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Amendment 2 Issue Date: April 6, 2017

Closing Date: April 17, 2017

Closing Time: 17:00 Kinshasa time

Subject: Amendment 2 to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number: RFA-605-17-000003

Title: Community Resilience in Central Africa

Potential Applicants:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for a cooperative agreement from qualified U.S. and Non-U.S. organizations to fund an activity entitled “Counter-Lord’s Resistance Army” (C-LRA). Eligibility for this award is not restricted.

Amendment #2 to this NOFO is hereby issued to notify interested applicants of an official interagency statement regarding the presence of U.S. forces in the Counter-Lord’s Resistance Army (c-LRA) mission. Please see the attached statement for further details. All other provisions and text of the NOFO remain unchanged.

Subject to the availability of funds, an award will be made to that responsible applicant whose application best meets the objectives of this funding opportunity and the selection criteria contained herein. While one award is anticipated as a result of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

For the purposes of this NOFO, the term “Grant” is synonymous with “Cooperative Agreement”; “Grantee” is synonymous with “Recipient”; and “Grant Officer” is synonymous with “Agreement Officer.” Eligible organizations interested in submitting an application are encouraged to read this funding opportunity thoroughly to understand the type of program sought, application submission requirements and evaluation process.

To be eligible for award, the applicant must provide all information as required in this NOFO and meet eligibility standards in Section C of this NOFO. This funding opportunity is posted on www.grants.gov, and may be amended. Potential applicants should regularly check the website to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to this notice of funding opportunity. Applicants will need to have available or download Adobe program to their computers in order to view and save the Adobe forms properly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the entire NOFO has been received from the internet in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion process. If you have difficulty registering on www.grants.gov or accessing the NOFO, please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 or via email at support@grants.gov for technical assistance.

The successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring the achievement of the activity’s objectives. Please read each section of the NOFO.



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Issuance of this notice of funding opportunity does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in preparation or submission of comments/suggestions or an application. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy McQuade".

Amy McQuade
Regional Agreement Officer
USAID/DRC



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USAID/DRC STATEMENT

As you may have read in various news outlets, the White House, in consultation with departments and agencies, approved the interagency recommendation to transition the Counter-Lord's Resistance Army (c-LRA) mission and withdraw U.S. forces in the region. Beginning April 26, 2017, U.S. Africa Command will begin withdrawing U.S. forces from forward operating posts in Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, and South Sudan.

USAID currently funds community protection and counter-wildlife trafficking (CWT) programs in Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)-affected areas. USAID programs include the establishment of early warning systems, trauma healing services, and community-based reintegration. The CWT program operates in the Garamba and Chinko protected areas to end wildlife poaching, which is a significant source of financing for armed groups active in the region.

USAID intends to continue to support communities in LRA-affected areas, subject to the availability of funds and a secure operating environment.