

**AMENDMENT III (4/15/2011):**

1. *Pages 2 and 35 - Application Deadline Date has changed to May 6, 2011*
2. *Page 41 - Removed Language: “Recipients may not use funds for clinical care”*

**AMENDMENT II (04/8//2011):**

1. *Pages 54-57 – Language Added: Question and Answers.*

**AMENDMENT I (3/28/2011):**

1. *Pages 1 and 35 - Application Deadline Date has changed to April 29, 2011*
2. *Page 13- Language added :*  
*Year one activities should concentrate on improving strategic information and monitoring and evaluation. Years two through five may expand into implementation of the remaining activities to achieve the overall goal of improving coverage and uptake of HIV/AIDS, related disease and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*
3. *Pages 20-21 - Language modified:*  
*Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding: \$1,000,000*  
*Approximate average award: \$1,000,000*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**Providing a Comprehensive Continuum of HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Services  
in the Democratic Republic of Congo Under the President’s Emergency Plan for  
AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**

## **I. AUTHORIZATION AND INTENT**

**Announcement Type:** New

**Funding Opportunity Number:** CDC-RFA-GH11-1139

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 93.067

### **Key Dates:**

**Application Deadline Date:** *May 6, 2011*, 5:00pm U.S. Eastern Standard Time

### **Authority:**

This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601, et seq.] and Public Law 110-293 (the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008).

### **Background:**

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. As called for by the PEPFAR Reauthorization Act of 2008, initiative goals over the period of 2009 through 2013 are to treat at least three million HIV infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy (ART); care for twelve million HIV infected and affected persons, including five million orphans and vulnerable children; and prevent twelve million infections worldwide (3,12,12). To meet these goals and build sustainable local capacity, PEPFAR will support training of at least 140,000 new health care workers

in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. The Emergency Plan *Five-Year Strategy* for the five year period, 2009 - 2014 is available at the following Internet address:

<http://www.pepfar.gov>.

**Purpose:**

Under the leadership of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, as part of the President's Emergency Plan, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS/CDC) works with host countries and other key partners to assess the needs of each country and design a customized program of assistance that fits within the host nation's strategic plan and partnership framework.

HHS/CDC focuses primarily on two or three major program areas in each country. Goals and priorities include the following:

- Achieving primary prevention of HIV infection through activities such as expanding confidential counseling and testing programs linked with evidence based behavioral change and building programs to reduce mother-to-child transmission;
- Improving the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and related opportunistic infections by improving STI management; enhancing laboratory diagnostic capacity and the care and treatment of opportunistic infections; interventions for intercurrent diseases impacting HIV infected patients including tuberculosis (TB); and initiating programs to provide anti-retroviral therapy (ART);

- Strengthening the capacity of countries to collect and use surveillance data and manage national HIV/AIDS programs by expanding HIV/STI/TB surveillance programs and strengthening laboratory support for surveillance, diagnosis, treatment, disease monitoring and HIV screening for blood safety.
- Developing, validating and/or evaluating public health programs to inform, improve and target appropriate interventions, as related to the prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, TB and opportunistic infections.

In an effort to ensure maximum cost efficiencies and program effectiveness, HHS/CDC also supports coordination with and among partners and integration of activities that promote Global Health Initiative principles. As such, grantees may be requested to participate in programmatic activities that include the following activities:

- Implement a woman- and girl-centered approach;
- Increase impact through strategic coordination and integration;
- Strengthen and leverage key multilateral organizations, global health partnerships and private sector engagement;
- Encourage country ownership and invest in country-led plans;
- Build sustainability through investments in health systems;
- Improve metrics, monitoring and evaluation; and
- Promote research, development and innovation.

The purpose of this program is to ensure that a comprehensive continuum of HIV/AIDS services, which includes sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services, is available

in Kinshasa and other major cities in Province Orientale and Katanga Province in order to contribute to the successful control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Continuum of care services include: 1) prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT); 2) post-birth monitoring and care of HIV-positive (HIV+) women and their newborns of yet-to-be-determined status; 3) TB/HIV services (TB infection control, screening of HIV among TB patients, provision of HIV care and anti-retroviral therapy to co-infected patients and intensified TB case finding and treatment among HIV+ patients); 4) family-based HIV treatment services (diagnosis, care, antiretroviral (ARV) and psychosocial support); and 5) all laboratory services necessary for disease screening and monitoring. All continuum of care services should include screening, counseling and referrals for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Facility-based services should also provide relevant clinical services for survivors.

To this end, this funding announcement will support the following activities:

- Improving service coverage and client health outcomes by strengthening service capacity or expanding access to the continuum of HIV services and SGBV services through existing or yet-to-be-established health facilities networks in Kinshasa and other major cities in provinces such as Province Orientale and Katanga Province;
- Reducing the negative impacts of SGBV by integrating screening, counseling and referral to appropriate legal, social and clinical services, including the police, into facility-based and community-based continuum of care services in Kinshasa and other specified geographic areas;

- Building the capacity of clinical service providers to counsel survivors of rape and provide outreach services; and
- Providing technical assistance to implement TB/HIV co-infection activities at various levels of the health system in PEPFAR-supported areas.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with one (or more) of the following performance goal(s) and represent the estimated outcomes expected to be achieved regardless of the geographic location over the life of this program. The overall goal is to provide full coverage of HIV/AIDS continuum of care services, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services in PEPFAR-supported areas. The applicant will be responsible for collecting baseline data in partnership with relevant government institutions or HIV/AIDS stakeholders if there is not sufficient data for a particular location.

**A. Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT): (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of service outlets providing a comprehensive package of PMTCT services for female clients and their male partners including: HIV and STI counseling and testing, complex regimen ARV prophylaxis, family planning services, preventive services for malaria, psychosocial support, and nutritional support: 30 service outlets;
2. Number of pregnant women who received HIV counseling and testing in a PMTCT setting: 180,800 pregnant women;

3. Number of HIV+ women who received antiretroviral (ARV) prophylaxis for PMTCT in a PMTCT setting: 1,600 HIV+ women;
4. Number of health workers trained in the provision of PMTCT services according to national and international standards: 332 health workers; and
5. Number of HIV+ pregnant or lactating women receiving food and nutritional supplementation in a PMTCT setting: 650 HIV+ pregnant or lactating women.

**B. HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing (HCT): (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of service outlets (including PMTCT sites) providing HCT according to national and international standards: 45 service outlets. These HCT sites should focus on providing services to pregnant women seen at PMTCT sites, male partners of pregnant women at PMTCT sites and TB patients seen at TB clinics;
2. Number of individuals who received HCT and their test results (excluding TB): 47,200 individuals (35,400 males; 11,800 females). These individuals include pregnant women seen at PMTCT sites, male partners of pregnant women seen at PMTCT sites; and
3. Number of individuals trained in HCT according to national and international standards: 128 individuals.

**C. Palliative Care (excluding TB/HIV services): (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Total number of service outlets providing HIV-related palliative care (excluding TB/HIV): 36 service outlets;
2. Total number of individuals provided with HIV-related palliative care (excluding TB/HIV): 7,760 (3,104 males; 4,656 females) individuals;
3. Total number of individuals trained to provide HIV-related palliative care (excluding TB/HIV): 192 individuals; and
4. Number of individuals trained in HIV-related stigma and discrimination reduction: 168 individuals trained.

