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Issue Date: September 23, 2008

Closing Date: October 07, 2008

Closing Time: 1700 hours Ethiopia Time

Subject: “USAID/Ethiopia Transportation Corridor Program” future request for Application (RFA)

Ladies/Gentlemen:

USAID/Ethiopia announces its intention to invite comments and suggestions on a draft Program Description (PD) for the implementation of a follow-on Cooperative Agreement “Transportation Corridor Program” as part of PEPFAR activities in Ethiopia. The goal of this program is to implement a set of activities designed to serve populations at risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV in urban and peri-urban areas along designated transportation corridors. Anticipated activities focus on preventing the sexual transmission of sexually transmitted infections including HIV and increasing HIV/AIDS service utilization for populations at risk of STI/HIV infection, specifically HIV counseling and testing (HCT), STI syndromic treatment and HIV care and treatment services.

The final version of the Request for Applications (RFA) is planned for issue in late October or early November 2008. USAID/Ethiopia invites comments and suggestions on the attached draft PD from firms and organizations and other interested parties. Eligible organizations are strongly encouraged to review the document, provide comment, and consider submitting proposals in response to the resulting final RFA. The purpose of posting this draft PD is to enhance the quality of the RFA. Comments and suggestions received may be considered as the RFA is finalized.

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS. We are soliciting comments and suggestions from interested parties, in order to further refine the draft PD. Comments will be appreciated and considered as we finalize the RFA for the proposed Cooperative Agreement however comments may or may not be incorporated in the PD. The period of performance is expected to be five years starting April 2009 or earlier. No information on pricing, competition, Instructions to Offerors or Evaluation Criteria is available at this time. Please refrain from submitting questions or requests for clarifications in regards to these sections, as responses will not be provided.

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USAID/Ethiopia will entertain suggestions/comments to the draft PD until October 07, 2008. USAID reserves the rights to incorporate suggestions and comments and/or to reject suggestions and comments on the draft PD. USAID/Ethiopia will not be able to respond to questions or requests for Clarification resulting from this notice until the final RFA is issued.

Do not submit a proposal in response to this draft. It will not be considered.
Deadline for written comments or suggestions in response to this draft is October 07, 2008, 1700 hours Addis Ababa time.

Issuance of this draft PD 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 the preparation or submission of comments/suggestions or a proposal. Further, the Government reserves the right to defer issuance of the RFA or not to issue an RFA, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

When the RFA is issued, any amendments thereof will be posted on Grant.gov, and interested parties should check the website regularly.

Please submit your comments/suggestions electronically to Mr. Henok Amenu at hamenu@usaid.gov and include "Draft PD – Transportation Corridor Program" identifier on the email subject line.

Thank you for your interest in USAID/Ethiopia programs.

Sincerely,



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