

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFA 522-10-000002

Decentralization Enabling Environment (DEE)

Thanks for submitting your questions. We kindly highlight that all communications should be done in English, including the preparation and submission of the application.

1. Please clarify "Percentage of laws and law reforms passed (with USG Assistance) to promote decentralization compared to introduced initiatives?"

[Que se debe entender por porcentaje de leyes y de formas aprobadas?]

R/=The indicator "% of laws and law reforms passed (with USG assistance) to promote decentralization compared to introduced initiatives" refers to laws or law reforms approved by Congress as compared to the number of laws and law reforms introduced. This indicator refers to laws and law reforms that have been drafted or their making has been supported by USG assistance.

2. What is the estimated award date for the Cooperative Agreement?

[Si bien es cierto se comprende que no se establezcan un plazo para la adjudicación del contrato necesario tener una idea del horizonte por lo menos del primer trimestre posible de inicio, tanto por las modificaciones del entorno económico, político y social como por los posibles incrementos de costos.]

R/= USAID's intent is to have final adjudication of this RFA approximately by November, 2010. Therefore agreement activities would likely commence in the final months of current year.

3. Can we submit additional questions after August 9, 2010?

[Agradeceríamos si se pudieran autorizar la presentación de otras interrogantes con posteriores al día de hoy.]

R/= The question period has been extended hereby to Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

4. Do we need to register somewhere prior to submitting an application? Do we have to fill out some forms in order to participate? Can applications be delivered to your office?

[Es necesario hacer alguna inscripción para poder presentar la propuesta? se llena algun formulario para poder participar? La entrega de las propuestas se hace en sus oficinas?]

R/= There is no need for registration. The forms that need to fill out can be found in the terms of reference of the Request for Application, Section IV Application and Submission Information. The application can be sent electronically to ahonduras@usaid.gov or can be delivered to the address found in page 20 of the RFA.

5. According to section III, Eligibility Information, we are a Honduran private consulting company willing to forego profits, with more than 20 years of substantial experience in strategic planning and managing programs oriented to supporting service delivery and decentralization reform and policy dialogue in Honduras, interested in presenting an application.

Our company meets all bid requirements; however, in April 30, 2010 we signed a Pre-Teaming Agreement as a possible subcontractor of an international group based in Washington DC., for Solicitation Number: 522-10-001 USAID Transparent Local Governance and Improved Service Delivery: Supporting decentralized, democratic government-provided or regulated services to improve service delivery, increase local government capacity to oversee decentralized services and respond to citizen feedback.

Considering that activities in this RFA should complement and not duplicate those undertaken by the USAID Transparent Local Governance and Improved Service Delivery Program and the Health Reform and Decentralization Program, we would like to ask if there is any potential conflict of interest for our company to participate first as an applicant for assistance funding and then as subcontractor of the Washington, DC international group.

R/= At this stage of the procurement process, we do not see a conflict of interest.

6. Please indicate if the Zona Metropolitana del Valle de Sula (ZMVS) can apply to these resources. The ZMVS is a mancomunidad of municipalities, non profit, with legal status.

[Solicito a ustedes nos indiquen si la Zona Metropolitana del Valle de Sula (ZMVS) puede aplicar a estos fondos. La ZMVS es una mancomunidad de municipios, siendo una organización de carácter permanente, sin fines de lucro, con personalidad jurídica, patrimonio y gobierno propio.]

R/= If the Ministry of Governance and Justice recognize ZMVS as NGO, we do not see any problem in applying to these resources.