Statement of Interest (SOI)

Strengthening Moldova's Energy and Trade Security
U.S. Department of State
Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (EUR/ACE)
Opportunity number: DFOP0019913 Amendment 01
Application deadline: December 06, 2026

A. Basic Information

1. Overview

Funding Opportunity Title	Strengthening Moldova's Energy and Trade Security
Funding Opportunity Number	DFOP0019913 Amendment 01
Announcement Type	Initial announcement
Deadline for Applications	December 06, 2026 at 23:00 EST
Assistance Listing Number	19.878
Length of performance period	36 months
Number of awards anticipated	1 or 2 awards
Funding Instrument Type	Cooperative agreement
Award amounts	Award amounts will vary depending on the number of awards made. Minimum award size is $10,000,000
Total available funding	$40,000,000 pending availability of funds
Type of Funding	FY 2026 NSIP and future FY funding
Anticipated project start date	TBD

The Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (EUR/ACE) of the U.S. Department of State announces an open competition for organizations to submit a statement of interest (SOI) to carry out a project (or projects) to drive economic opportunities for U.S. energy, logistics, and infrastructure businesses and investors in Moldova. Please carefully follow all instructions below.

The submission of the SOI is the first step in a two-step process. Applicants must first submit a concise statement of interest designed to clearly communicate project ideas and objectives. This is not a full proposal and will not result in a federal assistance award at this step.

The purpose of the SOI process is to allow applicants to submit project ideas for review prior to requiring the development of a full proposal application. Upon a merit review of eligible SOIs, selected applicants will be invited to expand on their project idea(s) by submitting a full proposal application. Full proposals will go through a second merit review before final funding decision(s) are made.

This notice is subject to availability of funding.

2. Executive Summary

Priority Region: Moldova

Project Summary:

The program aims to strengthen Moldova's energy security and trade connectivity and to open more opportunities for U.S. companies, technologies, and investors. Moldova currently generates only about 30 percent of the electricity it needs, which leaves it exposed to price manipulation and supply disruptions. The United States is responding by funding the Trump Liberty Line, which

will expand electricity trade with Romania and the wider European market. The line will deliver its full security benefit only if Moldova has enough domestic generation, storage, grid management, market rules, and operator capacity to use it. Moldova also gained access to new gas supply, including U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG), through the Vertical Gas Corridor. At the same time, the Port of Giurgiulesti is Moldova's only access to the Black Sea via the Danube River and is gaining in strategic importance.

The program has two lines of effort:

- Line of Effort 1 seeks to expand U.S. energy technology exports and support Moldova's energy independence. It would do this by supporting deployment of U.S. generation, battery storage, and grid technologies, support expansion of the use of U.S. LNG delivered through the Vertical Gas Corridor, and promote U.S. companies as preferred suppliers in Moldova's energy market.
- Line of Effort 2 seeks to make Port Giurgiulesti a strategic trade hub. It would improve the port's multimodal connections, customs and inspection efficiency, integration with western markets, while creating openings for U.S. logistics, infrastructure, and technology firms.

The program has two cross-cutting objectives:

- The first is building regulatory and market frameworks that protect critical infrastructure from malign foreign influence and give U.S. companies a level playing field.
- The second is creating lasting U.S. commercial impact, from initial exports and contracts to follow-on sales, services, maintenance, financing, and other recurring business.

Applicants may address one or both lines of effort in accordance with D.1. This solicitation encourages proposals that link energy and trade logistics outcomes, and it requires practical, investment-ready approaches. All applications must address both cross-cutting objectives.

B. Eligibility

1. Eligible Applicants

The following organizations are eligible to apply:

- Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations
- For-profit organizations
- Public International Organizations

2. Cost Sharing and/or Matching Contributions

While cost share and/or matching contributions are not required, they are strongly encouraged. In addition, applicants who are selected to submit a full application after review of SOIs, will be required to describe how they will catalyze significant levels of private investment or sales for U.S. investors and companies as well as propose specific targets. The plan and targets will be evaluated during stage 2 of this procurement.

