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SOLICITATION NUMBER: 72066319R100015

ISSUANCE DATE: 8/13/2019

CLOSING DATE/TIME: 8/27/2019

SUBJECT: Solicitation for a Cooperating Country National Personal Service Contractor (CCNPSC) – USAID Project Management Specialist (Community Cooperation)

(Local Compensation Plan)

Dear Prospective Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking offers from qualified persons to provide personal services under contract as described in this solicitation.

Offers must be in accordance with **Attachment 1, Sections I through VII** of this solicitation. Incomplete or unsigned offers will not be considered. Offerors should retain copies of all offer materials for their records.

This solicitation in no way obligates USAID to award a PSC contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the offers.

Any questions must be directed in writing to the Point of Contact specified in the attached information.

Sincerely,

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **SOLICITATION NO.:** 72066319R100015
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** 08/13/2019
3. **CLOSING DATE/TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** 08/27/2019 before and/or on 5:00PM Ethiopian local time (close of business).
4. **POSITION TITLE:** USAID Project Management Specialist (Community Cooperation)
5. **MARKET VALUE:** FSN-11, \$22,927 to \$41,263
In accordance with **AIDAR Appendix J** and the Local Compensation Plan of *USAID/Ethiopia*. Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.
6. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** Five (5) years. The services provided under this contract are expected to be a continuing nature that will be executed by USAID through series of sequential contracts, subject to the availability of funds.
7. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** US Embassy, Entoto Road, Addis Ababa with possible travel as stated in the Statement of Work.
8. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Regional Security Office certification.
9. **STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

1. General Statement of Purpose of the Contract

The incumbent serves as an FSN Program Specialist – Community Cooperation Specialist to provide technical expertise to the Democracy and Governance Office on elections, social accountability, good governance and natural resource management at the community level. S/he reports on, analyses and offers conclusions, advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to 1) social accountability and community development at the Federal, Regional State and local level; 2) policy development affecting communities within the executive branch, and 3) the interests and positions of concerned and relevant stakeholders, relating to new legislation or policy, inside and outside of government; 4) institutional strengthening, capacity building and reform needs and strategies for civil society organizations who provide services; 5) donor strategies and activities that support social accountability and good governance; and 8) social accountability incorporation within natural resources management to promote inclusive dialogue and consensus building. On this basis, s/he develops, monitors, and evaluates the social accountability and good governance-related programs for the Mission through timely advice on policy developments, capacity building and program activities.

The incumbent serves as the Community Cooperation Specialist to the DG office in order to provide up-to-date information on community cooperation and governance-related matters and identifies implications for broader USAID development interests in Ethiopia. S/he assesses and advises on community development matters relating to the Embassy Mission Performance Plan, the USAID's Strategy Statement, USAID sector strategies and the strategies and plans of other major donors to Ethiopia, including the multilateral institutions. S/he is responsible for making contributions to the formulation of the Mission's community cooperation and good governance agenda and coordinating it with proposed activities funded by other donors, the government of Ethiopia and civil society. S/he works with or relates to numerous GOE ministries/agencies, as well as all multilateral and bilateral donors. S/he primarily deals with technical counterparts in the GOE and from foreign donor agencies.

S/he liaises with other Mission offices to ensure synergies between the social accountability and good governance related strategies and activities and those of other sectors and also provides guidance and support assistance as other Mission offices establish and sustain relationships with bilateral partners and other donors. Incumbent reports to the USDH Deputy Democracy and Governance Office Chief.

2. Statement of Duties to be Performed

The incumbent advises the Democracy and Governance Office and other Mission staff on community development, social accountability and good governance issues as they relate to major program design, evaluation, negotiations and implementation. Advice is based on tracking issues, trends and developments, review of original or secondary data sources and analyses that have or promise to have a bearing on USAID's program design, direction and implementation processes.

1. LEGISLATIVE and POLICY IMPACT ON USAID. 20%

- Drafts analyses and reports on legislative and policy reforms to keep the Mission abreast of issues, trends and developments and civil society strategies that impact on community development, social accountability and governance that may affect the USAID program. These include analyses and reports on:
 - Issues that become the focus of a) wide public debate, b) policy development within the executive branch and c) new legislation in the House of People's Representatives and Regional State Councils, and the interests and positions of concerned and relevant stakeholders inside and outside of government;
 - Relations and interactions between different branches of government and between the ruling and opposition parties in and outside of Parliament and the Regional Councils;
 - Institutional strengthening, capacity building and reform needs and strategies for local communities and civil society organizations;
 - Government, political party, civil society and donor strategies and activities that either further or hinder social accountability and good governance implementation;

- Points of likely common ground that could offer opportunities for social accountability, good governance and constructive, informed and inclusive dialogue and consensus building.

