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SOLICITATION NUMBER: 72061720R10001 (0002)

ISSUANCE DATE: June 8, 2020

CLOSING DATE/TIME: July 7, 2020, 4:45:00 PM Uganda Time

SUBJECT: Solicitation for a Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractor (CCNPSC) (*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** 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 1.

Sincerely,

Fredrick Onyango
Supvy. Executive Officer

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. SOLICITATION NUMBER:** 72061720R10001 (0002)
- 2. ISSUANCE DATE:** June 8, 2020
- 3. CLOSING DATE/TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** July 7, 2020, 4:45:00 PM Uganda Time
- 4. POINT OF CONTACT:** Grace Nakaddu, EXO Specialist, gnakaddu@usaid.gov or 0414-306-001.
- 5. POSITION TITLE:** Project Management Specialist (Public Financial Management and Health Financing) (**Readvertized**)
- 6. MARKET VALUE:** UGX 145,734,783 – 214,194,284 per annum, equivalent to FSN-11. In accordance with AIDAR Appendix J and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID/Uganda. Final Compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.

7. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: Employment under this contract is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract provisions and clauses and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of this contract shall apply; always subject to the right of early termination.

The initial term of the contract will be five years, which shall include a probationary period of six months. Employees who do not meet the required standards for their position during this six months period may be reassigned to another position or terminated at the convenience of the U.S. Government. Employees are expected to demonstrate qualifications and general suitability for continued employment during the probationary period. If with written justification, the probationary period may be extended for another period not exceeding six months.

8. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: Kampala, Uganda with possible travel as described in the Statement of Work.

9. ELIGIBLE OFFERORS: “Cooperating Country National” shall mean the individual engaged to serve in the Cooperating Country under this contract.

10. SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED: Employment Authorization

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

(1) General Statement of Purpose of the Contract

USAID/Uganda is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the Project Management Specialist (Public Financial Management and Health Financing) (PFM & HF PMS) position located within the Office of Health and HIV (OHH)’s Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) Unit but based within the Ministry of Health (MOH) - Quality Assurance and Inspection Department to facilitate the advisory role of this position.

The PMS is responsible for supporting the U.S. Government (USG) in its efforts to strengthen Government of Uganda (GoU) Ministry of Health (MoH) Public Financial Management for health financing processes internally.

The PMS provides critical, high level policy advice and technical support to the Government of Uganda (GoU), specifically the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOFPED). The PMS also supports the MoH to improve budget and procurement processes, increase execution rates of allocated funds, resolve key budget preparation and execution/procurement bottlenecks, and use data to justify, oversee, and manage their health budget. These efforts will enable the MoH to expand services, enhance quality and improve health outcomes for the people of Uganda, helping the country advance its journey to self-reliance.

(2) Statement of Duties to be performed.

A. Technical Leadership (50%)

Stay abreast of state-of-the-art knowledge, programming and best practices related to public financial management and utilize this information to improve health financing in Uganda.

Use diplomatic skills and technical acumen to influence the MoH and MoFPED in their strategic decisions and policy formulation to strengthen financial management systems, including transparency and accountability, and encourage the GoU to take concrete steps in the overall journey to self-reliance.

Support the continued transition and sensitization/awareness building of program-based budgeting (PBB) for all local stakeholders, including MoH officials, District Health Officials, and USG IPs.

Provide technical assistance to increase budget execution rates.

Assist the budget team to develop a more realistic fund release plan that considers seasonal needs, including lump-sum budgets for commodity procurement.

Maintain link with USAID's district-based programs to help unlock budget constraints at the national level which are impacting district-level receipt and execution of their budget.

Support the MoH's budget preparation process, procedures, develop and assist the MoH in implementing recommendations to improve budget preparation.

Advise the MoH in improving internal governance and operating systems to effectively oversee and develop the health sector financing budget.

Maintain and support improvement measures in monitoring budget performance, accounting for expenses, enhanced budget processes and improving on documentation.

