

Notice Type: Request for Information (RFI)/Expression of Interest to

Partner and Sub-Partner with USAID/Mexico

Subject: USAID/Mexico-RFI 2023-003

Title: Local Partner and Sub-Partner Outreach –

Request for Information

Issuance Date:

Question Due Date:

View Answers to

Questions

Preguntas y Respuestas

RFI Response Due Date (Closing Date):

Overview

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Mexico, is seeking to increase understanding of the organizational landscape throughout the country to enhance USAID's development approach and understand local organizations' priority topic areas and capacities.

USAID is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to solicit information and potential interest from organizations to diversify USAID's partner and sub-partner base. The goal of the RFI is to 1) better understand the organizational landscape in Mexico; 2) diversify USAID/Mexico's partner and sub-partner base by creating avenues for new and underutilized partners and sub-partners to work with USAID;

and 3) brainstorm methods to support partners and sub-partners to become self-reliant and capable of achieving their development goals.

Response Requested

USAID/Mexico requests your participation IF:

- 1. You are NOT currently working directly with USAID/Mexico;
- 2. You are a Mexican firm, university, community group, non-profit organization, private sector company or other local Mexican entity interested in partnering with USAID; AND
- 3. Your entity focuses on one or more of the following subject areas:
 - a. Natural Environment Medio Ambiente
 - i. Climate finance Financiamiento Climático
 - ii. Biodiversity Biodiversidad
 - iii. Sustainable Natural resources management Manejo Sustentable de Recursos Naturales
 - iv. Energy efficiency Eficiencia Energética
 - v. Clean energy Energia Limpia
 - vi. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions Reducción de emisiones de Gases de Efecto Invernadero
 - vii. Sustainable landscapes/Nature-based solutions Paisajes sostenibles / Soluciones basadas en la Naturaleza
 - viii. Environmentally sustainable economic growth Crecimiento Económico Sostenible Rural
 - b. Crime and Violence Prevention Prevención Del Delito y la Violencia
 - Reinsertion and tertiary prevention- Reinserción y prevención terciaria
 - ii. Civic justice, mediation, and culture of lawfulness Justicia cívica, mediación y cultura de la legalidad
 - iii. Crime reduction and deterrence Reduccion del crimen y disuasion
 - iv. Community policing Policía comunitaria
 - v. Substance abuse Abuso de sustancias
 - vi. Alternative and restorative justice Justicia alternativa y restaurativa

- c. Transparency and anti-corruption Transparencia y anticorrupción
 - i. Business integrity (compliance, internal controls, code of ethics and conduct, whistleblowing) - Integridad empresarial (cumplimiento de regulaciones, controles internos, código de ética y conducta, denuncia de irregularidades)
 - ii. Audits- Auditorías
 - iii. Public procurement Contrataciónes públicas
 - iv. Regulatory improvement Mejora regulatoria
 - v. Open government Gobierno abierto
 - vi. Transparency and Accountability Transparencia y Rendición de cuentas
- d. Human Rights- Derechos Humanos
 - i. Protection of journalists and human rights defenders Protección de periodistas y defensores de derechos humanos
 - ii. Forced disappearances Desapariciones forzadas
 - iii. Torture Tortura
 - iv. Femicides and gender-based violence Feminicidios y violencia de género
- e. Rule of Law Estado de Derecho
 - i. Access to justice Acceso a la justicia
 - ii. Cross-government coordination Coordinación intergubernamental
 - iii. Evaluation and oversight Evaluación y supervisión
- f. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL)
 - Training on MEL Capacitación en Monitoreo, Evaluación y Aprendizaje
 - Facilitation for adaptation and learning Facilitación de procesos de adaptación y aprendizaje
 - iii. Qualitative and quantitative evaluations Evaluaciones cualitativas y cuantitativas
 - iv. Performance monitoring Monitoreo del Desempeño
- g. CommunicationCom
 - i. Social media engagement Participación en redes sociales
 - ii. Event planning and project launch Planificación de eventos y lanzamiento de proyectos
 - iii. Current links with media platforms Enlaces con plataformas de medios

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- iv. Mexican cultural knowledge and influence Conocimiento e influencia cultural de México
- h. Cross Cutting Areas Civil Society Strengthening Actividades
 Transversales Fortalecimiento de Sociedad Civil

 Network Strengthening Fortalecimiento de redes
 Systemic Change Cambio Sistemico
 Adaptive Management Gestión adaptativa;
 Fundraising and Mobilization of resources Movilizacion de recursos
 Planning Planeacion
- i. Organizational (not individual) consulting in any of the above areas -Consultoría organizacional (no individual) en cualquiera de los rubros antes mencionados.

Please review Attachment A for information requested. Responses may be submitted in **English** or **Spanish**.

How to Submit a Response

Organizations may submit the information requested in <u>this form</u>. Please note that organizations responding to this RFI will not receive individual feedback or suggestions regarding their submission.

Please do not enter any unsolicited personally identifying (PII) information for yourself or others in your responses. The results may be shared with USAID partner organizations. Participation in this RFI is voluntary.

Questions

If necessary, an additional round of questions and answers with a second due date may be added to the RFI.

Please note that this RFI is not a commitment by USAID to issue a solicitation, award or grant, or pay for costs incurred by organizations for any information submitted as a result of this request. USAID/Mexico may use the information provided against this RFI for further sharing with USAID current and potential contractors, recipients, diaspora, and private sector entities. USAID may include this information as part of future solicitations or informing the prospective offerors of the type of local entities available in the market. USAID/Mexico, its current contractors and potential offerors may approach the Point of Contact (POC) of your organizations for future partnership opportunities.

Responding to this RFI does not give any advantage to any firm or organization in any subsequent competition. This RFI does NOT restrict the USAID's acquisition approach on future solicitations. No phone calls related to this RFI will be accepted. All correspondence shall be via email. USAID shall not be liable for or suffer any consequential damages for any proprietary information not properly identified. Proprietary information or trade secrets should be clearly identified. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked PROPRIETARY will be handled accordingly, and proprietary information will be safeguarded in accordance with the applicable USAID regulations. USAID reserves the right to respond to any, all, or none of the comments and questions submitted.

Thank you for your interest.

A courtesy Spanish translation is attached, but in the event of any discrepancy between the two documents, this English version controls.

Sincerely,

Andrea Capellán Supervisory Contracting and Agreement Officer

FAR 52.215-3 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR SOLICITATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES (OCT 1997)

- (a) The Government does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this solicitation or to otherwise pay for the information solicited except as an allowable cost under other Disclaimers contracts as provided in subsection 31.205-18, Bid and proposal costs, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
- (b) Although "proposal" and "offeror" are used in this Request for Information, your response will be treated as information only. It shall not be used as a proposal.
- (c) This solicitation is issued for the purpose of identifying and better understanding the wide range of capabilities of Mexican organizations to implement development projects of carrying sizes and types. USAID/Mexico also desires to gather information on the number and type of local partners and subpartners operating in different geographic locations of Mexico to consider eligible organizations for future solicitations/information sharing.

(End of provision)

Annex A

Request for Information: RFI 2023-003 (google.com)

Additional optional questions:

- Describe the overall management capability and leadership structure of your organization. Add any fact sheets if available.
- Identify any needs your organization has for organizational capacity strengthening (management, strategic planning, etc.) support.
- What are some of the specific opportunities and challenges in the area in which you work?
- Is there anything else you would like to share with USAID?