2. USAID PROGRAMMING: 50%

Coordinates and manages, or contributes to:

- The design, implementation, modification, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on USAID community development, social accountability and good governance activities;
- Semi-annual Portfolio Reviews;
- Development of performance monitoring and reporting documents;
- Preparation and oral presentation of briefing books and other information materials for visiting USG officials;
- Assessment, monitoring, and evaluation field visits;
- Developing the terms of reference for and undertaking studies and assessments to prepare and update the USAID strategy statement related to community development, good governance and social accountability to inform program and activity design.

3. EXTERNAL CONTACTS: 10%

Maintains an extensive range of contacts with officials of the Ethiopia Government, international organizations, multilateral and bilateral donors, civil society organizations, the private sector, university and other “think tank” research institutes, and professional associations, as is required to make use of and project USAID influence with these organizations. The incumbent will monitor Government of Ethiopia proclamations and policy documents. He or she will then make recommendations or provide advice to the DG office, political office and other donors on the potential impacts of the proclamations on donor programs.

4. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE: 10%

Under the supervision of the DG Office Chief, assists in developing the Embassy Country Mission Performance Plan and may draft sections of the plan that deal with rule of law and good governance issues. He/she participates in developing annual reporting plan and drafts or assists drafting sections related to rule of law, social accountability and governance.

5. OUTSIDE MEETINGS, PRESENTATION AND ADVICE: 10%

The incumbent represents USAID, in coordination with senior Mission management and the Embassy, at official meetings, workshops and seminars organized by government, donors and non-governmental organizations, and review, and reports back to USAID on the discussions. He/she may be responsible for presenting USAID policy positions and activities at such meetings, in consultation with the DG Office Chief. Presents the results of community development, social accountability and good governance analyses to senior Mission management and advises on related developments and their relation to USAID Programs.

The contractor is eligible for temporary duty (TDY) travel to the U.S., or to other Missions abroad, to participate in the "Foreign Service National" Fellowship Program, in accordance with USAID policy.

3. Supervisory Relationship

The incumbent will directly report to the USDH Deputy Chief in the DG Office. S/He will assist to define rule of law and good governance assignments, priorities and deadlines against an annual work plan that will be developed in collaboration with the Office Chief and Deputy Office Chief. Upon acceptance of this annual work plan, the incumbent will be expected to plan and execute the tasks. The supervisor will review the incumbent's completed assignments for adherence to broad policies. On a quarterly basis the incumbent and the supervisor will meet to review priorities and make adjustments to the plan as appropriate.

4. Supervisory Controls: None. Incumbent will be expected to exercise cognizant technical officer responsibilities over implementing partner programs.

10. AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All interested applicants. Cooperating Country National Personal Service Contractor (CCNPSC). Cooperating country national means an individual who is a cooperating country citizen or a non-cooperating country citizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the cooperating country.

11. PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

12. POINT OF CONTACT: addisusaidjobs@usaid.gov; **Fekadu Tamirate.**

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- a. EDUCATION:** Bachelor degree in Political Science; International Development; Good Governance; Human Services; Community Development; Rural Development; Natural Resources Management; or Law.
- b. PRIOR EXPERIENCE:** At least five years of progressively responsible experience in the design and management of development and/or humanitarian programs, at least three of which have included specific and extensive involvement in rule of law and good governance activities.
- c. LANGUAGE:** Level IV (fluent) in English and Amharic

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The following evaluation factors for evaluating applications are established. The Technical Evaluation Committee will establish the competitive range/cut-off points per the evaluation factors listed below. Applicants are encouraged to provide a narrative for each selection criteria listed below in this section. This information will be used for evaluating and scoring each criterion. **The TEC will conduct interviews with all offerors in the competitive range and provide the final rating and ranking of**

the offerors based on the interview. The CO will consider findings from the reference checks as part of the responsibility determination. Be sure to include your name and the solicitation number at the top of each page.

