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REFERENCE: Annual Program Statement No. APS-165-12-000002
Organizational Performance Improvement Program Activities

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 01

Dear Applicants:

The purpose of Amendment No. 01 is to answer questions received in response to the APS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. Question:** Is it possible one applicant to apply for the full sum of one million U.S. dollars (\$ 1,000,000)?

Answer: Depending on the quality of the proposals, one or more awards will be done. It is not prohibited to submit a proposal with activities that amount to \$1,000,000. Potential bidders, however, should be aware that there may be other good proposals which USAID may select for funding. In case more than one applications are selected, the ones with the full amount will have to scale down their activities to the appropriate amount as determined after the proposals review.
- 2. Question:** What is the total number of organizations considered as potential beneficiaries of the project in the first round of applications?

Answer: The number of organizations that the potential winners will engage with to strengthen their capacity and improve their performance depends on several factors such as: a) the quality of the proposals and the capabilities of the bidders to implement a wide range of activities; b) the number of nominations by the USAID Development Objectives Teams; c) the readiness of the organizations to undergo change as assessed by the implementing partners. In other words, the exact number cannot be determined at this point.
- 3. Question:** Are there limitations in the number of non-key personnel?

Answer: USAID does not prescribe the number of staff necessary to implement the project/s, however, they need to be in direct correlation with the level of effort and the number of organizations whose performance will be improved. This is one of the criteria that the application will be evaluated on in the proposal review process.
- 4. Question:** Will there be a pre-bidding information session, workshop?

Answer: USAID will not hold a pre-bidding information session/workshop for this APS.

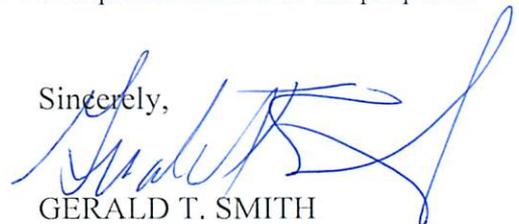
5. **Question:** We have been wondering if there is a possibility for a school to apply for the grant of the Organizational Performance Improvement Program Activities- we have read the eligibility section but we are still a little bit puzzled; or we were wondering if it would be better to be as some sort of assistance to some NGOs that would be major applicants, but what would be our role in that case?

Answer: The APS defines the scope of eligible applicants as follows:

“Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) registered under the Law on Citizens’ Associations and Foundations of April 2010 in the Republic of Macedonia; For-profit consulting companies/think tanks/ registered as Macedonian entities.”

Entities not falling into this category are not eligible to receive a direct award from USAID, but can be included in the application as prospective subgrantees that will be partners in project implementation. The role of a subgrantee depends on the agreement between the prime applicant and each respective partner based on the partner’s capabilities and needs of the prime applicant vis-à-vis implementation of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



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