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Subject: Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 294-2008-009 USAID/ Palestinian Health Sector Reform Development Project (“the Flagship Project”).

To All Potential Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking proposals from qualified U.S. organizations interested in providing the services as described in the attached solicitation.

This is a full and open competition, under which any type of U.S. organization (large or small commercial [for profit] firm, educational institution, and non-profit organization) is eligible to compete. The procedures set forth in FAR Part 15 shall apply.

The “Palestinian Health Sector Reform and Development Project” will strengthen the institutional capacities and performance of the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Health (MoH), selected non-governmental organizations, and eligible educational and professional institutions to support a functional, democratic Palestinian health sector capable of meeting the priority public health needs of its people. Project activities will support the PA’s reform and development agenda and help respond to priorities identified in the MoH’s National Strategic Health Plan/Medium Term Development Plan for 2008 - 2010. Technical priority areas will include maternal and child health, injury prevention, chronic diseases, rehabilitation and emergency care, and basic household hygiene and sanitation practices. Activities will be supported in the West Bank, with more limited programs in Gaza and East Jerusalem.

USAID/West Bank and Gaza plans to award a cost reimbursement term-type contract as a result of this solicitation covering an estimated period of five years, subject to availability of funds. Offerors must propose costs that they believe are realistic and reasonable for the work. Cost proposals will be evaluated for the purpose of best value determination for contract award, including cost effective approaches to achieving the results.

USAID encourages the participation to the maximum extent possible of small business concerns, small disadvantaged business concerns and women-owned small business concerns in this activity as the prime contractor or as subcontractors in accordance with Part 19 of the FAR.

If substantive questions are received which affect the response to the solicitation, or if changes are made to the closing date and time, as well as other aspects of the RFP, this solicitation will be amended. Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued and posted on the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps) website. Offerors are encouraged to check this website (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>) periodically.

An Interested Vendor List is not included in this solicitation. Offerors can register and use the Interested Vendor List (IVL) on the FedBizOpps page, so that firms can contact one another for consideration of teaming arrangements and/or small business subcontracting opportunities in response to this solicitation.

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#### Submission

If your organization decides to submit a proposal in response to this solicitation, it must be submitted in accordance with Section L of the RFP at the designated place and time indicated in Block 9 of the RFP cover page (Standard Form 33). Please note that the designated office or Government installation for receipt of proposals is not the USAID/Washington mailroom or any other office or facility of the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Any proposal not received in the designated office listed below by the closing date and time will be handled in accordance with FAR 15.208. Proposals, and modifications thereto, shall be submitted in sealed envelopes with the name and address of the Offeror and the RFP number inscribed thereon to:

Via U.S. Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Hand or Air Courier Service:

USAID  
Attn: Ms. Sonila Hysi  
Contracting Officer  
9700 Tel Aviv Place  
Washington DC 20521-9700

USAID/West Bank and Gaza  
Attn: Ms. Sonila Hysi, Contracting Officer  
Office of Contracts Management  
10th floor, 25 Hamered Street  
Tel Aviv, Israel

OR

USAID c/o American Embassy  
Attn: Ms. Sonila Hysi, Contracting Officer  
Office of Contracts Management  
71 Hayarkon Street, 63903  
Tel Aviv, Israel

Faxed, telegraphic or electronic proposals will not be accepted.

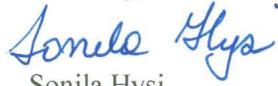
#### Questions

USAID requests that all questions regarding this RFP be submitted in writing to Ms. Linda Maher, via e-mail at [WBG-OCM-packages@usaid.gov](mailto:WBG-OCM-packages@usaid.gov) no later than 15:00 hours Tel Aviv, Israel time on April 30, 2007. Answers to all questions will be provided.

Issuance of this solicitation does not in any way obligate the U.S. Government to award a contract nor does it commit the U.S. Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,



Sonila Hysi  
Contracting Officer  
USAID/West Bank and Gaza