3. Other Eligibility Requirements

All organizations must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) issued via SAM.gov as well as a valid registration in SAM.gov. Please see Section E.3 for more information.

C. Program Description

1. Program Overview

The program will strengthen Moldova's energy security and trade connectivity while expanding opportunities for U.S. companies, technologies, and investors in Moldova's energy and logistics sectors.

2. Background

Domestic electricity generation covers only about 30 percent of national electricity demand in Moldova, leaving the country vulnerable to price manipulation and supply disruptions. The United States supports Moldova's path to energy independence. In 2026, Congress passed the bipartisan POWER Moldova Act to promote Moldova's long-term energy independence and sovereignty and to deepen its cooperation with U.S. energy companies.

U.S. assistance to Moldova is funding the Trump Liberty Line, which will increase Moldova's capacity to trade electricity with Romania and the wider European market. Moldova's grid has been synchronized with the continental European grid (ENTSO-E) since 2022. However, the line will deliver its full security benefit only if Moldova has enough domestic generation, storage, grid management, market rules, and operator capacity to use it.

Moldova has also gained access to new natural gas supply, including U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG), through the Vertical Gas Corridor, which links LNG import terminals in Greece to Moldova and Ukraine via the Trans-Balkan pipeline. Increasing commercial use of this route can strengthen Moldova's energy security, provide reliable fuel supply for new power generation, diversify supply, and expand the market for U.S. energy exports.

At the same time, the Port of Giurgiulesti is Moldova's only access to the Black Sea via the Danube River and is gaining in strategic importance. It handles more than 70 percent of Moldova's trade by inland waterways and hosts the country's oil terminal. It also has capacity to serve as a transshipment point for regional and Ukrainian cargo. In 2026, Romania's Port Administration of Constanta acquired the port operator from the EBRD and pledged at least €25 million to modernize rail, storage, and terminal infrastructure. Deteriorating rail infrastructure, the need to transfer cargo between Soviet and European rail gauges, slow-vessel-clearance procedures, and exposure to low Danube water levels, among other logistics and operational challenges, limit the port's competitiveness. The Government of Moldova is also exploring expanding its air cargo options as the Chisinau airport is overburdened since taking on additional traffic from Ukraine. There is need for additional commercial/freight flights from a second airport which would become another business opportunity and possess strategic importance.

3. Program Goal and Objectives

Line of Effort 1: Expand U.S. energy technology exports and support Moldova's energy independence. This component will advance U.S. commercial and strategic interests by bringing American energy, technology, logistics, expertise, and private investment into Moldova. Activities will support deployment of U.S. energy generation, battery storage, and grid technologies and services in Moldova, and support expansion of the use of U.S. LNG delivered through the Vertical Gas Corridor. These efforts will increase domestic supply, maximize the security and economic benefits of the U.S.-funded Trump Liberty Line, and promote U.S. companies as preferred suppliers in Moldova's energy market.

Line of Effort 2: Secure Giurgiulesti and/or other ports, including air, land, and sea, as strategic, integrated, and efficient, trade nodes. This component will improve the Port of Giurgiulesti's multimodal connections, customs and inspection efficiency, and integration with western markets and may do the same for other ports. Activities must increase the port's resilience to disruptions, improve its ability to support Moldovan and Ukrainian trade flows, and create stronger opportunities for U.S. logistics, infrastructure, technology, and investment.

Cross-Cutting Objectives: The following are cross cutting objectives that are crucial to meeting the objectives of this program and apply to both lines of effort. Both of these objectives must be considered in any submission.

- Investment enabling environment: This project will build regulatory and market frameworks that protect critical energy and trade logistics infrastructure from malign foreign influence and make a level playing field for U.S. companies to enter the market.
- U.S. Commercial Impact: This project will catalyze sustained demand for U.S. goods, services, technologies, and investment. Activities must generate opportunities for initial U.S. exports and contracts, and also for follow-on equipment sales, engineering and professional services, operations and maintenance, software and digital solutions, financing, replacement equipment, and other recurring commercial relationships.

