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Office of Acquisition and Assistance

Annual Program Statement (APS) No: 306-10-0020
Amendment No: 05
Issuance Date of this Amendment: September 22, 2011
Title: USAID/Afghanistan Governance Annual Program Statement (GAPS) to improve the performance, accountability, and perception of governance in Afghanistan.

Dear Applicants:

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Under cover of APS, and per amendment dated May 02, 2011, Delete/Extend "Closing of GAPS" from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012;
2. Under Cover letter of APS, Delete "Submit Concept Paper" from kabulaidoamailbox@usaid.gov and owahaj@usaid.gov and Replace them with kabuloagaps@state.gov.
3. Revise the deadlines for evaluation Round three and replace them with the following dates:
Evaluation Round three: November 2011
Questions due date Round three: October 8, 2011
Full Applications due for Round three review: November 5, 2011
4. Under Section II of APS, Delete "Period of Performance date" from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012;
5. Under Section II of APS, Delete "Applications" must be submitted" from kabulaidoamailbox@usaid.gov and owahaj@usaid.gov and Replace them with kabuloagaps@state.gov;
6. Under Section II of APS, Delete "Submit Concept Paper" from kabulaidoamailbox@usaid.gov and owahaj@usaid.gov and Replace them with kabuloagaps@state.gov;
7. Under third page of the APS, Delete "Requests for confirmation of receipt of applications from owahaj@usaid.gov and katif@usaid.gov and Replace them with kabuloagaps@state.gov.
8. Re-open Round three;
9. Request for full cost and technical applications, NO Concept Papers;
10. Full Applications pertaining only to under Section D on Page 9: GAPS Areas of Interest, Subsection Sub- Sub-Section 4. Advocating for the Rule of Law will only be considered for funding.
11. In addition to new applicants, those applicants that previously submitted concept papers under Round three focusing on Rule of Law issues are encouraged to submit full applications at this time.
12. Amend Section D: GAPS Areas of Interest, Sub-Section 2. Anti-Corruption and Public Sector Transparency on page 11/12 and 13 to:
 - a) Add - Promoting gender equality, advocating for the rights of women and children, and empowering civil society to safeguard the rights of women and children;



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- b) Add - Building the technical and/or reporting capacity of independent/private media to accurately report on anticorruption issues and engage professionally with civil society and the government to report objectively and accurately on technical issues, and develop linkages with civil society to improve transparency and accountability in Afghanistan;
 - c) Add- Supporting legal initiatives by citizens, civil society groups, the media and others who seek to root out and understand corruption through their individual or collective actions;
 - d) Add- Engage with civil society to promote knowledge and increase awareness around issues related to corruption, promoting knowledge of citizen rights around corruption, promoting linkages between civil society and government to counter corruption, and increase citizen participation in civil society organizations and government institutions to mitigate corruption;
 - e) Add – Supporting collaborative processes among government, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to build consensus for key legislative reforms that will improve and enhance public transparency and accountability;
 - f) Add – Education programs for the public on what corruption is, where and how it occurs, the detrimental impact on society and government that corruption has and ways in which the community can mitigate acts of corruption;
 - g) Add – Improving transparency and accountability in combating corruption by assuring the public can monitor the delivery of public services;
 - h) Delete – Provide communities an alternate forum of dispute resolution (that is, a forum other than a court), including support for traditional justice systems;
 - i) Delete – With the cooperation of government and traditional justice systems, helping to develop links between the two systems to assure effective justice within the law;
 - j) Delete – Assisting in litigation under bullet 8; change/add Encourage Legislation;
1. To increase the minimum dollar value for consideration for an Agreement/Grant award from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

Please note, we will not consider any electric submissions besides kabuloagaps@state.gov.

All other conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

Michael Ashkouri
Agreement Officer

(End of Amendment No. 5)