

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO PREDICT (USAID-M-OAA-GH-HSR-09-877)
& RESPOND (USAID-M-OAA-GH-HSR-GH-09-878)**

1. **Question:** In the solicitation, the Past Performance information needs to include project period, description of the project and key project accomplishments—there is not space in the provided form (Annex C) for this information. Are we required to use Annex C form or is it allowable for us to modify the form so that all the information requested in the solicitation can be added to the form?

Answer: Please use and modify the Performance Report – Short Form provided in Annex C so that all the information requested in the solicitation can be included in the form.

2. **Question:** Please confirm that the 40 page limit for the Technical Proposal does not include the Literature Cited section.

Answer: Any literature cited is included in the 40 page limit.

3. **Question:** Would you be able to clarify whether the “Procurement Information” in Section VI, “Other Statements of the Recipient” of the PREDICT RFA needs to be filled out by only the PRIME recipient or if our subcontractors (Traditional Universities and NGOs, who are performing a portion of the Scope) need to also provide this information? We are uncertain as to the interpretation of the word “assistance” in the following paragraph:

Applicability. This applies to the procurement of goods and services planned by the recipient (i.e., contracts, purchase orders, etc.) from a supplier of goods or services for the direct use or benefit of the recipient in conducting the program supported by the grant, and not to assistance provided by the recipient (i.e., a subgrant or subagreement) to a subgrantee or subrecipient in support of the subgrantee's or subrecipient's program. Provision by the recipient of the requested information does not, in and of itself, constitute USAID approval.

Answer: For the purposes of the RFA this requirement applies to the prime only. However, the recipient of the award will be responsible for its sub-recipients adhering to the policy.

4. **Question:** Our organization has received several requests from US partners to participate in the PREDICT and RESPOND USAID Avian and Pandemic Influenza and Zoonotic Disease Program RFAs. I have gone through the documents and it is not clear to me if we can indicate our interest to all partners. Specifically:

- A. How many letters of collaboration are we allowed to make? Or do we have to choose one partner to work with and stick with that?

Answer: Organizations and/or individuals may be listed as sub-recipients/consultants on more than one application. There is no set limit.

- B. Based on the above – How many projects are allowed to participate – depending of course on the application that win

Answer: An organization may be a sub-recipient on several agreements at the same time. There is no set limit.

5. **Question:** Can you advise as to whether USAID is using an 8% indirect cost rate limit for foreign sub-awardees/contractors for the Predict or Respond RFAs? I didn't see anything limiting in your cooperative agreement guidelines or RFA, but want to find out whether the 8% is an unpublished standard that should be adhered to for this solicitation.

Answer: USAID does not use a standard indirect cost rates (published or unpublished). Applicants are to propose their own indirect cost rates. If the applicant has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) with USAID or a similar agreement with another government agency, a copy of the NICRA or equivalent agreement must be included to support the proposed indirect rates. If the organization does not currently have such an agreement, the application must include sufficient information to determine the reasonableness of the rates (For example, a breakdown of labor bases and overhead pools, the method of determining the rate, etc).

6. **Question:** According to the RFA, the total estimated funding is \$185 million. Is this for the 5 primary mechanisms (PREPARE, PREDICT, IDENTIFY, RESPOND, PREVENT)? I also found another amount of \$75 million on page 45. Is this for RESPOND only? Could we only response to 1 mechanism of out the 5 or we have to response to all of them?

Answer: The total estimated funding is \$185 million for RESPOND and \$75 million for PREDICT. Organizations may apply to as many RFAs for which they are eligible.