training certificate is sufficient.

Question 2: Please confirm the number of training per year that are expected. What is the desired breakdown for virtual vs. in-person trainings?

DOS Response: We welcome applicants propose creative curricula schedules to be responsive, meets the reasonable availability of the beneficiaries and meets the desired level of competency required to receive a certificate or accreditation. We expect the applicant to be able to deliver multiple courses on a rolling basis that run simultaneously as needed. Training is expected to follow a virtual/in-person hybrid model as determined by pandemic related travel precautions.

Question 3: Please confirm the number of attendees per virtual and in person training.

DOS Response: The number of attendees per virtual and in-person training will range between 20-30 individuals.

Question 4: Does State anticipate each training to be unique can there be a base agenda which is adapted based on regional/country context?

DOS Response: A base agenda per modular course adapted based on regional/country context is sufficient.

Question 5: What is the targeted audience for these trainings? Will trainees be more technical or policy focused?

DOS Response: See Section A4 of the NOFO.

Question 6: What is the desired length (number of days/hours) for each training?

DOS Response: We welcome applicants to propose creative curricula schedules and lengths to be responsive, meets the reasonable availability of the beneficiaries and meets the desired level of competency required to receive a certificate or accreditation (e.g., regular courses online, "bridge" courses, summer session in person and so on).

Question 7: Does a certificate or accreditation need to be provided for virtual trainings, or only for in-person trainings?

DOS Response: For either virtual or in-person.

Question 8: Please confirm if the contractor is expected to cover trainee travel and accommodation costs for in-person trainings.

DOS Response: Yes, the award is intended to cover the costs of travel for trainees. Outside expert/contractor (trainer, consultant, etc.), travel and accommodations may also be charged to the award and included in the award budget.