

## Questions and Answers – 9/4/2014

### Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1536

#### ***Laboratory Systems Strengthening Services to Countries in the Southeast Asia and Pacific Regions Supported by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)***

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##### Questions and Answers by email

Q:

Page 26 of the updated FOA states that an applicant may contract with other organizations under this program on the condition that the applicant performs a substantial portion of the activities. Should we need to sub-contract a (limited) portion of the activity to another organization, how should this be incorporated into the application? What is the level of detail required at this stage? Are there specific processes that we should be aware of in terms of using PEPFAR funds to make payment to another organization?

R:

This mechanism is not intended to be a pass through, where the majority of activity, oversight, and funding goes to sub-contract. We cannot advise how an applicant would propose to sub-contract, but as the narrative on page 26 states, a significant amount of work must be performed by the direct funded organization (potential grantee). Please ensure the application and budget is prepared with this in mind.

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Q:

Please clarify/confirm if the approximate number of awards may exceed one?

R:

The number of awards under this FOA is 1 as stated on the synopsis page on grants.gov and pages 2 and 15 of the FOA.

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Q:

What are the submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees?

R:

The submission requirements are outlined on pages 19-35. There are no particular submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees. The prime applicant must ensure all submission requirements are met.

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Q:

Can you please clarify whether the "Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan" should be included as a part of the technical narrative or as an appendix? This RFA states that it should be included as an appendix, but for the recently released CDC-RFA-GH15-1580, CDC advise that the "Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan" should be included as part of the narrative.

R:

The Application and Evaluation Measurement Plan should be included in the narrative as stated on the cover page and pages 22-23 of the amended FOA.

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Q:

Would you be able to provide me with an FOA application that has been successful in the past?

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R:

No, an application that has been successful in the past may not be shared. The FOA is very prescriptive about what should be included in an application. Please carefully follow the instructions that are posted in the FOA.