Participate in key technical budget fora related to budget implementation and management at the national level, such as the Health Sector Budget Technical Working Group.

Influence other donors, and the private sector to leverage resources for health systems strengthening to achieve mutual goals such as those related to PEPFAR, PMI, the Global Health Security Agenda, FP2020, and preventing child and maternal deaths.

Provide health financing technical support to USG implementing Partner's during their program planning, and implementation aligning to MoH Health Financing Strategy and Framework.

Collaborate with USAID Health technical teams to review health financing program data, identify performance gaps within USAID-funded health programs and design health financing interventions to close performance gaps.

Coordinate with other USG Health Systems seconded staff at the MoH to ensure holistic health financing technical assistance is provided to MoH.

Serve as the USG point of contact liaising between MoH and MOFPED in health financing.

B. Program Management (30%)

Serve as an AOR/COR/Activity Manager for one or more activities (and assist the AOR/COR in performing certain technical oversight duties); ensure that USAID exercises prudent management over the award and monitor the recipient's progress in achieving the objectives of the program description.

Collaborate with the USAID Impending Partners that are providing ongoing technical support to the MOH Department of Planning to ensure alignment of the PBB expenditure framework with the new Results Based Financing framework.

Work with the USAID Health/HIV team to monitor the financial performance of IP-supported health programs.

Coordinate exchanges and sharing of best practices among USG and other stakeholders in health financing program areas to strengthen public financial management across all levels of health care.

Provide project management support for health systems awards covering health financing within the Mission.

Support MoH to set up and implement key performance health financing processes that indicate improvement in public financial management.

Participate in the country operational plan and Health operational plan in collaboration with the PEPFAR team, HSS, Malaria and Family Health Teams by providing public financial management expertise.

As the PMS position cuts across all areas of the health portfolio, work closely with other CORs, AORs and AMs to review and support annual work planning to ensure activities are aligned with MoH policies and plans, coordinated with other USAID and development partners' activities, and reflect state of the art interventions and best practices in public financial management.

Travel within Uganda for site monitoring visits, up to 10% of time.

C. Design of New Activities – 10%

As the HSS programs evolve and funding levels change, the PMS should apply critical analysis and strategic health financing thinking skills to identify areas for strategic support, participate in the selection of implementing mechanisms, design and review proposals or applications, participate in procurement process and guide the implementation of activities.

D. Integration of health financing best practices with critical Mission activities – 10%

Coordinate with other Office of Health and HIV staff through key systems developed to ensure effective integration of health financing guidance across all the relevant portfolios.

Contribute to activities that support the provision of health systems technical and administrative oversight of USAID programs implementing integrated USAID health systems approach. The HSS cross cutting

support is covered under the areas of HSS, malaria, tuberculosis, HIV, family planning, reproductive health, child survival, and nutrition activities at both national and district/site levels.

--Coordinate other activities within the health portfolio as they relate to Health Systems Strengthening, particularly health financing.

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:

Works under the general supervision by the HSS Unit Leader. Assignments are made orally and in writing. Most assignments occur in the normal course of the work, but the PMS is required to determine those that must be coordinated with the supervisor. The supervisor provides a review of the assignment, the goals and objectives to be achieved, and the results expected. The PMS will seek advice and assistance as required. Work is reviewed in terms of results achieved.

(4) Supervisory Controls:

Continued supervision of other Mission staff is not contemplated.

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

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

Offers will be initially screened for compliance with application instructions and eligibility in accordance with the minimum qualification criteria listed below.

To ensure compliance with the entire set of this solicitation instructions (please see page 6 to 9 – III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS and IV. PRESENTING AN OFFER sections), **the offer package must be complete and signed—where indicated - and offerors must include in their offers information to demonstrate that they:**

- (1) have attained the required education level; and
- (2) meet the experience requirements, etc.

Education:

Masters' Degree, or the local equivalent, in Public Health, Health Economics, Public Administration, Business Administration, Finance, or in a field related to public financial management and health financing.

Prior Work Experience:

--At least ten (10) years of progressively responsible professional experience working in Uganda in the public financial management field.