4. Expected Results and Illustrative Performance Indicators

The performance indicators below are illustrative only. Applicants may propose other approaches with appropriate performance indicators that advance the program objectives outlined above.

4.1 Expected Results (Line of Effort 1 - Energy Generation, Storage, and Technology)

By the end of the period of performance, the program is expected to achieve the following results:

- More U.S. companies are participating in Moldova's energy and logistics sectors through investments, contracts, partnerships, exports, and technology deployment.
- Bankable energy projects are ready to attract private or public financing.
- More U.S. LNG moves into or through Moldova via the Vertical Gas Corridor, with fewer commercial and regulatory barriers to its use.

- Expanded domestic power generation and storage capacity with linkages to U.S. technologies and suppliers.

4.2 Illustrative Performance Indicators (Line of Effort 1 - Energy Generation, Storage, and Technology)

Applicants must propose indicators tailored to their activities. Illustrative examples include:

- Megawatts (MW) of new generation capacity installed or reaching financial close
- Megawatt-hours (MWh) of battery storage capacity deployed
- Value of private sector investment mobilized (U.S. and total)
- Number and value of contracts, partnerships, exports, or investments involving U.S. firms
- Number of feasibility or bankability studies completed, and the share advancing toward financing or implementation
- Volume and value of U.S.-origin natural gas delivered to or transiting Moldova through the Vertical Gas Corridor, including U.S.-origin LNG where applicable
- Number of supply, offtake, or capacity agreements signed involving U.S. LNG suppliers
- Number of laws, regulations, or procedures drafted, adopted, or put into practice

4.3 Expected Results (Line of Effort 2: Strategic Ports Trade and Supply-Chain Logistics)

By the end of the period of performance, the program is expected to achieve the following results:

- Customs and logistics procedures at and around Giurgiulesti and/or other strategic ports are faster, more predictable, and less costly.
- Bankable port-related projects are ready to attract private or public funding.
- Cargo volumes through Giurgiulesti and/or other strategic ports have grown, with better connections and integration with EU markets.
- Ports' and associated logistics' infrastructure is more resilient to physical, cyber, environmental, and supply-chain disruptions.
- Commodity transshipment and storage capacity has significantly increased.

4.4 Illustrative Performance Indicators (Line of Effort 2: Strategic Ports Trade and Supply-Chain Logistics)

Applicants must propose indicators tailored to their activities. Examples include:

- Percent reduction in average customs clearance or transit time at Giurgiulesti and/or other strategic ports
- Change in cargo volume handled through Giurgiulesti and/or other strategic ports
- Change in storage and transshipment capacity
- Number of laws, regulations, or procedures drafted, adopted, or put into practice

5. Additional Program Requirements and Considerations

Applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Technical and financial capacity: Proven experience delivering energy, infrastructure, logistics, trade facilitation, or investment projects in comparable settings.
- Private sector leverage: A clear plan to leverage private sector resources and/or catalyze private investment. Submissions that include cost share or co-investment is strongly encouraged.
- U.S. commercial engagement: A meaningful role for U.S. companies, technologies, services, or investors, and a clear account of how the activities expand U.S. commercial opportunities, including potential follow-on and recurring commercial benefits.
- Coordination: Show how proposed activities align with and our complementary to other U.S. government, EU, and international donor programs, to maximize complementarity and avoid duplication.
- Supply-chain security and cybersecurity: Applicants must describe safeguards for supply-chain security and grid cybersecurity.

6. Substantial Involvement

Substantial involvement may include:

- Active collaboration with the recipient in the implementation of the award.
- Review and approval of one stage of work before another can begin.
- Joint preparation or presentation of results with the recipient.
- Specific programmatic oversight in the award, beyond normal monitoring.
- Coordination with State Department third party monitoring efforts.
- Approval of key personnel.