**D. TB/HIV Co-infection Services: (by the end of the project period the following measurable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of individuals who receive provider-initiated testing and counseling (PITC) and receive their test results (including TB): 33,200 (24,900 males; 8,300 females) individuals. These individuals include TB patients seen at TB clinics and male partners of pregnant women seen at PMTCT sites;
2. Total number of service outlets providing HIV-related palliative care (including TB/HIV): 72 service outlets;
3. Total number of individuals provided with HIV-related palliative care (including TB/HIV): 7,000 (2,800 males; 4,200 females) individuals;
4. Total number of individuals trained to provide HIV-related palliative care (including TB/HIV): 120 individuals;
5. Number of service outlets providing treatment for TB to HIV-infected individuals (diagnosed or presumed) in a palliative care setting: 6 service outlets;

6. Number of HIV-infected clients attending HIV care/treatment services that are receiving treatment for TB: 500 (225 males; 275 females) HIV-infected clients;
7. Number of individuals trained to provide treatment for TB to HIV-infected individuals (diagnosed or presumed): 60 individuals;
8. Percentage of registered TB patients who received PITC and their test results at a US Government (USG)-supported TB service outlet: 98% registered TB patients;
9. Percentage of HIV-positive patients that are regularly screened for TB: 80% of HIV-positive patients; and
10. Percentage of HIV/AIDS health facilities who have integrated TB infection control measures: 100% of HIV/AIDS facilities.

**E. HIV/AIDS Treatment and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Services: (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of service outlets providing ART: 9 service outlets;
2. Number of individuals newly initiating ART during the reporting period: 3,000 individuals newly initiating ART during the reporting period (600 males age 0-14 years; 510 males age 15+ years; 660 females age 0-14 years; 990 females age 15+ years; 240 pregnant females of all ages);
3. Number of individuals who ever received ART during the reporting period: 3,300 individuals who ever received ART during the reporting period (660 males age 0-14 years; 561 males age 15+ years; 726 females age 0-14 years; 1094 females age 15+ years; 264 pregnant females of all ages);

4. Number of individuals receiving ART at the end of the reporting period: 2,500 individuals receiving ART at the end of the reporting period (500 males age 0-14 years; 425 males age 15+ years; 550 females age 0-14 years; 825 females age 15+ years; 200 pregnant females of all ages);
5. Number of health workers trained to deliver ART services, according to national and/or international standards: 80 health workers; and
6. Number of individuals receiving ART with evidence of severe malnutrition receiving food and nutritional supplementation during the reporting period: 280 individuals.

**F. Sexual and gender-based violence services: (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of service outlets providing screening, counseling and referral for gender-based violence (includes PMTCT sites, HCT sites, palliative care sites, TB/HIV coinfection service sites and HIV/AIDS treatment sites): 90 service outlets;
2. Number of service outlets providing post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), for survivors of sexual violence (includes PMTCT sites, HCT sites, palliative care sites, TB/HIV co-infection service sites and HIV/AIDS treatment sites): 90 service outlets;
3. Number of service providers trained in screening, counseling and referral for survivors of SGBV: 100 service providers;
4. Number of service providers trained in PEP administration: 120 service providers;

5. Number of service providers trained in rape care: 120 service providers;
6. Number of people reached by an individual, small group, or community-level intervention or service that explicitly addresses gender-based violence and coercion related to HIV/AIDS: 64,500 people; and
7. Number of people reached by an individual, small-group, or community-level intervention or service that explicitly address norms about masculinity related to HIV/AIDS: 25,000 people.

**G. Laboratory Infrastructure: (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of laboratories with the capacity to perform HIV rapid tests: 32 laboratories; and
2. Number of individuals trained in the provision of laboratory activities related to HIV rapid tests: 64 individuals.

**H. Health Systems Strengthening: (by the end of the project period the following measureable outcomes will be achieved)**

1. Number of operational Centers of Excellence: 3 operational Centers of Excellence.

This announcement is only for non-research activities supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within HHS (HHS/CDC). If research is proposed, the application will not be reviewed. For the definition of research, please see the CDC Web

site at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/regs/hrpp/researchDefinition.htm>

## **II. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Recipient Activities:**

Partners receiving HHS/CDC funding must place a clear emphasis on developing local indigenous capacity to deliver HIV/AIDS related services to the Congolese population and must also coordinate with activities supported by Congolese, international or USG agencies to avoid duplication. Partners receiving HHS/CDC funding must collaborate across program areas whenever appropriate or necessary to improve service delivery.

The selected applicant(s) of these funds is responsible for activities in multiple program areas.

The grantee will implement activities both directly and, where applicable, through sub-grantees; the grantee will, however, retain overall financial and programmatic management under the oversight of HHS/CDC and the strategic direction of the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. The grantee must show measurable progressive reinforcement of the capacity of health facilities to respond to the national HIV epidemic as well as progress towards the sustainability of activities.

Applicants should describe activities in detail that reflect the policies and goals outlined in the *Five-Year Strategy* for the President's Emergency Plan and the Partnership

Framework for Democratic Republic of Congo. The grantee will produce an annual operational plan, which the U.S. Government Emergency Plan team on the ground in Democratic Republic of Congo will review as part of the annual Emergency Plan review-and-approval process managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

The grantee may work on some of the activities listed below in the first year and in subsequent years, and then progressively add others from the list to achieve all of the Emergency Plan performance goals as cited in the previous section. HHS/CDC, under the guidance of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, will approve funds for activities on an annual basis, based on availability of funding and USG priorities, and based on documented performance toward achieving Emergency Plan goals, as part of the annual Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review-and-approval process.

Grantee activities should expand and strengthen access to the full continuum of HIV prevention, care, and treatment services, including sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services, in provinces such as Kinshasa, Province Orientale and Katanga Province. Collaboration with other providers of HIV/AIDS, related-diseases and SGBV services, regardless of the location, is of paramount importance. **Year one activities should concentrate on improving strategic information and monitoring and evaluation. Years two through five may expand into implementation of the remaining activities to achieve the overall goal of ensuring a comprehensive continuum of HIV/AIDS services,**

which includes sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Grantee activities for this program are as follows:

**A. PMTCT:**

1. Train individuals to provide a comprehensive PMTCT package.
2. Assure access to a comprehensive PMTCT package through supporting maternities in the delivery of PMTCT sites.

**B. HIV Counseling and Testing:**

1. Train individuals to provide HIV/AIDS counseling and testing in clinical facilities, such as a PMTCT site or a TB/HIV coinfection site, to program clients and their first line family members.
2. Assure access to HIV/AIDS prevention services through supporting existing HCT outlets in clinical facilities, such as a PMTCT site or a TB/HIV coinfection site, or starting new facilities.

**C. HIV/AIDS Palliative Care:**

1. Train individuals to provide HIV/AIDS palliative care.
2. Train individuals in reducing HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination.
3. Assure access to HIV/AIDS palliative care through supporting existing sites and/or beginning new sites.