EDUCATION (20 points): Bachelor degree in Political Science; International Development; Good Governance; Human Services; Community Development; Rural Development; Natural Resources Management; or Law.

Additional evaluation points will be given to offerors who exceed the minimum requirement.

EXPERIENCE (40 points): At least five years of progressively responsible experience in the design and management of development and/or humanitarian programs, at least three of which have included specific and extensive involvement in rule of law and good governance activities. The incumbent must have experience for making contributions to the formulation of community cooperation and good governance agenda and co-ordinating it with proposed activities funded by other donors, the government of Ethiopia and civil society. The employee must have an experience with or relates to numerous GOE ministries/agencies, as well as all multilateral and bilateral donors. S/he primarily deals with technical counterparts in the GOE and from foreign donor agencies.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES (40 points): The incumbent must have a thorough knowledge of the theory and practice of rule of law and good programs, including capacity building for government and civil society organizations. The incumbent must have a thorough understanding of the development of laws, policies and the legislative development process in Ethiopia and perspectives of government and stakeholders. The incumbent must have knowledge on social accountability and community development at the Federal, Regional State and local level. The incumbent must have ability to inter-relate rule of law and good governance issues, trends and developments to programming and related capacity development of the host country. The incumbent must have ability to prepare factual and interpretive reports covering legal and justice sector subject matter. The incumbent must have ability to plan, organize, and execute complex projects. The incumbent must have proven ability to prepare precise and accurate factual and analytical reports. The incumbent must have demonstrated ability to effectively present in writing conclusions/analysis for field trip reports, special reports, studies, memoranda of record to document meetings with senior GOE officials, etc. Additional evaluation points will be given to offerors who have fluency in Afaan Oromo.

IV. PRESENTING AN OFFER

1. Eligible Offerors are required to complete and submit the offer form DS-174 Application for U.S. Federal employment along with a cover letter and resume written in English. The DS-174 Application form can be found in the U.S. embassy website <https://et.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>;

2. Offers must be received by the closing date and time specified in **Section I, item 3**, and submitted to the Point of Contact in **Section I, item 12**.
3. Copies of credential documents (i.e., degree, training certificates, etc.);
4. Application must be submitted **ONLY** via addisusaidjobs@usaid.gov and the email subject must say– solicitation **72066319R100015, USAID Project Management Specialist (Community Cooperation)**
5. Please submit the application only once; and
6. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered; the application must be submitted before or on the date of filing at 5 p.m. (Close of Business).
7. To ensure consideration of offers for the intended position, Offerors must prominently reference the Solicitation number in the offer submission.

V. LIST OF REQUIRED FORMS FOR PSC HIRES

Once the Contracting Officer informs the successful Offeror about being selected for a contract award, the CO will provide the successful Offeror instructions about how to complete and submit the following forms.

1. Medical History and Examination Form (Department of State Forms)
2. Questionnaire for Non-Sensitive Positions (SF-85)
3. Finger Print Card (FD-258)

VI. BENEFITS/ALLOWANCES

As a matter of policy, and as appropriate, a PSC is normally authorized the following benefits and allowances:

1. **BENEFITS:**
Group life insurance, medical coverage, annual leave and sick leave.
2. **ALLOWANCES:**
Meal allowance and miscellaneous benefit allowance.

VII. USAID REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND CONTRACT CLAUSES PERTAINING TO PSCs

USAID regulations and policies governing **CCN/TCN PSC** awards are available at these sources:

1. **USAID Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR), Appendix J**, “Direct USAID Contracts With a Cooperating Country National and with a Third Country National for Personal Services Abroad,” including **contract clause “General Provisions,”** available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aidar_0.pdf
2. **Contract Cover Page form AID 309-1** available at <https://www.usaid.gov/forms>
3. Acquisition & Assistance Policy Directives/Contract Information Bulletins (AAPDs/CIBs) for Personal Services Contracts with Individuals available at <http://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/aapds-cibs>
4. **Ethical Conduct.** By the acceptance of a USAID personal services contract as an individual, the contractor will be acknowledging receipt of the “**Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch,**” available from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, in accordance with **General Provision 2 and 5 CFR 2635.** See <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Regulations>

END OF SOLICITATION

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: *The U.S. Mission in Ethiopia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. USAID/Ethiopia also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations.*

The EEO complaint procedure is available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.