Questions and Answers by email

Q:
Also, at the bottom of page 13 it states, "Given the complimentary nature of each of the three component programming areas in the FOA, awardee(s) will be expected to leverage resource and achieve maximum synergies across each of the three areas.” However, it seems there are only two components, not three: Component A: Technical Assistance and Component B: Public Health Workforce Development. Did I miss something?

R:
You are correct, there are only two components. An amendment will be issued to replace “three components” with “two components”

Q:
On page 48, you describe the funding preferences (30 points). Would I be correct in interpreting an applicant would qualify for EITHER funding preference 1 (local/indigenous organization) or funding preference 2 (organization conducting similar work in the work) or BOTH, with 15 points for each?

R:
Applicants can qualify for BOTH funding preferences.

Q:
Page 18 begins with b) Evaluation and Performance measurement, which implies it’s part of a narrative response direction that should have started with an a) somewhere. The rest of the outline seems to begin on page 31. I hope I’m reading this correctly.

R:
The applicant instructions for the project narrative begin on page 31. Applicants are instructed on pages 31-32 to include the Applicant Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan in the Project Narrative submittal. The CDC Evaluation and Performance Measurement Strategy for this FOA is detailed on pages 18-23. This is part of the CDC project Description beginning on page 5 with a) approach.

Questions and Answers from the pre-application workshop

Q:
Can you be specific on what you mean in the FOA by 1-2 awards or 4 awards?
As stated on page 2 and 26 there will be 1-2 awards for this FOA. There is no reference to 4 awards in this FOA.

What should we do when the process of applying for the SAM and DUNs Numbers can take up to a month and we have only 45 days to apply?

All potential applicants for federal assistance from the US Government should always make the necessary registrations before applying.

Is the budget ceiling meant for one year or 5 years?

The budget ceiling is for the first twelve months of award.

What does the FOAs mean by stating that it’s fully competitive and how does PEPFAR define a local partner.

This is a fully competitive FOA, meaning all eligible applicants can apply. The PEOFAR local partner definition is on pages 22-23 of the FOA.

When will the awards be made?

The Anticipated Award date is April 1, 2015 as stated on pages 26 and 49.

Is partnership a requirement when applying?

No, a partnership is not a requirement of application.

What does CDC consider to be the source of most updated data?

National documents are considered to be the source of the most up to date data by CDC Uganda

Can one IP apply for both since they seem to have overlapping activities in them?

This question is not applicable to this FOA. This FOA does not include multiple program areas.

Q:
Where the FOA states that it’s a local entity supposed to apply, can an international NGO work with the local NGO as a sub-grantee?

R:
This FOA is not limited to local partners. International NGOs may apply to this FOA alone, as prime with sub-grantees or as a sub-grantee.

Q:
What is the preferred source of disease burden data?

R:
CDC Uganda prefers National publications to be the sources if disease burden data.