**D. TB/HIV Coinfection:**

1. Train individuals to provide TB/HIV coinfection services, including provider-initiated testing and counseling (PITC), TB treatment, palliative care, and ART.
2. Assure access to TB/HIV coinfection services through supporting existing TB/HIV coinfection sites and/or beginning new sites.
3. Integrate TB prevention and intensified case finding into HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment facilities or associates of people living with HIV/AIDS. Integrate TB infection control measures into HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment facilities at various levels of the health system.

**E. HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Therapy (ART):**

1. Train individuals to provide HIV/AIDS ART.
2. Assure access to HIV/AIDS ART through supporting existing sites and/or beginning new sites.
3. Provide food and nutritional supplementation to severely malnourished people living with HIV/AIDS.

**F. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV):**

1. Train individuals to screen, counsel, and refer survivors of SGBV to appropriate services, provide rape care, and administer post-exposure prophylaxis.

2. Provide individual, small-group, or community-level sensitization regarding gender-based violence and coercion as well as norms about masculinity related to HIV/AIDS.
3. Provide technical assistance to service outlets to help them integrate SGBV services into their existing services.

**G. Health Systems Strengthening:**

1. In collaboration with universities, develop HIV/AIDS Centers of Excellence in three provincial capital cities that are currently lacking such a center. These centers provide tertiary-level integrated HIV care and management and provide training opportunities for different types of health professionals involved in HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and support. Centers of Excellence undertake/provide the following activities/services:
  - Provision and management of ART;
  - Training of HIV prevention, care, and treatment teams from various settings;
  - Providing continuing medical education for clinical staff through telemedicine;
  - Supervising and mentoring trainees in the areas of diagnosis, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS and related diseases, prevention, strategic information and evaluation, laboratory, and policy;
  - Facilitating case referral from healthcare and community-based institutions; and

- Using SI systems to gather quality data and make evidence-based programming and policy decisions.

#### **H. Strategic Information:**

1. Conduct program evaluations that identify barriers to access and/or inefficiencies in the delivery of the comprehensive continuum of HIV services. Program evaluations should result in practical solutions to problems identified and/or information relevant to the revision or creation of critical policy statements or program regulations in and outside of the Kinshasa network, relevant national programs, and other HIV partners;

#### **I. Other:**

1. Communicate and collaborate strategically, systematically, and regularly with all government institutions and providers of HIV/AIDS and related services in the DRC to avoid creating parallel service systems.
2. Establish and submit an exit strategy to assure continuation of services after the final budget cycle of this funding opportunity. The exit strategy should be established in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and any other implementing partners responsible for the overall administration of participating health facilities. At a minimum, the exit strategy should address: a) the capacity of government institutions and other relevant partners to carry on all activities undertaken during the funding period after funding has stopped; b) continued procurement of pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies in order to minimize

supply chain interruptions; c) the continued flow of data regarding the delivery of the comprehensive continuum of HIV/AIDS services from the provider level to relevant MOH programs; d) transfer of supervisory responsibilities to relevant MOH programs.

**CDC Activities:**

The selected applicant of this funding competition must comply with all HHS/CDC management requirements for meeting participation and progress and financial reporting for this cooperative agreement (See HHS/CDC Activities and Reporting sections below for details), and comply with all policy directives established by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring. CDC activities for this program are as follows:

1. Organize an orientation meeting with the grantee to brief it on applicable U.S. Government, HHS, and Emergency Plan expectations, regulations and key management requirements, as well as report formats and contents. The orientation could include meetings with staff from HHS agencies and the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
2. Review and make recommendations as necessary to the process used by the grantee to select key personnel and/or post-award subcontractors and/or subgrantees to be involved in the activities performed under this agreement, as

part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review and approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

3. Review and make recommendations to the grantee's annual work plan and detailed budget, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Country Operational Plan review-and-approval process, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
4. Review and make recommendations to the grantee's monitoring-and-evaluation plan, including for compliance with the strategic-information guidance established by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
5. Meet on a monthly basis with the grantee to assess monthly expenditures in relation to approved work plan and modify plans, as necessary.
6. Meet on a quarterly basis with the grantee to assess quarterly technical and financial progress reports and modify plans as necessary.
7. Meet on an annual basis with the grantee to review annual progress report for each U.S. Government Fiscal Year, and to review annual work plans and budgets for subsequent year, as part of the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief review and approval process for Country Operational Plans, managed by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.
8. Provide technical assistance, as mutually agreed upon, and revise annually during validation of the first and subsequent annual work plans. This could include expert technical assistance and targeted training activities in specialized areas, such as strategic information, project management, confidential counseling and testing, palliative care, treatment literacy, and adult-learning techniques.

9. Provide in-country administrative support to help grantee meet U.S. Government financial and reporting requirements approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 0920-0428 (Public Health Service Form 5161).
10. Collaborate with the grantee on designing and implementing the activities listed above, including, but not limited to the provision of technical assistance to develop program activities, data management and analysis, quality assurance, the presentation and possibly publication of program results and findings, and the management and tracking of finances.
11. Provide consultation and scientific and technical assistance based on appropriate, HHS/CDC and Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator documents to promote the use of best practices known at the time.
12. Assist the grantee in developing and implementing quality-assurance criteria and procedures.
13. Facilitate in-country planning and review meetings for technical assistance activities.
14. Provide technical oversight for all activities under this award.
15. Provide ethical reviews, as necessary, for evaluation activities, including from HHS/CDC headquarters.
16. Supply the grantee with protocols for related evaluations.
17. Review and establish, in collaboration with national health authorities, the geographic distribution and coordination of service delivery (by regions, district, etc.) among successful grantees.

Please note: Either HHS staff or staff from organizations that have successfully competed for funding under a separate HHS contract, cooperative agreement or grant will provide technical assistance and training.

### **III. AWARD INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Type of Award:** Cooperative Agreement.

**Award Mechanism:** U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements

**Fiscal Year Funds:** FY2011

**Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding:** *\$1,000,000*

**Approximate Total Project Period Funding:** \$25,000,000 (This amount is an estimate, and is subject to availability of funds and includes direct costs for international organizations or direct and indirect costs for domestic grantees for all years.)

**Approximate Number of Awards:** Up to five

**Approximate Average Award:** *\$1,000,000* (This amount is for the first 12 month budget period, and includes direct costs for international organizations or direct and indirect costs for domestic grantees.)

**Floor of Individual Award Range:** \$100,000

**Ceiling of Individual Award Range:** N/A (This ceiling is for the first 12 month budget period and includes direct costs for international organizations or direct and indirect costs for domestic grantees.)

**Anticipated Award Date:** September 2011

**Budget Period Length:** 12 months

**Project Period Length:** 5 years

Throughout the project period, CDC's commitment to continuation of awards will be conditioned on the availability of funds, evidence of satisfactory progress by the recipient (as documented in required reports), and the determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal government.

