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ABSTRACT

Funding Opportunity Number	CDC-RFA-GH11-1161
Title of Announcement	Engaging The Medical Laboratory Science Council Of Nigeria (MLSCN), Nigeria’s Laboratory Accrediting Agency, To Mentor All Tiers Of Nigeria’s Public Laboratory System To Advance Them Towards National Accreditation Under PEPFAR
Grantee Name and Contact Information	Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) 49 Mamman Nasir Street, Asokoro, Abuja, Nigeria Prof. Anthony Emeribe, CEO tonyemeribe@yahoo.com Tel: (234) 803-345-2745
Approximate Total Project Period Funding	\$5,000,000
Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding	\$500,000
Award Ceiling	\$500,000
Award Floor	\$250,000
New Award	NEW
Project Period Length	Five Years
Budget Period Length	12 Months
Award Mechanism	U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements
Statutory 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, <i>et seq.</i>], 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).
CFDA # and Title	93.067 – Global AIDS
Purpose of the Award	The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to FMOH laboratories

	<p>to develop quality management systems (QMS) in Nigeria’s laboratory services; grow capacity within these laboratories so that they can attain full accreditation through the MLSCN; and develop a laboratory assessment system using trained lab auditors to provide technical assistance and assessment services to Nigeria’s laboratories to prepare them for accreditation.</p> <p>Nigeria has a tiered laboratory system with reference laboratories located in each of its six geo-political zones, tertiary laboratories (university teaching hospitals), secondary (state-level) and primary (local government) levels of laboratories. To accomplish development of QMS, capacity building efforts will be focused upon several elements that support good quality public health laboratories, such as increasing human resources competencies, ensuring provision of good quality equipment and supporting a strong national supply chain management system. Additionally, national standards and guidelines will be developed and implemented through quality audits to ensure credible and efficient services.</p>
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	<p>The Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) is Nigeria’s sole laboratory accrediting agency. Since there is no other agency that can accredit laboratories in Nigeria, and since Nigeria has only one laboratory (Central Public Health Laboratory of Nigeria’s Federal Ministry of Health) that currently has only partial accreditation, it is essential that CDC and CDC Nigeria support the MLSCN in building the capacity and expertise of Nigeria’s public health laboratories and prepare them to become fully accredited, more professional and improve test validity and reliability in Nigeria’s laboratories.</p>

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