Additional substantial involvement may be added to any award that is issued.

D. Application Contents and Format

Please follow all instructions below carefully. SOIs that do not meet the requirements of this announcement or fail to comply with the stated requirements will be ineligible.

1. SOI Response Options

Applicants must only submit one SOI response and must choose from one of the two options below with the corresponding page limits:

i. Option 1 – SOI addresses both Line of Efforts 1 and 2. The page limit for an SOI that addresses both lines of effort is 9 pages.
ii. Option 2 – SOI addresses only either Line of Effort 1 or Line of Effort 2. The page limit for an SOI that addresses one line of effort is 5 pages.

2. SOI Response General Content

Content of SOI must include:

- A brief project description summarizing goals, objectives outcomes, performance indicators, beneficiaries, and proposed timeline.
- Applicants must propose practical, investment-ready approaches that are aligned with one or both, of the lines of efforts in section C.
- Applicants may address one or both lines of effort in their SOI. The SOI encourages applications that link energy and trade logistics outcomes, and it requires practical, investment-ready approaches. All applications must address both cross-cutting objectives.
- A clear statement of the applicant's organizational capacity to carry out the proposed activity and manage U.S. Government funds.
- Applicants can include tables, charts, diagrams, etc. in their SOI. However, these will count toward the page limit.
- All documents are in English
- All pages are numbered
- All documents are formatted to fit 8 ½ x 11 paper
- All documents are single-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins
- 1 page budget summary (use attachment 1). The budget must be in U.S. dollars. A budget narrative is not required for stage 1 of the SOI.
- SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) at https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SFLLL_2_0-V2.0.pdf (note: the SF-LLL is only required for entities that engage in lobbying activities)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their SOI in a .pdf file to ensure that the page length remains constant. Submissions will only be viewed up to the specified page limit based on the selected submission in D.1. Therefore, any SOI response using option 1 with more than 9 pages (excluding the 1-page budget) will not be reviewed. Similarly, any SOI response using option 2 with more than 5 pages (excluding the 1-page budget) will not be reviewed.

E. Submission Requirements and Deadlines

1. Address to Request Application Package

Application forms required above are available at grants.gov or are included with the SOI. There is no specific template for the technical project description. Applicants can create their own as long as it adheres to the requirements in D.1.

2. Questions

Questions are due by November 15, 2026 at 23:00 EST to the persons listed below in E.3. Answers to questions will be posted on grants.gov.

3. Department of State Contacts

Sascha Kemper
Grants Officer
kempers@state.gov

Megan Lavery
Senior Program Advisor
laverymm@state.gov

4. Unique Entity identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Required Registrations

Organizations submitting an SOI do not need to have a Unique entity identifier (UEI) or be registered in the System for Award Management when submitting the SOI. Any organization that is asked to submit a full application in the second stage must have a UEI and be registered in sam.gov by the time the full application is due. Stage 2 applications received from applicants that do not have a UEI and are not fully registered in sam.gov will be eliminated and not be reviewed. There will be no exceptions.

Organizations are encouraged to start UEI and sam.gov registration early. The guidance below is meant to assist organizations that are not yet registered.

All organizations, whether based in the United States or in another country, must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and an active registration in SAM.gov. A UEI is one of the data elements mandated by Public Law 109-282, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), for all Federal awards. An applicant must maintain an active registration while it has a proposal under review by the Department and must continue to keep the registration active for the entire duration of the period of performance of any Federal award that results from this NOFO.

The 2 CFR 200 requires subrecipients to obtain a UEI. Please note the UEI for subrecipients is not required at the time of application but will be required before an award is processed and/or directed to a subrecipient.

Note: The process of obtaining or renewing a SAM.gov registration may take anywhere from 4-8 weeks. Please begin your registration as early as possible.

