

Questions and Answers – 9/11/2014

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1581

Strengthening HIV/TB Laboratory Quality Management Systems and Services in the Kingdom of Swaziland under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Questions and Answers by email

Q:

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 part of the narrative (see p 30), but it also states it should be included in the appendix (see p. 54).

R:

The Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan should be submitted as part of the Project Narrative. The FOA will be amended to remove the conflicting instruction

Q:

Can you clarify if the approximate number of awards may exceed one?

R:

The approximate number of awards under this FOA is 1 as stated on pages 2 and 23

Q:

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

R:

There are no particular submittal requirements for names consultants and sub awardees. The prime is responsible for ensuring all submittal requirements are met.

Q:

Please confirm that key staff positions for which CVs and job descriptions must be submitted are those are indicated on page 54: Part II Sec H: Principal Investigator, Business Official, and Project Manager.

R:

Applicants must submit CVs/Resumes of the Country Director, Deputy Country Director, Technical Director, Principal Investigator, and Business Official, as well as detailed job descriptions of these key positions as stated on page 30. The FOA will be amended to remove the conflicting information on page 54.

Q:

On page 1 Part I Sec. F.1., the application deadline is listed as October 10, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. EST on grants.gov. On page 28 Part II Sec. D.4b., the deadline is listed as September 26, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Could CDC please clarify the correct submission date?

R:

The application deadline is October 10, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on grants.gov. An amendment will be issued to correct page 28.

Q:

On page 2 Part I Sec. G.1g., the application states the approximate date when awards will be announced as February 2015. On page 22 Part II Sec B.11, the application states the award date as April 1, 2015. Could CDC please clarify that the notification of the award will be made in February and that the correct anticipated start of the award will be April 1, 2015?

R:

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Q:

On Page 23 of the RFA, under Section B. Award Information, it states that the "Budget Period Length: Twelve Months" and the "Total Project Period Length is five years". Does CDC request a detailed budget and justification for just the "Budget Period Length: Twelve Months" or would CDC prefer a detailed budget per year and justification for the entire "Project Period Length: Five Years?"

R:

Applicants must only apply to the first budget period. You can enter \$0, zero, or leave blank the future year funding fields in the application. CDC requests a detailed budget for the first twelve months.
