



TO: Interested Applicants

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 4 to APS-OFDA-15-000006
“Developing Next Generation of Humanitarian Leaders”

A. Background

The subject APS was issued on June 23, 2015. Questions were required to be submitted on/or before September 22, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) under the second batch of questions. As indicated in Section V of the APS, following this date, questions received before the deadline, if any, and answers will be posted (without attribution to the organization) as an amendment to this APS to provide all prospective applicants with the same information.

B. Purpose of this Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to provide answers to questions raised by interested applicants.

Question 1: Would a multi-stakeholder initiative to better understand and identify gaps in technology in the field be appropriate for this initiative?

Response to Question 1: The expectation of this APS is to develop and increase the next generation of humanitarian leaders through a cross-fertilization of ideas, leading to stronger and more relevant training, academic curricula, teaching, and thought leadership in the field of humanitarian response, including an application of lessons learned. Of particular interest will be proposals that focus on leadership, including the development and dissemination of methodologies to measure success and operational effectiveness of programs; innovative programs in technology and practice that could improve how the humanitarian assistance community coordinates and functions in the field during any given response; and contingency planning and strategic design that can link academic research opportunities with pragmatic experience of experts in the field. Additional criteria are set forth in the APS.

Question 2: Can exceptions be made for the 2-year timeline (e.g., 1-year projects)?

Response to Question 2: As stated in the APS, the program duration is for up to 24 months from the date of award.

Question 3: May the program focus on training for the U.S.’s domestic humanitarian needs?

Response to Question 3: USAID/OFDA responds to all types of foreign disasters and does not respond domestically in the U.S.

Question 4: Can USAID could provide a sample of the required “location specific safety and security plan”.

Response to Question 4: The components of the safety and security plan can be found on USAID/OFDA’s Guidelines for Proposals website:
(https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/guidelines_for_proposals_2012.pdf).

Question 5: Please confirm if Public International Organizations (PIO) are eligible to apply for the APS.

Response to Question 5: PIOs are eligible to apply for the APS but must adhere to the requirements set forth in the APS, including the provision of all supporting documentation.

Question 6: The APS PDF document states that a cost sharing element of 10% is required. However, in the “General Information” provided on the website page <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=277419>, states that no co-funding is required. Could you please clarify if co-funding is required or not?

Response to Question 6: This is to confirm that applicants are required to provide at least 10% of the total program cost of in-kind and/or cash contributions from non-USG sources.

Question 7: The APS PDF document states that there are USD 4 million to be disbursed under the APS, while the amount provided in the “General Information” on the website is USD 3 million. Kindly clarify what is if the budget ceiling amount.

Response to Question 7: This is to confirm the ceiling amount to be USD \$4 million in FY 2016.

C. Applicability of Original APS

Except as specifically amended herein, all terms and conditions of the APS, remain unchanged as originally stated and in full force and effect.