- Organizations based in the United States or that pay employees within the United States will need an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a UEI prior to registering in SAM.gov.
- Organizations based outside of the United States and that do not pay employees within the United States do not need an EIN from the IRS but do need a UEI prior to registering in SAM.gov.
- Organizations based outside of the United States that do not intend to apply for U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) awards are no longer required to have a NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) code to apply for non-DoD foreign assistance funding

opportunities. If an applicant organization is mid-registration and wishes to remove an NCAGE code from their SAM.gov registration, the applicant should submit a help desk ticket ("incident") with the Federal Service Desk (FSD) online at www.fsd.gov using the following language: "I do not intend to seek financial assistance from the Department of Defense. I do not wish to obtain an NCAGE code. I understand that I will need to submit my registration after this incident is resolved in order to have my registration activated."

Organizations based outside of the United States and that DO NOT plan to do business with the DoD should follow the below instructions:

Step 1: Proceed to SAM.gov to obtain a UEI and complete the SAM.gov registration process. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually.

Organizations based outside of the United States and that DO plan to do business with the DoD in addition to Department of State should follow the below instructions:

Step 1: Apply for an NCAGE code by following the instructions on the NSPA NATO website linked below:

NCAGE Homepage:
https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/sc/CageList.aspx
NCAGE Code Request Tool (NCRT):
NCAGE Code Request Tool (nato.int)

Exemptions

An exemption from the UEI and sam.gov registration requirements may be permitted on a case-by-case basis. See 2 CFR 25.110 for a full list of exemptions.

Organizations requesting exemption from UEI or SAM.gov requirements must email the point of contact listed in the NOFO at least two weeks prior to the deadline in the NOFO providing a justification of their request. Approval for a SAM.gov exemption must come from the warranted Grants Officer before the application can be deemed eligible for review.

5. Submission Dates and Times

SOI applications are due by the date and time stated in section A.1.

6. Funding Restrictions

i. Funding Restrictions for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

None of the funds awarded resulting from this Notice of Funding Opportunity may be made available for subawards, direct financial support, or otherwise used to provide any payment or transfer to United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

ii. Certification Regarding Compliance with applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws

If the place of performance or delivery of any award made under this Statement of Interest will be within the United States, applicants are advised that they will be required to certify the following at the time of award:

1) Its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code and;
2) It does not operate any programs promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws. A program promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion means a program whose purpose is to promote preferences based on race, color religion, sex, or national origins, such as in training or hiring.

iii. Certification Regarding Compliance with 20 U.S.C. 1011f and any other applicable foreign funding disclosure requirements

Applicants are advised that IHEs must certify the following at the time of award, and that this certification requirement must be included in any subaward agreements to IHEs:

1) Its compliance in all respects with section 1011f of title 20, United States Code, and any other applicable foreign funding disclosure requirements is material for purposes of section 3729 of title 31, United States Code, and for receipt of appropriate Federal grant funds.

iv. Certification of Trafficking in Persons Compliance and Compliance Plan

Applicants are advised that they will be required to certify the following at the time of award for awards where the estimated value of services to be performed outside the United States exceeds $500,000:

- To the best of the Recipient's knowledge, neither the Recipient, nor any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor of the Recipient or any agent of the recipient or of such a subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor, is engaged in any of the activities described in 2 CFR 175.105(a);

  The recipient has implemented a Trafficking in Persons compliance plan to prevent activities described in 2 CFR 175(a) and is compliant with this plan; and the compliance plan must follow the minimum requirements described in 2 CFR 175(b)(5).

- That the Recipient has and will implement procedures to prevent activities described in 2 CFR 175.105(a) and to monitor, detect, and terminate any subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or employee of the recipient engaging in these activities.

  Recipients do not need to submit a copy of the plan. However, they must provide it to the Grants Officer upon request, and as appropriate, must post the useful and relevant contents of

the plan or related materials on their website and at the workplace. Recipients must re-certify on an annual basis for the entire award period of performance.

v. Prohibition on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). If your project involves the purchase or use of an UAS, see this link for requirements and information you must include in your application

vi. Promoting Human Flourishing in Foreign Assistance (PHFFA)

Applicants for foreign assistance awards should be aware of requirements in 2 CFR Part 602, 603, and 604.