#### **IV. ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible applicants that can apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

- Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS status (other than institution of higher education)
- Nonprofit without 501C3 IRS status (other than institution of higher education)
- For-profit organizations (other than small business)
- Small, minority, and women-owned businesses
- Universities
- Colleges
- Research institutions
- Hospitals
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Non-domestic (non-U.S.) entity
- Non-profit with 501C3 IRS status (other than institution of higher education)
- Federally recognized or state-recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribal governments
  - American Indian/Alaska native tribally designated organizations
  - Alaska Native health corporations
  - Urban Indian health organizations
  - Tribal epidemiology centers
  - Political subdivisions of States (in consultation with States)

- Other (specify)

A Bona Fide Agent is an agency/organization identified by the state as eligible to submit an application under the state eligibility in lieu of a state application. If applying as a bona fide agent of a state or local government, a letter from the state or local government as documentation of the status is required. Attach with “Other Attachment Forms” when submitting via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### **SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Licensing/Credential/Permits**

#### Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost sharing or matching funds are not required for this program. If applicants receive funding from other sources to underwrite the same or similar activities, or anticipate receiving such funding in the next 12 months, they must detail how the disparate streams of financing complement each other.

#### Maintenance of Effort

Maintenance of Effort is not required for this program.

#### Other

If a funding amount greater than the ceiling of the award range is requested, the application will be considered non-responsive and will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet the eligibility requirements.

## **Special Requirements:**

### 1. PEPFAR Local Partner definition:

A “local partner” may be an individual or sole proprietorship, an entity, or a joint venture or other arrangement. However, to be considered a local partner in a given country served by PEPFAR, the partner must meet the criteria under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) below within that country:

(1) an individual must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of and have his/her principal place of business in the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the individual is or may become involved, and a sole proprietorship must be owned by such an individual; or

(2) an entity (e.g., a corporation or partnership): (a) must be incorporated or legally organized under the laws of, and have its principal place of business in, the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the entity is or may become involved; (b) must be at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), or by other corporations, partnerships or other arrangements that are local partners under this paragraph or paragraph (3); (c) at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the entity’s staff (senior, mid-level, support) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), and at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the entity’s senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; and (d) where an entity has a

Board of Directors, at least 51% of the members of the Board must also be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; or

(3) a joint venture, unincorporated association, consortium, or other arrangement in which at least 51% for FY 2009-10; 66% for FY 2011-12; and 75% for FY 2013 of the funding under the PEPFAR award is or will be provided to members who are local partners under the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) above, and a local partner is designated as the managing member of the organization.

Host government ministries (e.g., Ministry of Health), sub-units of government ministries, and parastatal organizations in the country served by the PEPFAR program are considered local partners. A parastatal organization is defined as a fully or partially government-owned or government-funded organization. Such enterprises may function through a board of directors, similar to private corporations. However, ultimate control over the board may rest with the government.

2. If the application is incomplete or non-responsive to the special requirements listed in this section, it will not be entered into the review process. The applicant will be notified that the application did not meet submission requirements.

- Late submissions will be considered non-responsive. See section “V.3. Submission Dates and Times” for more information on deadlines.
- If the total amount of appendices includes more than 80 pages, the application will not be considered for review. For this purpose, all appendices must have page numbers and must be clearly identified in the Table of Contents.

- An HIV/AIDS related funding matrix must be submitted in order for the application to be considered for review. All applicants must indicate whether they are receiving other HIV/AIDS related funding. If the applicant is receiving or has applied for other HIV/AIDS related funding, the following information must be submitted:
  - ✓ Funding mechanism (i.e. contract, CoAg, grant)
  - ✓ Amount of award
  - ✓ Period performance
  - ✓ Funding agency
  - ✓ Contact details for funding agency
  - ✓ Brief description of program activities
- Note: Title 2 of the United States Code Section 1611 states that an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive U.S. Government funds constituting a grant, loan, or an award.

### **Intergovernmental Review of Applications**

Executive Order 12372 does not apply to this program.

### **V. APPLICATION CONTENT**

Unless specifically indicated, this announcement requires submission of the following information:

**A Project Abstract** must be completed in the Grants.gov application forms. The Project Abstract must contain a summary of the proposed activity suitable for dissemination to the public. It should be a self-contained description of the project and should contain a

statement of objectives and methods to be employed. It should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields and insofar as possible understandable to a technically literate lay reader. This abstract must not include any proprietary/confidential information.

The abstract must be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum of 2-3 paragraphs;
- Font size: 12 point unreduced, Times New Roman;
- Single spaced;
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches (preferred), or generally accepted paper size; and
- Page margin size: One inch.

**A Project Narrative** must be submitted with the application forms. The project narrative must be uploaded in a PDF file format when submitting via Grants.gov. The narrative must be submitted in the following format:

- Maximum number of pages: 25 (If your narrative exceeds the page limit, only the first pages which are within the page limit will be reviewed.);
- Font size: 12 point, unreduced, Times New Roman;
- Double spaced;
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11 inches (preferred), or generally accepted paper size;
- Page margin size: One inch;
- Number all pages of the application sequentially from page one (Application Face Page) to the end of the application, including charts, figures, tables, and appendices; and

- *Project Context and Background (Understanding and Need):* Describe the background and justify the need for the proposed project. Describe the current infrastructure system; targeted geographical area(s), if applicable; and identified gaps or shortcomings of the current health systems and AIDS control projects;
- *Project Strategy - Description and Methodologies:* Present a detailed operational plan for initiating and conducting the project. Clearly describe the applicant's technical approach/methods for implementing the proposed project. Describe the existence of, or plans to establish partnerships necessary to implement the project. Describe linkages, if appropriate, with programs funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development;
- *Project Goals and Objectives:* Describe the overall goals of the project, and specific objectives that are measurable and time phased, consistent with the objectives and numerical targets of the Emergency Plan and for this Cooperative Agreement program as provided in the "Purpose" Section at the beginning of this Announcement;
- *Project Outputs:* Be sure to address each of the program objectives listed in the "Purpose" Section of this Announcement. Measures must be specific, objective and quantitative so as to provide meaningful outcome evaluation;
- *Project Contribution to the Goals and Objectives of the Emergency Plan:* Provide specific measures of effectiveness to demonstrate accomplishment of the objectives of this program;
- *Work Plan and Description of Project Components and Activities:* Be sure to address each of the specific tasks listed in the activities section of this

announcement. Clearly identify specific assigned responsibilities for all key professional personnel;

- *Performance Measures:* Measures must be specific, objective and quantitative;
- *Timeline* (e.g., GANTT Chart); and
- *Management of Project Funds and Reporting.*

Additional information may be included in the application appendices. The appendices will not be counted toward the narrative page limit. **The total amount of appendices must not exceed 80 pages and can only contain information related to the following:**

- ***Project Budget Justification:***

With staffing breakdown and justification, provide a line item budget and a narrative with justification for all requested costs. Be sure to include, if any, in-kind support or other contributions provided by the national government and its donors as part of the total project, but for which the applicant is not requesting funding.

Budgets must be consistent with the purpose, objectives of the Emergency Plan and the program activities listed in this announcement and must include the following: line item breakdown and justification for all personnel, i.e., name, position title, annual salary, percentage of time and effort, and amount requested.

