

SFOP0009388
Enhancing Aden Airport's Aviation Security
Department of State
Bureau of Counterterrorism

Q&A (February 21, 2023):

- **Question 1:** Beyond the documents on SAMs for this specific funding opportunity, (e.g., logic model template and budget guidance) are there any other templates for proposal development/overall submission?

Response: All required documents are mentioned within the NOFO Document can be found on SAMS Domestic and Grants.gov.

- **Question 2:** We are aware that the State Department has a level 4 travel advisory for Yemen. Will the CT Bureau allow implementers on this program to travel to and work in Yemen, including US citizens, third country nationals, and local nationals? Is there a process for travel approval?

Response: Current COMS guidance advises against U.S. citizens traveling to Yemen, with only third country nationals allowed. However, selected implementers for this award will work with CT and embassy colleagues to formalize the travel process.

- **Question 3:** On page 1 of the NOFO, "Travel Objectives," second bullet: it is mentioned that safety and security standard. Is safety as per ICAO Annex 14 in scope or just security as per Annex 17?

Response: This project will focus on aviation security.

- **Question 4:** On page 4 of the NOFO, the "Program Method and Design" section mentions a logic model template will be provided, when? Will the logic template can be excluded from the proposal 10 page limit and be considered an attachment?

Response: There is a stand-alone Logic Model template available for download in both SAMS Domestic and Grants.gov, in the same location as the NOFO document. As stated in the NOFO, the logic template does not count as part of the 10-page proposal limit and is considered an attachment.

- **Question 6:** On page 4 of the NOFO, are the Table of Contents and Project Summary included in the ten-page limit?

Response: As stated in the NOFO on page 4, the Proposal is limited to 10 pages and excludes the title page, table of contents, attachments, audit, and other mandatory application forms.

- **Question 7:** On page 4 of the NOFO, concerning the Gender Analysis requirement: the last sentence indicates it should be a standalone document. Is there a page limitation? Does it count towards the 10 page-limitation of the proposal narrative?

Response: As stated in the NOFO on page 4, the Gender Analysis section does not count towards the 10-page limitation of the proposal narrative and does not have a page limitation.

- **Question 8:** On pages 4 and 9 of the NOFO, are the "logical framework" (page 9) and the "logic model" (page 4) the same, and is it correct that this counts toward the ten-page limit? Given that this table requires a fairly considerable amount of information, would it be acceptable to use a smaller font (e.g. size 9)?

Response: As stated in the NOFO on page 4, attachments are excluded from the 10-page limit of the proposal. The logical framework and the logic model refer to the same attachment.

- **Question 9:** On page 6 of the NOFO, – the “Attachments” indicate official permission letters, can you explain?

Response: Applicants are encouraged to include political will and collaboration with the local government.

- **Question 10:** On page 9 of the NOFO, – Part E.5 Can you explain age disaggregation of indicators?

Response: Applicants should include age based, gender and aged based indicators.

- **Question 11:** Due to the overlapping and complementary nature of such a program and its activities, lack of proper connectivity in Aden airport, and reference to the Convention on International Civil Aviation Annex 17 in the objectives: Should the proposal include the cyber security regulations and aircraft inspection for legal identity through the airlines systems API/PNR, concealed weapons or other dangerous devices training and equipment?

Response: There is not a requirement in the NOFO. How the applicant proposes to meet the program objectives as outlined on Page 4 of the NOFO is left to the applicant's discretion.

- **Question 12:** Due to the intersection between Yemeni CAMA, MoI, Political Security, and General Intelligence; Shall the proposal include any intervention in the requirements of the national civil aviation security guideline and related policy?

Response: Yes, presenting policy change on a national level will be more effective in implementing a program of this scale.

- **Question 13:** What engagement has DoS had with the beneficiaries regarding this program?

Response: This program will be awarded as a cooperative agreement. CT/P will have a designated program manager overseeing the implementation and M&E for this program. Post will be engaged as needed.

- **Question 14:** Does DoS have a targeted number of screeners, supervisors and managers to be trained each year?

Response: This proposal includes no firm number of screeners supervisors, and / or managers to be trained each year. How the applicant proposes to meet the program objectives as outlined on Page 4 of the NOFO is left to the applicant's discretion.

- **Question 15:** Are tables within the proposal also subject to Times New Roman Size 12 font, or can a smaller font be used (e.g. size 10)?

Response: The Department of State has recently updated its font requirements for proposals to 12-point Calibri font. As stated in the NOFO, the proposal application and all attachments must be submitted in 12-point font.

- **Question 16:** One of the attachments required for the application is a "letter of support from program partners" we are not clear on whether this letter is referring to the implementing partner (if any) or to the national counterparts in Yemen.

Response: The letter of support from program partners is for implementing sub-grantees, if any.