These policies are referred to collectively as the Promoting Human Flourishing in Foreign Assistance (PHFFA) Policy.

602: The award term imposes certain abortion-related requirements on foreign nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), United States NGOs, public international organizations, foreign governments, and parastatals.

603: The award term imposes certain requirements relating to gender ideology on foreign NGOs, United States NGOs, international organizations, foreign governments, and parastatals.

604: The award term imposes certain requirements relating to discriminatory equity ideology on foreign NGOs, United States NGOs, international organizations, foreign governments, and parastatals.

The Department recognizes there are costs associated with these policies. Potential one-time and recurring costs the Department identifies for recipients and grantees are for familiarization with the policy, development and delivery of organizational training and implementation guidance, routine compliance monitoring, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

7. Other Submission Requirements

All application materials must be submitted by email to the contacts listed in E.3. Emails must include the following information in the subject line:

"[Name of Applicant (e.g. ABXY, Inc)] NOFO # DFOP0019913 SOI"

In the body of the email, applicants must include the following information:

- Name of the Applicant
- Applicant's Address
- Applicant's UEI Number (or state if not available)
- Name and title of the Applicant's Authorized Representative
- Name and Email Address of Applicant's Point of Contact for stage 2 follow-up

- Whether the SOI response is for Option 1, i.e. addresses both lines of effort, or for Option 2, in which case specify if it addresses Line of Effort 1 or Line of Effort 2.

This email itself will not be shared with the review panel.

The SOI response must be received by the stated date and time specified in A.1 of this SOI. Receipt time is when the response is received by the Department of State internet server. If the response is received by at least one of the email addresses in E.3, it will be considered timely. Late responses will not be considered and will be eliminated from further consideration. There will be no exceptions

F. Application Review Information

1. Review Criteria

Each SOI will be evaluated and rated based on the review criteria outlined below. The criteria are listed in order of priority. Technical approach is significantly more important than organizational capacity and record on previous awards.

Technical Approach: The SOI is responsive to the program framework and demonstrates understanding of the country and economic context and opportunities to achieve program results. The submission presents a clear plan that is ambitious and feasible and aligned with desired program outcomes. SOI's that promote creative approaches to address program objectives and catalyze or leverage private resources are highly encouraged. The proposal does not include any activities contrary to any standing Executive Orders. For a full list, see https://www.federalregister.gov/.

Organizational Capacity and Record on Previous Awards: The SOI demonstrates the organization's expertise and previous experience in successfully administering programs of similar size, scope, and complexity. The SOI must briefly describe all proposed partner's roles and experience. If subawards are proposed, applicant must demonstrate experience managing subawards.

The summary budget serves information purposes only and will not be evaluated.

2. Indirect Costs

If two or more applications receive equivalent scores based on the review criteria outlined in this NOFO, preference will be given to the applicant with the lower indirect cost rate, as consistent with Executive Order 14332, Section 4(b)(iii). This preference will only be applied as a tie-breaking mechanism and does not supersede the primary review criteria.

3. Review and Selection Process

A review committee will evaluate all eligible SOI applications.

Following the review, any successful SOI applicants will be contacted and instructed to submit full applications. A full application will include:

- SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance – organizations) at https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-mandatory-family
- SF-424A (Budget Information for Non-Construction programs) at https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-mandatory-family
- SF-424B (Assurances for Non-Construction programs) at https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-mandatory-family (the SF-424B is only required for organizations exempt from registration and for organizations not required to fully register in SAM.gov.
- SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) at XXX or https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SFLLL_2_0-V2.0.pdf (the SF-LLL is only required for entities that engage in lobbying activities.
- Technical application with annexes as appropriate
- Budget application
- Budget notes

An organization that is selected to submit a full application must have a UEI and be registered in sam.gov when the full application is due, otherwise the application will be eliminated from consideration. There will be no exceptions.