The recommended guidance for completing a detailed budget justification can be found on the HHS/CDC Web site, at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/budgetguide.htm>.

For each contract, list the following: (1) name of proposed contractor; (2) breakdown and justification for estimated costs; (3) description and scope of activities the contractor will perform; (4) period of performance; (5) method of contractor selection (e.g., competitive solicitation); and (6) methods of accountability. Applicants should, to the greatest extent possible, employ transparent and open competitive processes to choose contractors;

- ***Curricula vitae*** of current key staff who will work on the activity;
- ***Job descriptions*** of proposed key positions to be created for the activity;
- ***Applicant’s Corporate Capability Statement***;
- ***Letters of Support*** (5 letters maximum) The applicant must provide letters of support from relevant Ministry of Health programs or the MOH in general, indigenous Non Governmental Organizations, Community Based Organization's or Faith Based Organizations, and local universities;
- ***Evidence of Legal Organizational Structure; and***
- ***If applying as a Local Indigenous Partner***, provide documentation to self-certify the applicant meets the PEPFAR local partner definition listed in “Special Requirements,” Part IV. ELIGIBILITY section of the FOA.

Additional requirements for additional documentation with the application are listed in Section VII. Award Administration Information, subsection entitled “Administrative and National Policy Requirements.”

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Registering your organization through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov), the official agency-wide E-grant website, is the first step in submitting an application online. Registration information is located on the “Get Registered” screen of [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Please visit [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) at least 30 days prior to submitting your application to familiarize yourself with the registration and submission processes. The “one-time” registration process will take three to five days to complete. However, the Grants.gov registration process also requires that you register your organization with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) annually. The CCR registration can require an additional one to two days to complete.

International organizations also require a NATO CAGE Code (NCAGE). The NCAGE request may take from two business days to two weeks to complete. NCAGE is needed before registering with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). After registering with CCR, the applicant can proceed to register with Grants.gov (See “Other Submission Requirements” session below for more information).

Submit the application electronically by using the forms and instructions posted for this funding opportunity on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). If access to the Internet is not available or if the applicant encounters difficulty in accessing the forms on-line, contact the HHS/CDC Procurement and Grant Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIMS) staff at (770) 488-2700 for further instruction.

*Note: Application submission is not concluded until successful completion of the validation process.*

*After submission of your application package, applicants will receive a “submission receipt” email generated by Grants.gov. Grants.gov will then generate a second e-mail message to applicants which will either validate or reject their submitted application package. This validation process may take as long as two (2) business days. Applicants are strongly encouraged check the status of their application to ensure submission of their application package is complete and no submission errors exists. To guarantee that you comply with the application deadline published in the Funding Opportunity Announcement, applicants are also strongly encouraged to allocate additional days prior to the published deadline to file their application. Non-validated applications will not be accepted after the published application deadline date.*

*In the event that you do not receive a “validation” email within two (2) business days of application submission, please contact Grants.gov. Refer to the email message generated at the time of application submission for instructions on how to track your application or the Application User Guide, Version 3.0 page 57.*

#### **Other Submission Requirements**

A letter of intent is not applicable to this funding opportunity announcement.

#### **Dun and Bradstreet Universal Number (DUNS)**

The applicant is required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) identifier to apply for grants or cooperative agreements from the Federal government. The DUNS is a nine-digit number which uniquely identifies business entities. There is no charge associated with obtaining a DUNS number. Applicants may obtain a DUNS number by accessing the Dun and Bradstreet website or by calling 1-866-705-5711. This is a requirement for domestic and international organizations.

International registrants can confirm by sending an e-mail to [ccrhel@dnb.com](mailto:ccrhel@dnb.com), including Company Name, D-U-N-S Number, and Physical Address, and Country.

### **Central Contractor Registration (CCR)**

The applicant is required to have a CCR registration to apply for grants or cooperative agreements from the Federal government. For more information on CCR and how to register go to [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

### **Other Submission Requirement for International Organizations:**

#### **NATO CAGE Code (NCAGE)**

After obtaining DUNS, the applicant is required to have a NATO CAGE Code in order to apply for grants or cooperative agreements from the Federal government. Applicants can complete the request online at [www.dlis.dla.mil/forms/Form\\_AC135.asp](http://www.dlis.dla.mil/forms/Form_AC135.asp). If the organization cannot submit this form by Internet, the organization can obtain an NCAGE by contacting the National Codification Bureau of the country where the organization is located. For a list of addresses, go to [www.dlis.dla.mil/nato\\_poc.asp](http://www.dlis.dla.mil/nato_poc.asp). Please note that NCAGE code is required for international organizations in order to register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and Grants.gov.

### **Electronic Submission of Application:**

Applications must be submitted electronically at [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Electronic applications will be considered as having met the deadline if the application has been successfully made available to CDC for processing from Grants.gov on the deadline date.

The application package can be downloaded from [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Applicants can complete the application package off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site. The applicant must submit all application attachments using a

PDF file format when submitting via Grants.gov. Directions for creating PDF files can be found on the Grants.gov Web site. Use of file formats other than PDF may result in the file being unreadable by staff.

Applications submitted through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>), are electronically time/date stamped and assigned a tracking number. The AOR will receive an e-mail notice of receipt when HHS/CDC receives the application. The tracking number serves to document submission and initiate the electronic validation process before the application is made available to CDC for processing.

If the applicant encounters technical difficulties with Grants.gov, the applicant should contact Grants.gov Customer Service. The Grants.gov Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with the exception of all federal holidays. The Contact Center provides customer service to the applicant community. The extended hours will provide applicants support around the clock, ensuring the best possible customer service is received any time it's needed. You can reach the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). Submissions sent by e-mail, fax, CD's or thumb drives of applications will not be accepted.

***Organizations that encounter technical difficulties in using [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) to submit their application must attempt to overcome those difficulties by contacting the Grants.gov Support Center (1-800-518-4726, [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)). After consulting with the Grants.gov Support Center, if the technical difficulties remain unresolved and electronic submission is not possible to meet the established deadline, organizations***

*may submit a request prior to the application deadline by email to PGO TIMS for permission to submit a paper application. An organization's request for permission must: (a) include the Grants.gov case number assigned to the inquiry, (b) describe the difficulties that prevent electronic submission and the efforts taken with the Grants.gov Support Center (c) be submitted to PGO TIMS at least 3 calendar days prior to the application deadline. Paper applications submitted without prior approval will not be considered.*

*If a paper application is authorized, the applicant will receive instructions from PGO TIMS to submit the original and two hard copies of the application by mail or express delivery service.*

### **Submission Dates and Times**

This announcement is the definitive guide on application content, submission, and deadline. It supersedes information provided in the application instructions. If the application submission does not meet the deadline published herein, it will not be eligible for review and the applicant will be notified the application did not meet the submission requirements.