--This work experience should include at least seven (7) years of project management in relation to health financing.

--Health financing experience working with the GoU at National, district and/or project level is required.

--Experience collaborating with and/or working for key donors, development partners, or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) is required.

Language Proficiency:

Level IV (fluent) spoken and written English language proficiency is required.

Job Knowledge:

--Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working in the public sector financing area.

--The knowledge and experience should cover some areas such as national budget and financial policy and systems, as well as Health and HIV/AIDS service delivery in the public and private sector in Uganda.

--Solid understanding of donor engagement in supporting health financing efforts.

Skills and Abilities:

--Demonstrated project management skills, including financial management, administrative, and monitoring skills used to track the performance of implementing partners and activities.

--Ability to present information, analyses, and recommendations in clear written and oral formats.

--Ability to work effectively within a team and interagency environment.

--Ability to initiate and self-manage work with minimal supervision.

--Demonstrated ability to coordinate and organize stakeholders at national and lower levels of management.

--Ability to travel to regions and districts within Uganda.

--Ability to work in a multi-cultural, dynamic and fast paced environment.

--Demonstrated ability to support policy development, interpretation and implementation.

--Excellent computer skills including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, as well as data and financial analysis tools.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Government may award a contract without discussions with offerors in accordance with [FAR 52.215-1](#). The CO reserves the right at any point in the evaluation process to establish a competitive range of offerors with whom negotiations will be conducted pursuant to [FAR 15.306©](#). In accordance with [FAR 52.215-1](#), if the CO determines that the number of offers that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the CO may limit the number of offerors in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated offers. The FAR provisions referenced above are available at <https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far>.

Offers will be initially screened for compliance with the solicitation instructions and eligibility in accordance with the qualification criteria below.

To ensure compliance with the entire set of this solicitation instructions (please see page 8 – 9 IV. PRESENTING AN OFFER section), **the offer package must be complete and signed—where indicated - and offerors must include in their offers information to demonstrate that they** have attained the required education level and meet the experience requirements, etc.

Offerors will be evaluated and ranked based on the information provided for the four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) that must be addressed as required in the supplemental document – Item IV – Presenting an Offer 1 (iv).

Offerors **must**, therefore, **address each of the four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) in their offer.** Top-ranked Offerors who meet the minimum qualification will be invited for an interview and given a written evaluation.

Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.

Earlier offerors are encouraged to reapply.

Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

The four Quality Ranking Factors (QRFs) that must be addressed as required in the supplemental document – Item IV – Presenting an Offer 1 (iv) are:

1. Job Knowledge (total 40 points):

--Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working in the public sector financing area.

--The knowledge and experience should cover some areas such as national budget and financial policy and systems, as well as Health and HIV/AIDS service delivery in the public and private sector in Uganda.

--Solid understanding of donor engagement in supporting health financing efforts.

2. Prior Work Experience (total 35 points):

--At least ten (10) years of progressively responsible professional experience working in Uganda in the public financial management field.

--This work experience should include at least seven (7) years of project management in relation to health financing.

--Health financing experience working with GoU at National, district and/or project level is required.

--Experience collaborating with and/or working for key donors, development partners, or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) is required.

3. Skills and Abilities (total 25 points):

--Demonstrated project management skills, including financial management, administrative, and monitoring skills used to track the performance of implementing partners and activities.

- Ability to present information, analyses, and recommendations in clear written and oral formats.
- Ability to work effectively within a team and interagency environment.
- Ability to initiate and self-manage work with minimal supervision.
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate and organize stakeholders at national and lower levels of management.
- Ability to travel to regions and districts within Uganda.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, dynamic and fast paced environment.
- Demonstrated ability to support policy development, interpretation and implementation.
- Excellent computer skills including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, as well as data and financial analysis tools.

4. Education (pass/fail): Offerors will be given a passing score if they have a relevant degree. Offerors without a relevant degree will not be considered for award or proceed forward in the evaluation process.

