

ATTACHMENT III -Evaluation Criteria

(I) TECHNICAL CRITERIA

a. TECHNICAL APPROACH

35 points

- Demonstrating full understanding of Dominican issues and challenges
- Overall design and technical focus, and clear articulation of how results will be achieved. Soundness of strategies and approaches.
- Innovativeness, pragmatism and creativity of the approach.
- Strength of the analysis of potential obstacles, risks and problems that could be encountered during program implementation, and feasibility and appropriateness of proposed solutions.
- Demonstrated capacity and ability to coordinate with other USAID- funded activities and develop synergies with a variety of players in the sector. Coordination capacity and ability should include specifics on how the Offerors will demonstrate and measure synergies and coordination.
- Proposed strategy for monitoring and evaluation adequately identifies program milestones, results and targets.

b. GENDER CONSIDERATIONS

5 points

- How will gender relations affect the achievement of sustainable results?
- How will proposed results affect the relative status of men and women?

c. MANAGEMENT APPROACH

15 points

- Operational and financial efficiencies are adequately addressed.
- Proposed communication strategy ensures cohesive and efficient working relationship between the field and the Home Office as well other partners.
- Coherence and feasibility of implementation plan.
- Strength of first year work plan that clearly demonstrates a fast start-up of the project.

d. QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL & STAFFING PLAN 35 points

- Qualifications, skills and experience of proposed Chief of Party
- Qualifications, skills and appropriate experience of other key personnel
- Extend to which the proposed key staff skills complement one another.

- LAC experience
- Overall staffing plan with clear roles and responsibilities for key staff, lines of management and technical authority.
- Proposed strategy for monitoring and evaluation adequately identifies program milestones, results and targets.

e. **PAST PERFORMANCE**

10 points

- Demonstrated capability for rapid start-up of similar projects in similar settings.
- Demonstrated capability as prime contractor to plan, implement and monitor similar projects in similar settings.
- Demonstrated capability of proposed sub-contractors to plan, implement and monitor similar projects in similar settings.
- Demonstrated capability to stay within budget.

(II) COST CRITERIA

COST PROPOSAL

0 points

Award selection will be made on a best value basis, where all non-cost factors will be approximately equal to cost. However the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest cost proposal. An award resulting from this RFTOP will be made to the offeror that proposes the greatest value to the Government from the technical and cost standpoint.

Although cost is not being scored, when technical proposals are considered essentially equal cost will be the determining factor for award. A Cost realism evaluation will be performed as part of the evaluation process to: (a) verify the offeror's understanding of the requirements; (b) assess the degree to which the cost/price proposal accurately reflects the approaches and/or risk assessments made in the technical and management approach as well as the risk that the offeror will provide the supplies or services for the offered prices/cost; and (c) assess the degree to which the cost included in the cost/price proposal accurately represents the work effort included in the Technical Proposal.