**Application Deadline Date: May 6, 2011, 5:00pm U.S. Eastern Standard Time**

### **VI. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

Eligible applicants are required to provide measures of effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative

agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals stated in the “Purpose” section of this announcement. Measures of effectiveness must be objective, quantitative and measure the intended outcome of the proposed program. The measures of effectiveness must be included in the application and will be an element of the evaluation of the submitted application.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

**Eligible applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:**

### **Ability to Carry Out the Proposal (20 points):**

Does the applicant demonstrate the local experience in the Democratic Republic of Congo and institutional capacity (both management and technical) to achieve the goals of the project with documented good governance practices? Does the applicant have the ability to coordinate and collaborate with existing Emergency Plan partners and other donors, including the Global Fund and other U.S. Government Departments and agencies involved in implementing the President’s Emergency Plan, including the U.S. Agency for International Development? Is there evidence of leadership support and evidence of current or past efforts to enhance HIV prevention? Does the applicant have the capacity to reach rural and other underserved populations in the Democratic Republic of Congo? Does the organization have the ability to target audiences that frequently fall outside the reach of the traditional media, and in local languages? To what extent does the applicant provide letters of support?

**Technical and Programmatic Approach** (20 points):

Does the application include an overall design strategy, including measurable time lines, clear monitoring and evaluation procedures, and specific activities for meeting the proposed objectives? Does the applicant display knowledge of the strategy, principles and goals of the President's Emergency Plan, and are the proposed activities consistent with and pertinent to that strategy and those principles and goals? Does the applicant describe activities that are evidence based, realistic, achievable, measurable and culturally appropriate to achieve the goals of the President's Emergency Plan? Does the application propose to build on and complement the current national response in with evidence-based strategies designed to reach underserved populations and meet the goals of the President's Emergency Plan? Does the application include reasonable estimates of outcome targets? (For example, the numbers of sites to be supported, number of clients the program will reach.) To what extent does the applicant propose to work with other organizations? The reviewers will assess the feasibility of the applicant's plan to meet the target goals, whether the proposed use of funds is efficient, and the extent to which the specific methods described are sensitive to the local culture.

**Capacity Building** (15 points):

Does the applicant have a proven track record of building the capacity of indigenous organizations and individuals? Does the applicant have relevant experience in using participatory methods, and approaches, in project planning and implementation? Does the applicant describe an adequate and measurable plan to progressively build the capacity of local organizations and of target beneficiaries to respond to the epidemic? If

not a local indigenous organization, does the applicant articulate a clear exit strategy which will maximize the legacy of this project in the intervention communities? Does the capacity building plan clearly describe how it will contribute to a) improved quality and geographic coverage of service delivery to achieve the "3,12,12"<sup>1</sup> targets of the President's Emergency Plan, and b) (if not a local indigenous organization) an evolving role of the prime beneficiary with transfer of critical technical and management competence to local organizations/sites in support of a decentralized response?

**Monitoring and Evaluation** (15 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate the local experience and capability to implement rigorous monitoring and evaluation of the project? Does the applicant describe a system for reviewing and adjusting program activities based on monitoring information obtained by using innovative, participatory methods and standard approaches? Does the plan include indicators developed for each program milestone, and incorporated into the financial and programmatic reports? Are the indicators consistent with the President's Emergency Plan Indicator Guide? Is the system able to generate financial and program reports to show disbursement of funds, and progress towards achieving the numerical objectives of the President's Emergency Plan? Is the plan to measure outcomes of the intervention, and the manner in which they will be provided, adequate? Is the monitoring and evaluation

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<sup>1</sup> The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has called for immediate, comprehensive and evidence based action to turn the tide of global HIV/AIDS. As called for by the PEPFAR Reauthorization Act of 2008, initiative goals over the period of 2009 through 2013 are to treat at least three million HIV infected people with effective combination anti-retroviral therapy (ART); care for twelve million HIV infected and affected persons, including five million orphans and vulnerable children; and prevent twelve million infections worldwide.

plan consistent with the principles of the "Three Ones"<sup>2</sup>? Applicants must define specific output and outcome indicators must be defined in the proposal, and must have realistic targets in line with the targets addressed in the Activities section of this announcement.

**Understanding of the Problem** (10 points):

Does the applicant demonstrate a clear and concise understanding of the current national HIV/AIDS response and the cultural and political context relevant to the programmatic areas targeted? Does the applicant display an understanding of the Five-Year Strategy and goals of the President's Emergency Plan? To what extent does the applicant justify the need for this program within the target community?

**Personnel** (10 points):

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<sup>2</sup> The Emergency Plan supports the multi-sectoral national responses in host nations, adapting U.S. support to the individual needs and challenges of each nation where the Emergency Plan is at work. Countries and communities are at different stages of HIV/AIDS response and have unique drivers of HIV, distinctive social and cultural patterns (particularly with regard to the status of women), and different political and economic conditions. Effective interventions must be informed by local circumstances and coordinated with local efforts. In April 2004, OGAC, working with UNAIDS, the World Bank, and the U.K. Department for International Development (DfID), organized and co-chaired a major international conference in Washington for major donors and national partners to consider and adopt key principles for supporting coordinated country-driven action against HIV/AIDS. These principles became known as the **"Three Ones": - one national plan, one national coordinating authority, and one national monitoring and evaluation system** in each of the host countries in which organizations work. Rather than mandating that all contributors do the same things in the same ways, the Three Ones facilitate complementary and efficient action in support of host nations.

Does the organization employ staff fluent in local languages who will work on this project? Are the staff roles clearly defined? As described, will the staff be sufficient to meet the goals of the proposed project? If not an indigenous organization, does the staff plan adequately involve local individuals and organizations? Are staff involved in this project qualified to perform the tasks described? Curricula vitae provided should include information that they are qualified in the following: management of HIV/AIDS prevention activities, especially confidential, voluntary counseling and testing; laboratory support, health systems strengthening, strategic information and the development of capacity building among and collaboration between Governmental and non-governmental partners.

**Administration and Management** (10 points):

Does the applicant provide a clear plan for the administration and management of the proposed activities, and to manage the resources of the program, prepare reports, monitor and evaluate activities, audit expenditures and produce, collect and analyze performance data? Is the management structure for the project sufficient to ensure speedy implementation of the project? If appropriate, does the applicant have a proven track record in managing large laboratory budgets; running transparent and competitive procurement processes; supervising consultants and contractors; using subgrants or other systems of sharing resources with community based organizations, faith based organizations or smaller non-governmental organizations; and providing technical assistance in laboratory or pharmacy management? The grantee must demonstrate an ability to submit quarterly reports in a timely manner to the HHS/CDC office.

**Budget** (Reviewed, but not scored):

Is the itemized budget for conducting the project, along with justification, reasonable and consistent with stated objectives and planned program activities? Is the budget itemized, well justified and consistent with the goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief? If applicable, are there reasonable costs per client reached for both year one and later years of the project?

**Funding Restrictions**

Restrictions, which must be taken into account while writing the budget, are as follows:

- Recipients may not use funds for research.
- Recipients may only expend funds for reasonable program purposes, including personnel, travel, supplies, and services, such as contractual.
- The direct and primary recipient in a cooperative agreement program must perform a substantial role in carrying out project objectives and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provider who is ineligible.
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs is not allowed.
- The costs that are generally allowable in grants to domestic organizations are allowable to foreign institutions and international organizations, with the following exception: With the exception of the American University, Beirut and the World Health Organization, Indirect Costs will not be paid (either directly or through sub-award) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.

