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To all Offerors:

From: USAID/CAR Regional Mission
Acquisition and Assistance Office
Park Palace Building
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Almaty, Kazakhstan 050010

Date: July 3, 2012

Subject: Modification 1 to RFP No.: SOL-176-12-000006-01
The Public Opinion Survey in Central Asia

The purpose of this Modification is to provide Questions and Answers for the subject RFP. Accordingly, the following changes are as follows:

1) Add Annex 1 – Questions and Answers:

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Question: how will the selection procedure be conducted? Will first the price proposal be studied and in case it meets your expectations the selection committee will move to the technical proposal? From the technical point of view it is clear: #1 criterion is Technical approach, #2 - Management plan, #3 – Past performance.

Answer: All technical evaluation factors when combined are significantly more important than cost or price in determining best value.
Cost will not be scored, but will be evaluated for consistency with the Technical Proposal and will be used to determine which proposal will represent the best value to the Government. U.S. Government reserves the right to examine cost proposals for completeness, and/or realism to the extent it deems necessary and appropriate. Any lack of cost realism, unreasonableness, or imbalance in price may be considered in the determination of best value.

Question: Could you please specify, do you have any desires about the geography:
Only small and large cities
Only large cities
National sample (small, large cities and rural settlements)
Large cities + nearest rural settlements

Answer: It is planned to conduct a national sample survey in small and large cities as well as in rural settlements; however, it would be helpful to have range of prices with regard to option 1 and option 3.

Question: May our company submits our proposal and do survey separately in Uzbekistan only or should we do it through one contractor which will lead other companies in CA countries?

Answer: The offeror should have a technical capacity to implement the public opinion surveys directly in Kazakhstan and directly or through subcontractors in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Question: What kind of NGO you are looking for? Rural/urban?

Answer: same as above

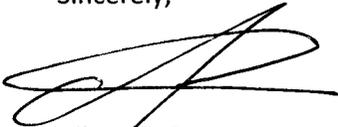
Question: How many NGOs you need for this work? Are you looking for only one NGO to research all information of the territory of CA?

Answer: same as above

Question: If our NGO has Russian/Kazakh speaking people and one English speaking on-line consultant, who is able to help with English translations, will you be interested to work with us?

Answer: USAID will consider all organizations that meet technical criteria specified in the solicitation including the capacity to prepare reports in English and Russian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert E. Carrera', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Albert E. Carrera
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