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INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

Request of Application RFA-18-012

Amendment 1

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Article 1. Organizational Background, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Organizational Background

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is an independent, non-governmental organization providing professional support to electoral democracy. Through field work, applied research and advocacy, IFES strives to promote citizen participation, transparency and accountability in political life and civil society.

Since 1994, IFES has conducted a range of assistance activities to support the development of democratic elections and political processes in Ukraine. IFES supported the country's institutions and citizenry in building democracy through improvements in election law and administration, civil society development, rule of law and good governance. IFES continues to work closely with election officials, political parties, media, educational institutions, and the non-governmental sector through each election cycle.

Currently, IFES is implementing Ukraine Responsive and Accountable Politics Program (U-RAP) and Strengthening the Capacity of Electoral Actors Program, and Electoral and Legal Enhancements through Civic Engagement and Technical Assistance (ELECT) program - three long-term initiatives funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and UK aid from the UK government, respectively. The projects aimed at increasing trust in the electoral process among the public and political participants; to foster discussion on electoral law reform; to combat political corruption; to strengthen of the election administration; and to build the capacity of civil society to analyze and advocate on electoral reform issues. IFES support has focused on both the process and content of the reform by promoting inclusive dialogue among stakeholders and providing technical assistance in the development of legislation consistent with international and European standards.

Questions and Answers

1. Which should be a proportion between administrative and program expense within the project?
IFES Response: There's no provision about the administrative costs within the projects. All the expenses should be directly related to the program implementation, including salaries/benefits of the involved staff (in the reasonable proportion to the activities), travel, per diem, etc.
2. USD \$100,000.00- is this an average or maximum award?
IFES Response: USD \$100,000.00 is maximum award.
3. How many sub awards are you going to support?
IFES Response: IFES plans to fund one project covering all targeted regions and planned activities.
4. What should be an average budget for the proposed budget?
IFES Response: Budget should be reasonable, justifiable and based on the proposed activities. The amount requested from IFES should not exceed 100,000 USD.
5. Could it be allowed to pay for media advertising within the project?
IFES Response: No, IFES will not cover expenses for media advertisement.
6. If the NGO already has a developed political finance monitoring methodology, can it be used within the proposed initiative? Or the new methodology should be developed?
IFES Response: Yes, it is possible. It depends on the quality of the methodology and the previous findings if the methodology was already applied. In case if the methodology is already developed and/or tested, it can be reviewed by IFES experts and if required adjusted/improved to meet the international standards and requirements and assure the compliance to project goals and objectives.
7. What could be in-kind or direct contribution to the proposed project?
IFES Response: There's no special requirement regarding co-financing or in-kind contribution to the proposed project.
8. Can an independent organization apply with the view to propose activities aimed at producing various multimedia products analyzing parties' funding (talk-show, short videos, articles) and planning to involve civil society activists, representatives of law enforcement agencies, parties' leaders, etc.?
IFES Response: Yes, the proposed initiative could contain a media component as part of the advocacy/informational campaign. Although, it should not be the main activity of the project and produced media content should be based on the findings from the developed/used monitoring methodology.