- The applicant may contract with other organizations under this program; however the applicant must perform a substantial portion of the activities (including program management and operations, and delivery of prevention services for which funds are required.)
- All requests for funds contained in the budget, shall be stated in U.S. dollars. Once an award is made, CDC will not compensate foreign grantees for currency exchange fluctuations through the issuance of supplemental awards.
- Foreign grantees are subject to audit requirements specified in 45 CFR 74.26(d). A non-Federal audit is required, if during the grantees fiscal year, the grantee expended a total of \$500,000.00 or more under one or more HHS awards (as a direct grantee and/or as a sub-grantee). The grantee either may have (1) A financial related audit (as defined in the Government Auditing Standards, GPO stock #020-000-00-265-4) of a particular award in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, in those case where the grantee receives awards under only one HHS program; or, if awards are received under multiple HHS programs, a financial related audit of all HHS awards in accordance with Government Auditing Standards; or (2) An audit that meets the requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133.
- A fiscal Grantee Capability Assessment may be required, prior to or post award, in order to review the applicant's business management and fiscal capabilities regarding the handling of U.S. Federal funds.

The applicant can obtain guidance for completing a detailed justified budget on the CDC website, at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/budgetguide.htm>.

### **The 8% Rule**

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) seeks to promote sustainability for programs through the development, use, and strengthening of local partnerships. The diversification of partners also ensures additional robust capacity at the local and national levels.

To achieve this goal, the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) establishes an annual funding guideline for grants and cooperative agreement planning. Within each annual PEPFAR country budget, OGAC establishes a limit for the total amount of U.S. Government funding for HIV/AIDS activities provided to a single partner organization under all grant and cooperative agreements for that country. **For U.S. Government fiscal year (FY) 2011, the limit is no more than 8 percent of the country's FY2011 PEPFAR program funding (excluding U.S. Government management and staffing costs), or \$2 million, whichever is greater.** The total amount of funding to a partner organization includes any PEPFAR funding provided to the partner, whether directly as prime partner or indirectly as sub-grantee. In addition, subject to the exclusion for umbrella awards and drug/commodity costs discussed below, all funds provided to a prime partner, even if passed through to sub-partners, are applicable to the limit. PEPFAR funds provided to an organization under contracts are not applied to the 8

percent/\$2 million single partner ceiling. PEPFAR publishes the single-partner funding limits annually as part of guidance for preparing the Country Operational Plan (COP). U.S. Government Departments and agencies must use the limits in the planning process to develop Requests for Applications (RFAs), Annual Program Statements (APSs), or Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). However, as PEPFAR country budgets are not final at the COP planning stage, the single partner limits remain subject to adjustment. The current limit applicable to this FOA is \$2 million (8 percent or \$2 million, whichever is greater, of the country's PEPFAR program funding). (Grants officers should insert the following sentence if the Department or agency issues the RFA prior to Congressional appropriation and final COP approval: "Please note that the current limit is based on an estimated country budget developed for planning purposes; thus, the limit is also an estimate and subject to change based on actual appropriations and the final approved country budget.") Exclusions from the 8 percent/\$2 million single-partner ceiling are made for (a) umbrella awards, (b) commodity/drug costs, and (c) Government Ministries and parastatal organizations. A parastatal organization is defined as a fully or partially state-owned corporation or government agency. For umbrella awards, grants officers will determine whether an award is an umbrella for purposes of exception from the cap on an award-by-award basis. Grants or cooperative agreements in which the primary objective is for the organization to make sub-awards and at least 75 percent of the grant is used for sub-awards, with the remainder of the grant used for administrative expenses and technical assistance to sub-grantees, will be considered umbrella awards and, therefore, exempted from the cap. Agreements that merely include sub-grants as an activity in implementation of the award but do not meet these criteria

will not be considered umbrella awards, and the full amount of the award will count against the cap. All commodity/drug costs will be excluded from partners' funding for the purpose of the cap. The remaining portion of awards, including all overhead/management costs, will be counted against the cap.

Applicants should be aware that evaluation of proposals will include an assessment of grant/cooperative agreement award amounts applicable to the applicant by U.S.

Government fiscal year in the relevant country. An applicant whose grants or cooperative agreements have already met or exceeded the maximum, annual single-partner limit may submit an application in response to this RFA/APS/FOA. However, applicants whose total PEPFAR funding for this country in a U.S. Government fiscal year exceeds the 8 percent/\$2 million single partner ceiling at the time of award decision will be ineligible to receive an award under this RFA/APS/FOA unless the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator approves an exception to the cap. **Applicants must provide in their proposals the dollar value by U.S. Government fiscal year of current grants and cooperative agreements (including sub-grants and sub-agreements) financed by the Emergency Plan, which are for programs in the country(ies) covered by this RFA/APS/FOA.**

For example, the proposal should state that the applicant has \$\_\_\_\_\_ in FY2011 grants and cooperative agreements (for as many fiscal years as applicable) in Democratic Republic of Congo. For additional information concerning this RFA/APS/FOA, please contact the Grants Officer for this RFA/APS/FOA.

#### **Prostitution and Related Activities**

The U.S. Government is opposed to prostitution and related activities, which are inherently harmful and dehumanizing, and contribute to the phenomenon of trafficking in persons.

Any entity that receives, directly or indirectly, U.S. Government funds in connection with this document (“recipient”) cannot use such U.S. Government funds to promote or advocate the legalization or practice of prostitution or sex trafficking. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to preclude the provision to individuals of palliative care, treatment, or post-exposure pharmaceutical prophylaxis, and necessary pharmaceuticals and commodities, including test kits, condoms, and, when proven effective, microbicides. A recipient that is otherwise eligible to receive funds in connection with this document to prevent, treat, or monitor HIV/AIDS shall not be required to endorse or utilize a multisectoral approach to combating HIV/AIDS, or to endorse, utilize, or participate in a prevention method or treatment program to which the recipient has a religious or moral objection. Any information provided by recipients about the use of condoms as part of projects or activities that are funded in connection with this document shall be medically accurate and shall include the public health benefits and failure rates of such use.

In addition, any recipient must have a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any “exempt organizations” (defined as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Health

Organization and its six Regional Offices, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative or to any United Nations agency).

The following definition applies for purposes of this clause:

- Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. 22 U.S.C. § 7102(9).

All recipients must insert provisions implementing the applicable parts of this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities,” in all subagreements under this award. These provisions must be express terms and conditions of the subagreement, must acknowledge that compliance with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities,” is a prerequisite to receipt and expenditure of U.S. government funds in connection with this document, and must acknowledge that any violation of the provisions shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement prior to the end of its term. Recipients must agree that HHS may, at any reasonable time, inspect the documents and materials maintained or prepared by the recipient in the usual course of its operations that relate to the organization’s compliance with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities.”

All prime recipients that receive U.S. Government funds (“prime recipients”) in connection with this document must certify compliance prior to actual receipt of such funds in a written statement that makes reference to this document (e.g., “[Prime recipient's name] certifies compliance with the section, ‘Prostitution and Related

Activities.’’’) addressed to the agency’s grants officer. Such certifications by prime recipients are prerequisites to the payment of any U.S. Government funds in connection with this document.