Master's Degree, or the local equivalent, in Public Health, Health Economics, Public Administration, Business Administration, Finance, or in a field related to public financial management and health financing.

Evaluation Factors have been assigned the following points:

- Job Knowledge - 40 points
- Work Experience - 35 points
- Skills and Abilities - 25 points

Education and language proficiency – **Pass/Fail**
Satisfactory Professional Reference Checks – **Pass/Fail**

Evaluation Factor Total – 100 points, and Pass for Education, language proficiency and Reference Check

Offerors invited to an interview and written test will be evaluated based upon the same criteria described above. In addition, offerors determined to be competitively ranked may also be evaluated on interview performance, written evaluations and/or satisfactory professional reference checks.

IV. PRESENTING AN OFFER

1. Eligible Offerors are required to complete and submit (**Requirements (i) - (v) below are critical for compliance of the offer. Therefore, candidates MUST pay due attention to these:**

(i) A typed and **hand signed** (around Section 6 – Declaration) DS-174 Employment Application for Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (<https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds174.pdf>; Version Exp. 06/2022). Offerors are required to complete sections 1 through 6. (Make sure to use **additional Work Experience pages (Section 4)**, if needed, to provide complete work history).

(ii) Cover letter (addressed to the USAID Supervisory Executive Officer) clearly indicating the position for which you are applying and describing how you meet the minimum requirements.

(iii) Complete curriculum vitae/resume. In order to fully evaluate your offer, the resume must include:

(a) Paid and non-paid experience, job title, dates held (month/year). **Please specify unpaid or part time work. Any experience that does not include dates (month/year) will not be counted towards meeting the solicitation requirements. (NOTE: Resume and DS-174 work experience should match.)**

(b) Specific duties performed that fully detail the level and complexity of the work.

(c) Education and any other qualifications including job-related training courses, job-related skills, or job-related honors, awards or accomplishments.

(d) Name and contact information (phone and email) of three (3) professional references. At least one of the references must be a prior or current direct supervisor.

(iv) Supplemental [separate] document specifically addressing each QRF as outlined in the solicitation.

(v) Copies of Academic Transcripts

(vi) Offers should be in a standard file type such as Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). All should be in one document which should not exceed 10MB.

(vii) Submitted offers and documents become the property of USAID and will not be returned.

2. Offers must be received by the closing date and time specified in **Section I, item 3**, and submitted to the Point of Contact at KampalaHR@state.gov. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

All qualified Offerors will be considered regardless of age, race, color, sex, creed, national or tribal origin, lawful political affiliation, non-disqualifying handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, affiliation with an employee organization or other non-merit factor.

3. Offeror submissions must clearly reference the Solicitation number on all offeror submitted documents.

V. LIST OF REQUIRED FORMS FOR PSC HIRES

Once the Contracting Officer (CO) informs the successful Offeror about being selected for a contract award, the CO will provide the successful Offeror instructions and how to complete and submit forms for obtaining medical and security clearances.

VI. BENEFITS/ALLOWANCES

As a matter of policy and as appropriate, a PSC is normally authorized the following benefits and allowances - in accordance with the U.S. Mission to Uganda's Local Compensation Plan (LCP). The plan includes basic salary, miscellaneous allowance, retirement plan, and medical insurance subsidy. Final compensation for Offerors will be negotiated within the listed market value.

VII. TAXES

Successful Offeror will be subject to Ugandan tax laws.

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

1. USAID regulations and policies governing CCNPSC awards are available at the below sources:

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 contractual General Provisions (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>

LINE ITEMS

ITEM NO (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (DESCRIPTION) (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
0001	Compensation, Fringe Benefits and Other Direct Costs (ODCs) - Award Type: Cost - Product Service Code: R497 - Accounting Info: BBFY:GH-H/2019/2023 APPRO: 72-1919/231031	1	LOT	UGX TBD	UGX TBD at Award after negotiations with Contractor

3. Acquisition & Assistance Policy Directives and Contract Information Bulletins (AAPDs/CIBs) for Personal Services Contracts (<https://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 SOLICITATION]