4. Risk Review

i. Risk factors

Under the merit review as required by 2 CFR 200.206, prior to making a Federal Award the Department will review and consider the following risk factors:

a. Financial stability
b. Management systems and standards
c. History of performance
d. Audit reports and findings
e. Ability to effectively implement requirements

ii. Responsibility/Qualification Information in SAM.gov

The Federal awarding agency, prior to making a Federal award with a total amount of Federal share greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, is required to review and consider (see 41 U.S.C. 2313);

An applicant can review and comment on any information in the responsibility/qualification records available in SAM.gov.

Before making decisions in the risk review required by 2 CFR 200.206, the Department will consider any comments by the applicant, along with information available in the responsibility/qualification records in SAM.gov.

G. Post-Award Requirements and Administration

1. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Before submitting an application, applicants should review all the terms and conditions and required certifications which will apply to this award, to ensure that they will be able to comply.

These include:

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance located at 2 CFR part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance, the Department of State will review and consider applications for funding, as applicable to specific programs, pursuant to this notice of funding opportunity in accordance with the following: NOTE:

- Guidance for Grants and Agreements in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR), as updated in the Federal Register's 89 FR 30046 on April 22, 2024, particularly on:
    - Selecting recipients most likely to be successful in delivering results based on the program objectives through an impartial process of evaluating Federal award applications (2 CFR part 200.205),
    - Promoting the freedom of speech and religious liberty in alignment with Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty (E.O. 13798) and Improving Free Inquiry, Transparency, and Accountability at Colleges and Universities (E.O. 13864) (§§ 200.300, 200.303, 200.339, and 200.341),
    - Providing a preference, to the extent permitted by law, to maximize use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States (2 CFR part 200.322), and
    - Terminating agreements pursuant to the U.S. Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions, including, to the greatest extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities (2 CFR part 200.340). For the avoidance of doubt, the Department has sole discretion over the determination that an award no longer effectuates program goals or agency priorities, and this provision permits awards to be terminated at the Department's convenience, including when it determines that the award no longer advances the national interest.

- 2 CFR 25 - UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER AND SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT
- 2 CFR 170 - REPORTING SUBAWARD AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION INFORMATION
- 2 CFR 175 - AWARD TERM FOR TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
- 2 CFR 182 - GOVERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE)
- 2 CFR 183 - NEVER CONTRACT WITH THE ENEMY
- 2 CFR 600 – DEPARTMENT OF STATE REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- Recipients must comply with Executive Orders as applicable. A searchable list can be found in the Federal Register: https://www.federalregister.gov/

2. Reporting

Reporting Requirements: Recipients will be required to submit financial reports and program reports. The award document will specify what reports are required and how often these reports must be submitted. Reporting requirements, including for monitoring and evaluation by the recipient and/or in coordination with Department third party monitors, will be included in the stage two NOFO.

Foreign Assistance Data Review: As required by Congress, the Department of State must make progress in its efforts to improve tracking and reporting of foreign assistance data through the Foreign Assistance Data Review (FADR). The FADR requires tracking of foreign assistance activity data from budgeting, planning, and allocation through obligation and disbursement. Successful applicants will be required to report and draw down federal funding based on the appropriate FADR Data Elements, indicated within their award documentation. In cases of more than one FADR Data Element, typically program or sector and/or regions or country, the successful applicant will be required to maintain separate accounting records.

Applicants should be aware of the post award reporting requirements reflected in 2 CFR 200 Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

3. Branding and Marking

The Department of State, its programs, and U.S. Government funding and assistance should be easily identifiable to the Department's global audiences.

Recipients of federal assistance awards must follow the branding guidance published at Guidance for Contracts and Grants - U.S. Department of State Brand System. Branding policy exceptions are outlined in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Affairs Manual 10 FAM 416, Policy Exceptions.

For more information, visit: https://brand.america.gov/

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