

Lima, Peru Issuance Date: October 21, 2024

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To: Prospective Offeror

Subject: Request for Quotation (RFQ) 72052725Q00001

Technical Facilitation Services for an Environmental Compliance (Reg 216) workshops

for USAID - Lima, Peru

The U.S. Agency for International Development in Lima, Peru (USAID/Peru) has a requirement for a Technical Facilitation Services for an Environmental Compliance (Reg 216) workshops for USAID according to the scope of work, in the attached solicitation. You are invited to submit quotation. The Request for Quotations (RFQ) consists of the following sections:

- 1. Solicitation provision & FAR Clauses
- 2. Statement of Work & Supporting documentation

Award will be made without discussion, based upon evaluation of the offeror's submitted technical and price information. The offeror's initial offer should contain its best terms from both a cost/price and technical standpoint. While USAID/Peru intends to issue an award, the issuance of this solicitation does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. government nor does it commit the government to pay for costs incurred by firms or individuals relative to the collection of preliminary information, participation in technical discussions, preparation and submittal of proposals, or any subsequent negotiations. Further, the government reserves the right to reject proposals if such action is considered in the best interest of the U.S. government.

Additionally, as per U.S. Regulation, FAR 4.1102, prospective contractor shall be registered in System for Award Management (SAM) database prior to award of a contract. Please consider that this registration could take more than two weeks before receiving the corresponding Purchase Order.

Please read the RFQ carefully. Interested offerors are to submit final proposals electronically to Vanessa Medina, vamedina@usaid.gov, no later than 17:00, Lima local time, on November 4, 2024. All quotations should be submitted in English. Oral quotations will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

William Elderbaum Contracting Officer

Enclosure: As stated

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SECTION 1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

The following provisions pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.252-2 "Clauses Incorporated by Reference." See FAR 52.252-2 and the provisions listed below at: http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm.

- 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors -- Products and Commercial Services (Sep 2023)
- (a) North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard. The NAICS code(s) and small business size standard(s) for this acquisition appear elsewhere in the solicitation. However, the small business size standard for a concern that submits an offer, other than on a construction or service acquisition, but proposes to furnish an end item that it did not itself manufacture, process, or produce is 500 employees, or 150 employees for information technology value-added resellers under NAICS code 541519, if the acquisition—
 - (1) Is set aside for small business and has a value above the simplified acquisition threshold;
- (2)Uses the HUBZone price evaluation preference regardless of dollar value, unless the offeror waives the price evaluation preference; or
- (3)Is an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, economically disadvantaged women-owned, or women-owned small business set-aside or sole-source award regardless of dollar value.
- (b) Submission of offers. Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show—
 - (1) The solicitation number;
 - (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
 - (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
 - (5) Terms of any express warranty;
 - (6) Price and any discount terms;
 - (7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;
- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) <u>52.212-3</u> (see FAR <u>52.212-3</u>(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);
 - (9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;

- (10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and
- (11) If the offer is not submitted on the <u>SF 1449</u>, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.
- (c) *Period for acceptance of offers*. The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.
- (d) *Product samples*. When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.
- (e) *Multiple offers*. Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions, including alternative line items (provided that the alternative line items are consistent with FAR <u>subpart 4.10</u>), or alternative commercial products or commercial services for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.
 - (f) Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.
- (1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.
- (2) (i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and-
- (A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or
- (B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or
 - (C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.
- (ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

- (4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.
- (5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.
- (g) Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids). The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.
- (h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.
 - (i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.
- (1) (i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101–29, and copies of Federal specifications, standards, and product descriptions can be downloaded from the ASSIST website at https://assist.dla.mil.
- (ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained from the address in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision.
- (2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the ASSIST website at https://assist.dla.mil.
- - (i) Using the ASSIST feedback module (https://assist.dla.mil/feedback); or
- (ii) Contacting the Defense Standardization Program Office by telephone at 571–767–6688 or email at assisthelp@dla.mil.

- (4) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.
- (j) Unique entity identifier.(Applies to all offers that exceed the micro-purchase threshold, and offers at or below the micro-purchase threshold if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "Unique Entity Identifier" followed identifier that identifies the Offeror's the unique entity name The Offeror also shall enter its Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator, if applicable. The EFT indicator is a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the Offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see FAR subpart 32.11) for the same entity. If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at www.sam.gov for unique entity identifier establishment directly to obtain one. The Offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the entity designated at www.sam.gov for establishing the unique entity identifier.

(k) [Reserved]

- (I) *Debriefing*. If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:
- (1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.
- (2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
 - (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
- (5) For acquisitions of commercial products, the make and model of the product to be delivered by the successful offeror.
- (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of provision)

52.212-2 Evaluation—Commercial Products and Commercial Services.

As prescribed in 12.301(c), the Contracting Officer may insert a provision substantially as follows:

EVALUATION—COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES (Nov 2021)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the

Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

[Contracting Officer shall insert the significant evaluation factors, such as (i) technical capability of the item offered to meet the Government requirement; (ii) price; (iii) past performance (see FAR 15.304); and include them in the relative order of importance of the evaluation factors, such as in descending order of importance.]

Technical and past performance, when combined, are ______ [Contracting Officer state, in accordance with FAR <u>15.304</u>, the relative importance of all other evaluation factors, when combined, when compared to price.]

