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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

NetHope / Global Broadband and Innovations (GBI) Alliance, Fixed Amount Award Grants to Support Institutional Preparedness to Use Digital Cash Transfers in Humanitarian Response RFA RFA-PI-06-01/2016

Question and Answers (Released August 9, 2016)

Below are answers to questions submitted to NetHope on the RFA-PI-06-01/2016. Questions of a repetitive nature have been consolidated.

Q (1): Could you please confirm whether the application submission deadline is August 22, 2016 or August 5, 2016?

A (1): Applications may be submitted at any time before 17:00 pm UTC+6 on Monday, August 22, 2016. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

Q (2): It is our understanding that typically under a Fixed Award Amount agreement, it is not necessary to submit budget burn rate reports because payments are based on the achievement of agreed-upon milestones. Can this reporting requirement could be removed?

A (2): The grant deliverables are placed in the RFA in order to inform the applicants of the expectations. The Budget Burn Rate & Key Outcomes are integral part of the deliverables.

Q (3): Given the technology and expertise required under this solicitation, we would like to ask if the geographic code be changed to 935?

A (3): The Geography code for the activity is 937. The selection process does not include the origin of the grantee and upon the results of the selection process, a request for a waiver will be requested if necessary. We cannot guarantee that we will receive an approval to waive the geographic code.

Q (4): Will multi-country applications be awarded more points, or viewed more competitively, than single-country applications? If yes, how heavily weighted is that criteria (multi vs. single-country applications)?

A (4): Multi-country applications are allowed and encouraged. The Evaluation Criteria is outlined in the RFA, and will be followed by the selection committee.

Q (5): Please confirm that a biodata form is required for any and all proposed staff with a daily rate greater than \$50 USD.

A (5): Please see Amendment 2: A signed bio data form USAID Form 1420 will be needed for any proposed staff or consultants who have a daily rate greater than \$200 USD.

Q (6): Our current operational preparedness systems differ quite widely between in-kind, vouchers and cash. Do you require a description of existing systems and processes for maintaining preparedness in all three of these areas?

A (6): Please refer to page 6 section 3a of the RFQ that states: " Describe the existing systems and processes in place your organization uses for maintaining preparedness for rapid emergency response in the identified program area(s). Please specify whether these cover in-kind distributions, vouchers, and/or cash." It is encouraged to include descriptions of all three areas, as these will help us better understand the key differences around costs and activities between different response modalities.

Q (7): In describing the challenges, opportunities and available service providers in the selected market(s), should both digital and non-digital service providers be described? Or should the description be limited to digital service providers/products?

A (7): Please describe both types of options, making sure at least one prepared-for option is a digital delivery mechanism that is linked to a *service that provides longer term access to financial services*.

Q (8): Can we participate without a DUNS number?

A (8): Please see Amendment 2: you may submit your application even if you don't have a DUNS number, however, please note that the successful grantee will have to get the DUNS number before we are able to sign the grant agreement. Find information about DUNS numbers at the link here: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>

Q (9): Since this is a USAID funded subaward managed by NetHope, is NICRA permissible?

A (9): In accordance with CFR200.400, US organizations are authorized to charge their NICRA based on their documented NICRA agreement. The fixed amount grant will apply the most recent NICRA and consider it fixed for the entire grant period. Please see CFR200.400 for further guidance.

Q (10): Is there an application for the grant?

A (10): The application requirements are outlined in the technical proposal section of the RFA to help you develop your proposal. No other forms are provided.

Q (11): Are multiple submissions from the same organization allowed, i.e. one submission for Somalia and another for Mali?

A (11): Multiple submissions from the same organization for different countries are allowed.

Q (12): The RFA states that you encourage applications from a list of specific countries. Will you accept applications from countries that are not listed in the RFA?

A (12): Preference will be given to proposals that work in the listed countries but we will accept and evaluate applications submitted from countries that are not listed as well. Please see related question 3.