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Request for Information (RFI)

Reference: RFI-EURACE-2026-001 for Ukraine Critical Minerals Investments

Subject: Request for Information for Ukraine Critical Minerals Investments

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To All Interested Parties:

The United States Government (USG), represented by Department of State's Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (EUR/ACE), is seeking input from interested companies, organizations, individuals and potential offerors and applicants who may provide comments, input, opinions and recommendations in response to this Request for Information (RFI) and the questions in section III.a.

Responses to this notice are not considered a proposal or application and will not be evaluated in response to this RFI. EUR/ACE may use responses received for planning and design purposes.

Responses must be submitted electronically to EURACERFI@state.gov with the subject line "RFI No. RFI-EURACE-2026-001 for Ukraine Critical Minerals Investments." The submitted information must not exceed six pages (see Section IV for details). All submissions will be acknowledged, but no feedback or other responses will be provided; questions will not be answered. No applications, proposals, resumes, or documentation other than what is being requested in this RFI will be accepted or considered in response to this RFI. Responses will not be made public.

Release of this RFI in no way obligates the USG to release a funding opportunity or solicitation nor will the USG be responsible for any costs incurred in preparing responses to this RFI.

Thank you for your interest in this RFI and USG foreign assistance programs.

Sincerely,

Grants Officer

Request for Information

I. Purpose

The USG is designing an initiative focused on promoting U.S. engagement and investment in the short, medium, and long-term development of the critical minerals sector in Ukraine. Efforts within the overall initiative will complement and advance the goals of the U.S.-Ukraine Reconstruction Investment Fund, and advance U.S. supply chain resilience, U.S. business opportunities, and economic partnership with Ukraine, with a focus on the critical minerals sector (and, as necessary, other associated natural resources, energy, infrastructure). This RFI seeks information from interested companies, organizations, and individuals to provide information, opinions, strategies, and recommendations to achieve the objectives and results stated below.

II. Background

Ukraine holds significant reserves of critical mineral resources essential for modern technologies, renewable energy systems, and defense applications. The country is home to deposits that are increasingly vital to global supply chains. Ukraine's geographic location and mineral potential position it as a strategic partner in U.S. efforts to diversify critical minerals supply chains. The Government of Ukraine has identified the development of its critical mineral sector as a strategic priority and an area of partnership with the United States, aiming to attract foreign investment, modernize extraction and processing technologies, and integrate into global markets. However, the sector remains underdeveloped, with outdated infrastructure and geological surveys, operational challenges, and legal and regulatory frameworks that require reform to unlock its full potential.

Ukraine's critical mineral resources present significant opportunities for investment and collaboration in growing an industrial sector that can benefit U.S. businesses and national security, while also advancing Ukraine's future economic growth. American companies specializing in mining technologies, processing equipment, and sustainable extraction methods could play a pivotal role in modernizing Ukraine's mineral industry. Additionally, U.S. investors could benefit from Ukraine's efforts to align its regulatory frameworks with international standards, creating a more predictable and transparent business environment. Further developing a strong U.S.-Ukraine partnership in this sector can advance shared goals of energy security and supply chain resilience, particularly as demand for critical minerals grows across many applications.

Efforts will be coordinated with, and leverage, the U.S.-Ukraine Reconstruction Investment Fund, implemented within the USG by the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), which establishes a partnership with Ukraine in the sector and is scoped to provide seed capital to jumpstart the fund's investment in critical minerals, hydrocarbons, and related infrastructure in Ukraine. Successful implementation of such a partnership with Ukraine can not only advance U.S. interests but also Ukraine's economic recovery and serve as a global template for developing and modernizing critical mineral supply chains by effectively mitigating current bottlenecks and constraints.

The overarching goals of efforts within a critical minerals initiative with Ukraine include:

- Diversifying critical minerals supply chains for the United States.
- Driving increased U.S. private sector benefit and engagement in Ukraine's mining sector by highlighting opportunities and reducing barriers to entry.
- Identifying and promoting high-potential brownfield and greenfield projects to expand critical mineral supply.
- Conducting and supporting modern geological surveys in Ukraine to enhance data quality and attract investment in untapped mineral resources.
- Advancing the legislative and regulatory measures, institutional modernization and capacity, and transparency and efficiency improvements necessary to boost investment security and incentives for U.S. businesses.
- As appropriate, enhancing infrastructure in and around Ukraine necessary to support Ukraine's critical minerals sector and its advancement into higher-value stages of the critical minerals supply chain and meet downstream demand; and
- Coordinating all efforts with other USG initiatives to ensure alignment and maximize impact.

III. Questions and Organizational Capability

The RFI seeks information to help prioritize focus areas within the design of a U.S. initiative on the critical minerals sector in Ukraine. Respondents may answer any or all of the questions below. Where possible, responses should reference relevant sources of information, including peer-reviewed or gray literature, expert opinion, project evaluation reports, and other supporting documents.

a. Questions

1. What existing or emerging regional, country, commercial, donor, and/or technical trends do you envision will be central to developing Ukraine's critical minerals sector over the coming years?
2. What are the nature of the U.S. supply chain interests that can be realistically addressed through engagement with Ukraine?
3. How can the USG spur both public and private investment in the critical minerals sector in Ukraine? What U.S. commercial, derisking, and assistance tools would be the most useful? What non-USG resources can be leveraged within the initiative?
4. What significant barriers exist to achieving the goals of a U.S. initiative on critical minerals in Ukraine, as listed above? Which opportunities should the USG prioritize to overcome these barriers?
5. How can this initiative enable and promote U.S. investment in the critical minerals sector in Ukraine? Which illustrative activities would achieve one or several of the Ukraine Critical Minerals Initiative's goals listed above.
6. What results are realistically achievable in Ukraine's critical minerals sector within the next three years? Are there brownfield or greenfield projects that should be prioritized? Which illustrative activities can be implemented to achieve these proposed results?
7. What steps can be taken to improve the geological mapping and data for Ukraine's mineral resources?

8. What specific policy and/or regulatory reforms are needed to accelerate the development of Ukraine's critical minerals sector?
9. Are there other areas of intervention that the USG should consider for future critical minerals programming in Ukraine?

b. Organizational Capability

In no more than one page, describe your relevant organizational capabilities in this sector and region. This can include past experience working in any of the noted sectors in Ukraine or elsewhere; corporate capabilities; experience working with other stakeholders; experience leveraging additional investments and partnerships to achieve results in noted sectors; experience with implementing pilot projects that have led to wider adoption without further assistance funding; or other information relevant to an organization's ability to successfully implement such an initiative.

IV. Submission Instructions

Responses must be submitted electronically as an MS Word file in accordance with the instructions in the cover letter. Responses must not exceed six pages: up to five pages to respond to the questions in section III.a and no more than one page to describe any organizational capability per section III.b. A cover letter is not required, but responses must include the following information at the beginning of page one:

RFI Reference Number:

Submitter's Name:

Registered Business Address:

Authorized Representative Name and Email:

No basis for claims against the USG shall arise as a result of any response to this RFI or from the USG's use of any received information. Telephone or other inquiries regarding this notice will not be answered.

This RFI does not seek technical or cost offers/quotes/proposals/applications and responses will not be accepted by the USG to form a binding contract or assistance award. Responding to this RFI is voluntary and no costs will be reimbursed. Any future solicitation or funding opportunity will be announced on www.sam.gov and/or www.grants.gov.

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