- (b) *Options*. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).
- (c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of provision)

- 52.212-3 -- Offeror Representations and Certifications -- Commercial Items.
- 52.212-4 -- Contract Terms and Conditions -- Commercial Items.
- 52.212-5 -- Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders – Commercial Items.

Additionally, the following clauses are hereby incorporated in full text:

52.204-24 - REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (MAY 2021)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it "does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument" in the provision at 52.204-26, Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v) of the provision at 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items.

- (B) Definitions. As used in this provision—
 Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.
- (b) Prohibition.
- (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any

equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

- (i)Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (ii)Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- (2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—
- (i)Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (ii)Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

Procedures. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (https://www.sam.gov) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

- (d) Representation. The Offeror represents that—
- (1)It \square will, \square will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph
- (1) of this section if the Offeror responds
- "will" in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and
- (2)After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—
- It \Box does, \Box does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph
- (2) of this section if the Offeror responds "does" in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.
- © Disclosures.
- (1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded "will" in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:
- (i)For covered equipment—
- (A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);
- (B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and

any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

- (A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or
- (B)If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.
- (2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded "does" in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:
- (i)For covered equipment—
- (A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);
- (B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.
- (ii)For covered services—
- (A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler

number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

[End of Provisions]

SECTION 2 Statement of Work: Basic Information- Specifications

USAID/ PERU short term ENV Support SERVICE REQUEST FORM

	Technical Facilitation Services for an Environmental Compliance (Reg 216) workshops to train USAID Peru Implementing Partners (IPs) across the activities of USAID/ENV BII and SAR activities.
Service Type	216 Reg Training facilitator
Date of the training	November 25-29 and December 2-6, 2024

Background

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) systematically addresses environmental risk in its efforts to promote self-reliance and resilience, as well as to safeguard people and resources. To assess these risks, USAID employs the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, a fundamental tool that allows for the analysis of the current environmental conditions of a strategy, program, project, or activity. Through the EIA, USAID can anticipate the potential impacts of these actions on the environment and communities.

Additionally, the EIA includes the development of mitigation measures and monitoring techniques designed to avoid, minimize, mitigate, remediate, or offset negative impacts. The application of this tool leads to more informed decision-making, which in turn promotes more sustainable and responsible actions.

The training and knowledge of implementing partners are essential for the proper implementation of USAID's environmental procedures. This capacity not only ensures the effectiveness of these procedures in systematically reducing risk but also strengthens the protection of people and resources, contributing to improved development outcomes and supporting the self-reliance of partner countries. To enhance this capacity, a training course will be offered to implementing partners (IPs), addressing the procedures and resources available for their implementation throughout the USAID program cycle and during the entire duration of an activity. To this end, USAID seeks to hire a consultant who will serve as the technical lead for facilitating this course.

Illustrative Event Description

The Environmental Compliance (Regulation 216) workshops to train USAID Peru Implementing Partners (IPs) will take place from November 25 to 29 and December 2 to 6, 2024.

During these 5 days of training, the aim is to provide IPs with a thorough understanding of environmental compliance procedures and the resources available for their implementation throughout the USAID program cycle and during the life of each activity. Additionally, the workshops seek to strengthen their capacities to ensure the continuous application and compliance with the procedures outlined in Regulation 216, with a particular focus on environmental analysis and the development of high-quality mitigation and monitoring plans.

Moreover, collaboration, networking, and the exchange of innovative strategies and technical solutions among implementing partners, field staff, and USAID officials will be encouraged.

Selection Criteria

- 1. **Education:** A bachelor's degree in environmental science, natural resource management, or other related field of study is required.
- Prior Work Experience: Candidates must possess a minimum of 15 years of experience as a specialist in natural resource management. Preferably, this experience should include a strong focus on addressing environmental issues and participating in USAID environmental compliance training.
- 3. **Training Course Development**: Experience in designing and developing field-based courses focused on environmentally sound design and management.
- 4. **Training Facilitation**: Proven experience as an instructor and/or lead facilitator in training courses on environmentally sound design and management.
- 5. **Language Proficiency:** Excellent English and Spanish language communications skills both written and oral is required. The training will be given entirely in spanish.

Deliverables

The workshop technical facilitator will be part of the team that will facilitate two "one-week" events for IPs November 23 to December 7 in Moyobamba, Perú. The training will be in spanish.

Specific deliverables for the workshop technical facilitator include:

Workshop Preparation:

• Support the development of the workshop agenda, technical presentations, and field guides prior to the event.

On-Site Pre-Workshop Organization:

 In coordination with USAID staff and logistics consultants, organize and finalize workshop details, as well as the implementation of the agenda, technical presentations, and field guides (Participant Field Guides – To be completed and accepted by USAID Peru no later than COB November 15th, or as determined by the Mission Environmental Officer).

Delivery of Technical Presentations:

During the workshop, deliver some of the technical presentations alongside USAID staff.

Technical Advisory:

 Serve as a technical reference (Serve as lead facilitator for two, one-week field courses) to address questions and guide the application of Regulation 216 concepts and EMMP/EMMR into the work plans and activity implementation of Implementing Partners (IPs).

Payment

Payment will be made in three installments per the following schedule:

- 40% of the total amount will be paid upon USAID approval of the workshop preparation.
 60% will be made upon completion of the assignment and submission and acceptance of the deliverables described herein.