

To all Applicants:

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Subject: Amendment 1 to RFA No.: USAID-DCM-116-09-020
Access to Justice and Human Rights

The purposes of this Amendment are to

- 1) Revise SECTION V – APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION.
- 2) Provide responses to questions from potential applicants.

Sincerely,



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Accordingly the following changes have been made.

- 1. Section V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION, item 2. PERSONNEL, Country Director/Representative and Legal Advisor** – delete “(expatriate – U.S. or TCN)” and replace with “(U.S or TCN or CCN)”

- 2. Responses to questions from potential applicants** are provided below.

1. The RFA envisions a 36 month program. Given the level of funding and scope of the program, will the Mission consider a 30 month program that delivers the same results?

USAID anticipated that 36 months was the required period of a program that could achieve the long-term impacts we envisioned. If an Applicant can demonstrate that they can achieve the required outcomes in less than 36 months, USAID will consider such a program. However, the period proposed for the program will not be what will be evaluated. The impacts and outcomes, per the established evaluation criteria, is what will be evaluated. In other words, an alternative application with a shorter period will not necessarily garner a higher score.

2. Section V.2. of the RFA sets out the factors for evaluating the Country Director/Representative. Is this position synonymous with the position of “Chief of Party”?

The position Country Director/Representative is synonymous with the position of “Chief of Party.”

3. Section V.2. of the RFA states that one of the factors used in evaluating the proposals is that the Country Director/Representative be either an American or a TCN. Will the Mission consider a CCN for this position?

This restriction has been eliminated under this Amendment 01 to the RFA. USAID seeks the most qualified individuals for the position and will base its decision on the skills enumerated. Nationality is not an evaluated factor, skills, qualifications and the demonstrated ability to do the work is what will be evaluated.

4. Section V.2. of the RFA states that one of the factors used in evaluating the proposals is that the Legal Advisor be either an American or a TCN. Since this position will require an in-depth knowledge of the Kyrgyz legal system, will the Mission consider a CCN for this position?

This restriction has been eliminated under this Amendment 01 to the RFA. See above.

5. If the Mission requires an American or TCN for the position of Legal Advisor, will the mission consider a CCN for the position in years two and three in order to build local capacity and ensure the transfer of knowledge?

This restriction has been eliminated under this Amendment 01 to the RFA. See above.

6. Your clarification on the partial proposals will be highly appreciated. Can we submit a proposal covering only one objective?

As stated in the RFA USAID/CAR intends to award one Cooperative Agreement. Therefore, applications should address all objectives of the RFA. Partial proposals that do not meet the requirements of the RFA will be evaluated and scored accordingly.

7. Can you clarify if UN Agencies can apply for the mentioned grant?

Yes, UN Agencies and other Public International Organizations (as defined in ADS 303) may apply for this grant.

(End of Amendment)