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**Question & Answers related to RFP for Training on the Design, Management and Operation of a Power Trading Entity**

Questions Received from Potential RFP Bidders	USEA Response
... (will) USEA consider to organize this workshop in the New Delhi (India)?	The training must be conducted in Nepal. Kathmandu will most likely be the location, but USEA will consider venues outside the capital.
We would like to understand in case there is any specific experience criteria minimum for participation and can active power trading entities participate in this opportunity.	There is no specific experience criteria other than what is listed in the RFP. Active power trading entities are welcome to submit a proposal.
Would we require to register with the USAID and USEA as well or can we directly submit the proposal to you.	There is no need to register with USAID. The proposal should only be sent to USEA.
Further can we additionally take into consideration external experts who have been associated with our organisation along with their consent letters.	External experts are welcomed.
On the details of the travel, lodging, boarding and other out of pocket expenses are to be taken into account of the participant.	The vendor/contractor is responsible for arranging and covering the expense of their own travel, lodging, boarding/meals (except for lunches on training days) and other out-of-pocket expenses. The training will likely be conducted in Kathmandu. If another location is selected, USEA will arrange and cover the expense of ground transportation for the contractors/speakers between Kathmandu and the training venue.
Can we participate with a collaboration with a specialised institute or is it just limited to one specific organisation	Collaborations with other organizations or individuals are allowed
module 2- "virtual control room operation experience in the various areas of power trading.." can we conduct the training in India along with any of power exchanges. As you would be knowing off the shelf software packages regards to power trading is not there. Can the delegates travel to India for three days for this training program.	Module 2 must be conducted in Nepal. The vendor/contractor should assemble a virtual power trading experience, in whatever medium is most practical given the limitations of a remote location.
There is no off the shelf software packages regarding power trading/power exchanges. Can the delegates travel to India for three days for this training program?	The delegates cannot travel to India for the training. Vendors are to propose the best option available, given the limitations of funding, software, etc., that can provide the trainees with some practical power trading/power exchange
Can we have 5 days training program in India and 5 days training program in Europe (Norway)? SAARC countries will have experiences of developing country and developed country. This will surely add value to SAARC delegates.	The training must be conducted in Nepal. Kathmandu will most likely be the location, but USEA will consider venues outside the capital.
Can increased budget if a training program in India for 5 days and 5 days in Norway (Europe) at NORD POOL. One coordinator needs to accompany with the delegates.	The budget cannot be increased. The training must be conducted in Nepal.

with reference to the Clause VII (e), please confirm the (CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET - AID-1420-17) from the USAID website if it can be used for submission of the profile of the trainers.	AID-1420-17 form is required to be completed IN FULL and submitted to USEA for each individual (including trainers) proposed to work on the project. However, short CVs/bio sketches of proposed trainers (experience to only include past 10 years; dates must be included; maximum 2 pages per trainer) is also required. No other profiles are required.
Please share the standard format of the resume for providing the experience and profile of the trainers.	No standard format is required.
Further to the scope mentioned we would also like to take up the point of power exchanges and mention the key benefits of the exchange markets. Although power trading is a wide subject, the addition of the exchange related topics would make this program far more effective with respect to the impact on the audiences.	Proposals can include an outline of topics that include power exchanges if it is deemed beneficial to the overall program
What would be the selection criteria with respect to the project. In case there would be a marking mechanism to help us assess the score provided would be appreciated.	As per the RFP, selection of an offer for contract award will be based on an evaluation of proposals against technical merit and budget justification. Proposals shall first be evaluated from a technical standpoint based on the training proposal (i.e. without regard to proposed budget justification). Once a proposal is determined to be technically acceptable, the budget justification will be evaluated.
The payment terms with respect to this project also needs to be specified. Kindly share the same with us.	Payment terms will be determined with the vendor once a subcontractor has been selected.
Various questions regarding the due date for proposal submissions.	The due date for proposal submissions remains November 4, 2019 by 11:59 pm EST. Proposals should be sent via email with a read receipt to Sarah Blanford at sblanford@usea.org. No extensions will be granted.
It would be great in case the exact dates for both modules for the project can be conveyed for December and January months so that we can plan the visits in a precise manner as well.	The dates for the training will be determined jointly by the vendor, USEA, USAID, and the participants, during the subcontract drafting.
(can the) contract terms and conditions ..be furnished?	The subcontract terms and conditions will be provided with the awardee only.
Re: "All bidders are required to provide a DUNS number and maintain a current SAM registration. Proposals without a DUNS number or proof of SAM registration will not be considered."	The DUNS and SAM registrations are a USAID requirement and cannot be removed. Please note that obtaining a DUNS is very quick (usually around 24hr). SAMS takes longer (2-3 weeks normally).
In case of a Joint venture or collaboration we can look into having one lead partner and another associate partner	Yes, a joint venture or collaboration is allowed.