

Questions and Answers – 9/11/2014

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1582

Strengthening Local Capacity to Deliver Sustainable Quality-Assured Universal Coverage of Clinical HIV/TB Services in Lubombo Region, and Provide Central Level Technical Assistance to the Swaziland National AIDS Program (SNAP) in the Kingdom of Swaziland under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Questions and Answers by email

Q:

Are there a maximum number of letters of support which can be submitted?

R:

Applicants are only required to submit up to 3 letters of support as described in the Collaborations section of the FOA on page 35. A maximum of 5 letters of support may be provided.

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?

R:

The Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan should be included as part of the Project Narrative as stated on pages 34-36 of the RFA.

Q:

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

R:

The approximate number of awards for this RFA is 1 as stated on pages 2 and 29.

Q:

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

R:

There are no particular submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees. The prime applicant is responsible for all submittal requirements.

Q:

On page 36 of the FOA, applicants are required to submit CVs and job descriptions for a Principal Investigator, Country Director, Deputy Country Director, Technical Director, and Business Officer. However, on page 62 we note reference to CVs and job descriptions required for Principal Investigator, Business Official, and Project Manager.

R:

we would like CVs and job descriptions to be submitted for “Principal Investigator, Country Director, Deputy Country Director, Technical Director, and Business Officer” as per page 36.

Q:

Will there be a bidders conference?

R:

There will not be a pre-application workshop for this FOA.

Q:

Do required appendix documents need to be uploaded as separate files, or can they be combined and uploaded as one file in the grants.gov application?

R:

Required appendix documents must be uploaded separately according to the instructions in the FOA. For example, letters of support must be labeled “Letters of Support” and organizational charts must be labeled as “Organizational Charts” and each uploaded as a PDF to grants.gov

Q:

Source and Nationality and Other Procurement Restrictions – this section states that goods and services will be purchased in accordance with 22 CFR 228 which is a USAID regulation not a HHS regulation, and we would like to clarify if it is applicable to this opportunity.

R:

Source and Nationality and Other Procurement Restrictions applies to this FOA

Q:

The geographic code is listed as 935 or 937. Can you please clarify which is correct?

R:

Both geographic codes apply.

Q:

It is not clear when the Environmental Mitigation Plan and Report is due (with the application or during implementation). Can you please clarify?

R:

Applicants are not required to submit Environmental Mitigation Plan and Report as part of the proposal.

Q:

Can CDC clarify if there will be a joint plan developed to determine how the grantee is to report on HIV service delivery activities in regions where implementation is not part of the SOW or is it the expectation that the grantee will determine?

R:

For the first year, the grantee will not be expected to report on HIV service delivery activities in regions where implementation is not part of the core SOW. The grantee will be expected to report on national level TA activities that are part of the SOW outside of its primary region. This may evolve over the lifetime of the cooperative agreement.
