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## To all Applicants:

**From:** USAID/CAR Regional Mission  
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**Date:** February 13, 2012

**Subject:** Amendment # 1 to RFA 176-12-000003, Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities

The purpose of this Amendment is to provide Questions and Answers, and make relevant changes in the subject RFA.

**1. COVER PAGE**, fifth paragraph is revised as follows:

“Concept papers of ranging from \$300,000 - \$600,000 for each country for a total of \$1,200,000 over an 18-24 month period will be considered. All awards are subject to the availability of funding.”

**2. Page 8, SECTION II – AWARD INFORMATION, A. Estimate of Funds Available**, first paragraph is revised as follows:

“Concept papers of ranging from \$300,000 - \$600,000 for each country for a total of \$1,200,000 over an 18-24 month period will be considered. All awards are subject to the availability of funding.”

**3. Page 9, SECTION II – AWARD INFORMATION, B. Number of Awards Contemplated**, first paragraph is revised as follows:

“If selected by DCHA/DG, USAID/CAR Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan’s Country Offices intend to make one award each ranging from \$300,000 - \$600,000 over an 18-24 month period.”

**4. Page 13, SECTION V: FULL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (STEP 2)**, first paragraph, add the following:

“USAID will inform successful applicants to submit Full Applications on or about April 9, 2012.”

**5. Questions and Answers:**

1. We would like to know Can Tajikistan NGO to participate in program “Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities”?

USAID answer: The program will be implemented in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan only. This RFA is open to qualified U.S. or non-U.S. entities which shall be legally recognized organizational entities under applicable law, see page 10-11 of the RFA. If Tajikistan NGO is willing to implement the program in Uzbekistan or Kazakhstan please submit the application. Please note that the organization shall have the ability to operate under applicable law in these countries.

2. We would like to apply for a project within your program for a smaller sum...is it possible?

USAID answer: USAID anticipates programs ranging from \$300,000 - \$600,000.

3. How long will it take until we will be informed about the decision?

USAID answer: USAID will inform successful applicants to submit Full Applications on or about April 9, 2012.

4. As one of the education programs priorities, UNESCO Tashkent is working actively in the field of inclusive education in Uzbekistan in close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Education of Uzbekistan, Republican Center for Social Adaptation of Children, Social Initiatives Support Fund and other NGOs who are main actors in the field of education and social support of people with different abilities.

Before developing a proposal as per your request, we would like to confirm whether proposal submitted by UNESCO, in consortium with National NGOs in Uzbekistan, is eligible for consideration, as at the moment there are some challenging relationship in terms of the U.S. financial support to UNESCO globally.

USAID answer: Please see page 10-11:

All qualified applicants are eligible to apply. USAID encourages applicants from qualified U.S. or non-U.S. entities, such as private, non-profit organizations (or for-profit companies willing to forego profits), including private voluntary organizations, universities, research organizations, professional associations, and relevant special interest associations. Awards to U.S. organizations will be administered in accordance with (1) 22 C.F.R. 226, (2) OMB Circulars and (3) the USAID Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Recipients. Awards to non-U.S. organizations will be administered in accordance with USAID Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Non-governmental Recipients.

USAID will not accept applications from individuals. All applicants must be legally recognized organizational entities under applicable law.

5. Given that the scope of work, expected results and local currency (for budget purposes) are different for each of the two countries (Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan), can we submit an 8-page concept note for each country or was the 8-page limit intended to cover the concept note for both countries combined?

USAID answer: You can submit two applications one for Kazakhstan and one for Uzbekistan as results and activities are different in each country.

Sincerely,



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