

**Questions & Answers Related to the
Request for Proposal (RFP) USEA/USAID-2024-AmpUp-10**

**Implementing Program: Advancing Modern Power through Utility Partnerships (AmpUp)
Implementing Agency: United States Energy Association (USEA)
Funding Agency: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**

	Question	Answer
1	The countries that you would like us to benchmark U.S. production with have not been mentioned. Should we assume that all relevant countries are of interest?	All countries that have oil or gas production are of interest; but USAID is undertaking a similar effort focused on SE Asia, thus that region will not be a focus of this study. Further, the focus is not to “benchmark US production,” rather it is expected that some of best data might be available for US operations and thus might be a useful element of this study. It is not only production that is of interest, but the entire chain from production, gathering, processing, high-pressure pipeline transportation, to distribution to end consumers, insofar as relevant data is available.
2	Are you accepting bids from Hungary.	Yes. Any organization or individual can apply as long as they have a current Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and have a current (or has applied) System of Award Management (SAM) registration.
3	If the bid is accepted, are there any formal, substantive, budgetary, timeframe, rules, and regulations beyond those set out in the call for tenders.	Once a bid is accepted and both parties have agreed to the terms of the draft subagreement, the subagreement and award will need to be approved by the USAID Agreement Officer responsible for overseeing the AmpUp cooperative agreement. This timeframe for this process can be lengthy – weeks to months.
4	(Is) Afghanistan included in the scope of the project?	Any country can be included if reliable benchmarking data is available.
5	Should the methane emissions benchmarking study include all countries where USAID works, or a subset of these? Can USEA provide a more specific list of the countries for which the study is to be carried out?	The study should include any countries where comparable data can be obtained. It is expected that this will include mostly developed countries who are already required to report emissions, but data from developing countries should also be included if possible.
6	Does USEA want the work to be proposed on a firm fixed price basis or on a time and material basis?	Firm, fixed price.
7	Please clarify the geographic spread expected to be covered in this benchmarking study. Given the short	Based on initial findings, it is USEA's understanding that the reliability of

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	<p>timeline of 10 weeks for Draft Report, we envisage that the study should be limited to benchmarking with 3 to 5 countries (which need not be the countries mentioned on Page 2 of the RFP such as Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Thailand etc.) and 3 to 5 companies each in the areas of E&P, transportation/storage and distribution. Please confirm if this aligns with your expectations/requirements.</p>	<p>methane emissions data varies. Likewise, proxy data such as metering data to calculate unaccounted for gas may need to be adjusted. This reality will shape what data and results can be provided in a benchmarking study. Furthermore, USEA is seeking benchmarking on comparable operations and even specific approaches, such as equipment utilized, to provide an apples-to-apples comparison. Bidders are responsible for determining what they can offer for the proposed price and timeline set forth in the RFP.</p>
8	<p>Given the timeline of 10 weeks, this study would be delivered based on analysis data published by different companies or organizations, or publicly available or available from different databases. No primary research or primary data collection/generation is envisaged. PI. confirm that this is acceptable.</p>	<p>This is acceptable.</p>
9	<p>Is any travel or in-person meetings expected with USEA or USAID? Or can the meetings and presentations be held over Teams/Zoom?</p>	<p>All meetings will be held remotely.</p>
10	<p>The SOW indicates data are to be obtained from United States operations and any other non-U.S. operations where data are readily available. To better define the scope of effort required for data acquisition and review, does the USEA have specific countries or regions of interest that should be targeted? Does the USEA already have data collected that are expected to be used in this benchmarking assessment?</p>	<p>USEA does not have specific countries or regions targeted.</p> <p>USEA does not have any existing data for this study.</p>
11	<p>Is the final document going to be part of a series of knowledge products or a series of technical assistance documents?</p>	<p>The final product will be used internally by USAID to shape and inform future USAID assistance projects. It is not part of a series of technical assistance documents.</p>
12	<p>Is the SOW meant to provide benchmarks for specific methane reduction methodologies in addition to the individual facility operations, and the emission reduction effectiveness of the methodology?</p>	<p>USEA is not looking for benchmarking on methane reduction methods but rather the bidder should identify and conduct benchmarking for as many technologies, operation methodologies, equipment, etc. that are used in oil and gas production as is practical.</p>
13	<p>Is the SOW meant to address a layer for government (i.e., country, state, city) and the respective regulatory</p>	<p>No, the SOW does not include benchmarking of any policy or</p>

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	framework’s impact on operations and emissions (e.g., in addition to parts of operation and type of company)?	regulatory practices. The scope is limited to operational methods and equipment.
14	Is the SOW meant to address methane reduction commitments or goals by company and/or government (OGMP, Global Methane Pledge, etc.)?	No.
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