# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**RFP - FINANCIAL MODELLING TRAINING FOR THE NATURAL GAS SECTOR – TANZANIA**

**Question:** Section VIIa: Given the need for a SAM number (and pre-requisite TIN {domestic} or NCAGE {foreign}) can the due date be extended by 2 weeks to ensure sufficient time to apply and obtain these registration numbers. SAM is currently quoting 2-3 weeks for new registrants while NCAGE is quoting 10 days: for 31 days total. The current deadline effectively excludes organizations not currently enrolled in SAM.
a. Failing an extension, will you accept documentation in lieu of a SAM# by showing proponents are in the process of obtaining the registration?

**Answer:** The closing date of the RFP will not be extended. However, we will accept documentation in lieu of a SAM registration showing that the organization is in the process of obtaining registration. As noted in the RFP, a PDF copy of an email from "notification@sam.gov" to the bidder stating that the bidder "successfully submitted the entity registration for NAME OF COMPANY in the U.S. Government's System for Award Management (SAM)" is the only form of acceptable proof. However, should the company be selected USEA will not be able to enter into an agreement until they have obtained their SAM registration as that is required by USAID.

**Question:** Section II. Please confirm that student enrollment will be limited to approximately 10 students.
**Answer:** The participation will be maxed at 10 individual/students with possibly one on-site attendee to assist with the training logistics in Tanzania.

**Question:** Section IV: Given the 2 consecutive weeks of training, is there a tentative date the training will be provided on or about?
**Answer:** There is currently no tentative date as it will depend on the evaluation and approval process. The training will most likely take place in late March or early April 2021.

**Question:** Given Section V. b, confirm that "Conduct training program in Dar es Salaam for ten (10) days" means a single location for students in DES with instructors virtual teaching from North America (as the case may be) as stated in section IV Schedule and not with instructors physically onsite in Dar es Salaam.
**Answer:** That is correct. The instructors will not be in Dar es Salaam but will conduct the training virtually from their location. The training participants will congregate at a single location in Dar es Salaam that will be able to broadcast the training.

**Question:** Please confirm all instruction is to be in English.
**Answer:** All instruction will be in English.

**Question:** How does USEA envision the training to be carried out? Virtually or in person?
**Answer:** The training will be conducted virtually. The trainers will conduct their training from their own location and present the training to the participants in a location in Dar es

Salaam that would have the requirements to have all the participants meet and attend the training.

**Question:** Does USEA envision the consultant(s) to travel to Tanzania? or would the travel to a close or similar time zone be an option (in this case assuming the training is virtual)?
**Answer:** USEA does not envision the consultants traveling to Tanzania to conduct the training. The consultants must be prepared to conduct the training virtually in a time that meets the training time zone in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

**Question:** Will you accept proposals sent by entities or subcontractors from outside of the United States?
**Answer:** Yes, we will accept proposals sent by entities or subcontractors from outside the United States. However, international bidders must still adhere to the requirements for SAM registration and a DUNS number.

**Question:** Apart from the contractor employee biographical datasheet is there any other sheet to complete for an additional consultant trainer or sub-contract firm, or it is OK to have just resumes or subcontract company details?
**Answer:** You will need to provide a contractor employee biographical date sheet for each person you plan to include as trainers or consultants in your proposal. You can also send their resume, but the biographical data form is a necessity.