Recipients' compliance with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities,” is an express term and condition of receiving U.S. Government funds in connection with this document, and any violation of it shall be grounds for unilateral termination by HHS of the agreement with HHS in connection with this document prior to the end of its term. The recipient shall refund to HHS the entire amount furnished in connection with this document in the event HHS determines the recipient has not complied with this section, “Prostitution and Related Activities.”

*Any enforcement of this clause is subject to Alliance for Open Society*

*International v. USAID, 05 Civ. 8209 (S.D.N.Y., orders filed on June 29, 2006 and August 8, 2008)(orders gaining preliminary injunction) for the term of the Orders.*

*The List of the members of GHC and InterAction is found at:*

*[http://www.usaid.gov/business/business\\_opportunities/cib/pdf/GlobalHealthMemberlist.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/business/business_opportunities/cib/pdf/GlobalHealthMemberlist.pdf)*

### **Application Review Process**

All eligible applications will be initially reviewed for completeness by the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) staff. In addition, eligible applications will be jointly reviewed for responsiveness by HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program staff and PGO. Incomplete

applications and applications that are non-responsive to the eligibility criteria will not advance through the review process. Applicants will be notified the application did not meet eligibility and/or published submission requirements.

An objective review panel will evaluate complete and responsive applications according to the criteria listed in Section VI. Application Review Information, subsection entitled “Evaluation Criteria”. The panel may include both U.S. Federal Government and non-U.S. Federal Government participants.

### **Applications Selection Process**

Applications will be funded in order by score and rank determined by the review panel unless funding preferences or other considerations stated in the FOA apply.

CDC will provide justification for any decision to fund out of rank order.

## **VII. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Award Notices**

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award (NoA) from the CDC Procurement and Grants Office. The NoA shall be the only binding, authorizing document between the recipient and CDC. The NoA will be signed by an authorized Grants Management Officer and e-mailed to the program director. A hard copy of the NoA will be mailed to the recipient fiscal officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review by mail.

### **Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Successful applicants must comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 74 or Part 92, as appropriate. The following additional requirements apply to this project:

- AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions
- AR-6 Patient Care
- AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-13 Prohibition on Use of CDC Funds for Certain Gun Control Activities
- AR-14 Accounting System Requirements
- AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status
- AR-21 Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business
- AR-23 States and Faith-Based Organizations
- AR-24 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Requirements
- AR-25 Release and Sharing of Data
- AR-27 Conference Disclaimer and Use of Logos
- AR-29 Compliance with EO13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving”, October 1, 2009

- AR-30 Section 508 Compliance

Additional information on the requirements can be found on the CDC Web site at the following Internet address: [http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/Addtl\\_Reqmnts.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/Addtl_Reqmnts.htm).

For more information on the Code of Federal Regulations, see the National Archives and Records Administration at the following Internet address:

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html>

CDC Assurances and Certifications can be found on the CDC Web site at the following Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/foamain.shtm>

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### Reporting Requirements

Each funded applicant must provide CDC with an annual Interim Progress Report submitted via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov):

1. The interim progress report is due no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as the non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements: .
  - a. Standard Form (“SF”) 424S Form.
  - b. SF-424A Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs.
  - c. Budget Narrative.
  - d. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

- e. Project Narrative.
- f. Activities and Objectives for the Current Budget Period;
- g. Financial Progress for the Current Budget Period;
- h. Proposed Activity and Objectives for the New Budget Period Program;
- i. Budget;
- j. Measures of Effectiveness, including progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for Democratic Republic of Congo; and
- k. Additional Requested Information;

Additionally, funded applicants must provide CDC with an original, plus two hard copies of the following reports:

- 2. Annual progress report, due 90 days after the end of the budget period. Reports should include progress against the numerical goals of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief for Democratic Republic of Congo;
- 3. Financial status report, due no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
- 4. Final financial FSR and progress reports, due no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

These reports must be submitted to the attention of the Grants Management Specialist listed in the Section VIII below entitled "Agency Contacts".

## **VIII. AGENCY CONTACTS**

CDC encourages inquiries concerning this announcement.

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### **Other Information**

Other CDC funding opportunity announcements can be found on Grants.gov Web site,

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### **Questions and Answers**

***1. The success of the project is critically dependent on ARVs, test kits, OIs, and other commodities. Is there is currently an implementing partner or program which will***

*serve as a continued and reliable source of these life saving and essential materials for this proposed project? Kindly let us know the name of such partner/program so we may have appropriate program design and coordination.*

*RESPONSE: Currently, apart from ARV to be procured by implementing partners for PMTCT activities, the only organization involved in commodity procurement for HIV/AIDS services is the Global Funds. Although some concerns are being raised by implementing partners regarding delay and other issues, in-country PEPFAR Team had planned for capacity strengthening for the Global Fund through Technical Assistance at different level. It is expected that SCMS will be coming in the next couple of months to assess the situation for the provision of relevant commodities to USG-supported partners.*

*2. Please provide guidance regarding the extent to which World Food Programme (WFP) or other external partners will provide food and nutritional supplements.*

*RESPONSE: To date, WFP is not operating in PEPFAR-supported provinces. As regards to nutritional support, CDC/PEPFAR has budgeted for nutritional support to PLWHA through a subcontract with ACF managed by ICAP-Columbia.*

*3. "Laboratory Infrastructure" appears as a sub-section under the Performance Goals on p 5-11 but not under Grantee Activities on pages 13-16 of the RFA. "Strategic Information" appears as a subsection under Grantee Activities on page 13-16 but not as a Performance Goal on page 5-11. Should planned activities cover both components?*

*RESPONSE: Indeed, both components should be covered by potential grantee.*

*However, keep in mind that these activities are essentially planned for the improvement of the services.*

*4. What do you consider to be "major cities"? Do you have a population threshold for this? (for instance, above 300,000.*

*RESPONSE: While mentioning major cities we are considering, first of all, the capital city of the province. Depending on the evidence-based data on the epidemic and on the funding available, activities could be moved beyond the capital city to the “chef-lieu” of the administrative districts within the targeted provinces.*

*5. When you talk about major cities, do you mean just the Health Zone comprising the city itself? Or, in talking about the major cities, are you talking about a peri-urban area or metropolitan area?*

*RESPONSE: Each major city has a number of health zones. For this FOA, there is no discrimination between health zones: metropolitan or peri-urban as long as they are comprised in the city.*

*6. In the recent modification to the above RFA, the CDC says in the RFA amendment:*

*Pages 20-21 - Language modified:*

*Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding: \$1,000,000*

*Approximate average award: \$1,000,000*

*You do not modify the total project funding, which remains \$25,000,000, nor the number of awards. Are there any new budget parameters for Years 2-5, or do you want the applicant to implement activities, assuming that the total project funding is potentially \$25,000,000., and that the number of award will still be up to 5?*

*RESPONSE: The five year total of all awards is anticipated to be approximately \$25,000,000. This is subject to funds availability and as many as five applicants may be funded.*