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RFP Closing Time & Date*: See RFP's face page (SF-33, Block 9)

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP); Solicitation No.: 623-EA-09-006,
Support for Food Security Activities (SFSA)

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS:

The United States Agency for International Development/East Africa (USAID/EA) requests proposals for Support for Food Security Activities (SFSA).

Contract(s) resulting from this RFP will be of the indefinite quantity contract (IQC) Cost-Plus-Fixed -Fee (CPFF) type awards. The Government will issue task orders that are one of the following: Firm-Fixed Price (FFP) or Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee (CPFF) term or completion. USAID anticipates awarding approximately (3) contracts. There is no guarantee on the number of contracts awarded or the number of orders that any one firm will receive beyond the guaranteed minimum order stated in the RFP.

USAID anticipates that the maximum ordering limitation of the contracts resulting from this RFP will be \$500,000,000 over the five year ordering period. Note that this ceiling applies across all contracts and cannot be exceeded in the aggregate; each successful contractor will be eligible to compete for task orders until the shared ceiling for all contracts is reached. Each bidder should assume receiving the full \$500,000,000 worth of work under future task orders solely for bidding purposes. The RFP Section F.6, Fair Opportunity to be Considered describes selection process for performance on future Task Order(s).

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all logistic support in the United States and overseas. Work to be performed under future task orders may need to be carried out in areas of unstable security or heightened insecurity requiring contractor to take prudent security measures to timely and adequately protect lives and property. The successful contractor(s) shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining security and emergency systems (see **Attachment 8**, Operational Security Information).

Although design-implement requirements are not envisioned but cannot be excluded with absolute certainty, **Sections H.12-14** of this Solicitation are related to Organizational Conflict of Interests (OCI) and are based on the ADS 303, AIDAR, CIB 99-17, and FAR 9.5. Offerors should be aware that due to an OCI or the perception of an OCI, some of the types of services they are otherwise eligible to perform under this IQC may be restricted if OCI or the perception of an OCI cannot be effectively mitigated.

* Prospective offerors are encouraged to regularly access FebBizOps in order to verify the status of the RFP's closing time/date (if amended).

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The prospective prime's proposal must be responsive to all RFP Section C requirements. Partial offers will not be considered (also please see **Section L.7**). If prospective offeror seeks waiver or deviation from any RFP provisions, this must be included in the initial offer and be clearly labeled "Requested Waivers/Deviations". USAID may determine proposal seeking waivers/deviations non-responsive if there are other sound proposals not seeking such.

Offerors must complete **all** contractor fill-ins (for convenience most are indicated as gray-shaded text). The offeror is **cautioned** that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer.

All offerors shall pay special attention to **Section L.5** General Instructions to Offerors.

This RFP Solicitation document was prepared after the review of comments submitted to USAID by many organizations on the draft RFP. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to review "Answers to substantive comments or questions received in response to DRAFT RFP: 623-EA-09-004 issued Dec. 8, 2008" found in the RFP's Appendix prior to beginning their bid preparation. The Qs & As provide explanations and/or clarifications considered useful in offers preparation. There will be no pre-proposal conference. This RFP states **all** known specifics associated with this Solicitation's requirements. In the event of any disagreement/conflict between attachments and the RFP's specific Section, the later governs.

If prospective offeror notes inconsistencies or conflicting information in the body of this Solicitation document or discovers substantive error(s) which may require explanation or correction, these should be communicated by email to: cafrica@usaid.gov and copy to mmakosala@usaid.gov **not later** than (15) calendar days from the RFP issuance date. The subject line must state: "RFP: 623-EA-09-006 - Issues". USAID reserves the right not to respond to communications received after this date. If the nature of communication (must be submitted on time) necessitates posting additional information or clarifications, an Amendment will be issued. RFP closing date is intended to **remain unchanged**. Offerors are encouraged to regularly access FebBizOps during the entire period the RFP remains open in order to be familiar with Amendment(s) issued, if any (including revision of the closing time/date, if any).

All (complete) proposals in response to this RFP are due no later than the RFP CLOSING TIME AND DATE STATED AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER at the address stated in **Section L.6** Delivery Instructions.

This request for technical and cost proposals in no way obligates the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to award a contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals.

Thank you in advance for your interest and your consideration to submit bid offer.

Sincerely,



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