

through Fundação para o Desenvolvimento Tecnológico e Científico em Saúde (FIOTEC). No other applications are solicited. FIOTEC is the only appropriate and qualified organization to fulfill the requirements set forth for Brazil in this announcement because:

1. There is no legal mechanism established for the USG to award funds directly to a Brazilian Ministry.
2. Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ) is part of the structure of the Brazilian Ministry of Health and it is the arm of the Brazilian Ministry of Health (MoH) for technical provision of capacity building in Public Health, as demonstrated in the attached Organizational Chart. It encompasses institutions like the National School of Public Health, the National Institute of Quality Control, the production of vaccines, laboratory kits and ARV drugs, among others.
3. FIOTEC is the foundation that receives and manages funds for projects developed by FIOCRUZ, as required by Agreement N° 18/2008 of the Brazilian Federal Government and the FIOTEC Statute, attached.
4. FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC provide services to the MoH to coordinate and implement health sector activities, including some of those necessary for the control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Brazil.
5. The purpose of the announcement is to build upon an existing framework of activities for which FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC, in conjunction with the NAD, have the responsibility for implementing.
6. FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC are uniquely positioned, in terms of experience and credibility among Brazilian citizens, to provide health sector HIV/AIDS/STD Strategic Information, Laboratory Strengthening, and Treatment and Care.
7. Over the past ten years, FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC have demonstrated their skill and expertise as a partner to CDC/NAD activities through accomplishment of the following: strengthening NAD and decentralizing HIV monitoring and evaluation (M&E) to key locations in Brazil; development of a harmonized set of structural, programatic and impact indicators publicly available at an internet-based system to monitor the epidemics (MONITORAIDS); training more than 8,000 Brazilian health professionals in a 2-day M&E course and more than 50 nationals in a two-year Master Degree curricula in M&E; validating HIV rapid test diagnostic; and successfully adapting and implementing three different models of evidence-based behavioral interventions to HIV prevention among men who have sex with men (MSM) – the most affected population in Brazil.

	<p>8. FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC already have established mechanisms to access monitoring and evaluation systems and information, enabling them to immediately become engaged in the activities listed in this announcement.</p> <p>9. FIOCRUZ/FIOTEC Staff is familiar with CDC Cooperative Agreement procedures, thus facilitating the relationship among partners.</p>
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