

# Addendum 2

SEL: 2015-A-034946-1

## Project Title: National Support for Local Investment Climates / National Support for Enhancing Local and Regional Economic Development

### A. AMENDMENT

1. At Section 1, Instructions to Bidders - Data Sheet, Paragraph Reference Definitions (ee) – REPLACE in its entirety with the following:

The RFP Closing Date is **30 April 2015 at 14:00 hrs**, Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EST/EDT).

2. At Section 1, Instructions to Bidders - Data Sheet, Paragraph Reference 17.1 REPLACE in its entirety with the following:

Advance payments may be permitted:

YES  NO

The following types of expenses are eligible for advance payment:

- (a) Expenses associated with setting up a new local office in the Recipient Country;
- (b) Long-term leases for offices;
- (c) Procurement of manufactured equipment (project assets);
- (d) Costs associated with students and trainees as specified in DFATD's Management of Students and Trainees in Canada: Manual for Executing Agencies.
- (e) Innovation Fund
- (f) Expenses associated with training initiatives

### 2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q1** Please clarify and list which expenses are intended to be covered under clause 10.8 (b) (iii) *Other expenses*. Where do bidders present expenses formerly covered under the TA Handbook (e.g. schooling, vacation travel allowance, overseas allowance etc.)?

**A1** As indicated in clause 10.8 (b) (iii) of the Instructions to Bidders, other expenses refers to "Other expenses required by the Personnel while in the Recipient Country such as clean drinking water, storage and security services". All allowable living costs for personnel on long term assignment in the field are described in clause 10.8 (1) and (2) of the Instructions to Bidders and the ceiling monthly rate is shown in clause 10.8 (b) 1) of the Data Sheet. The costs listed in the question above (schooling, vacation travel allowance, overseas allowance, etc.) are no longer reimbursed by DFATD.

**Q2** We are requesting an extension to the deadline for RFP 2015-A-034946-1. The RFP states the decision to provide an extension will be published on GETS 3 days prior to the submission deadline.

**A2** DFATD agrees to this request. The RFP Closing Date is now 30 April 2015 at 14:00 hrs, Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EST/EDT).

**Q3** Under 17.1 in the NSLIC RFP Data Sheet (pg. 23), training expenses are not currently included in the list of expenditures eligible for advances from DFATD. Given that costs for one-off training expenses such as conferences, training workshops, seminars and study tours can be very substantial and that such expenses have typically been considered advanceable in past DFATD contracts, would

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like to respectfully request that DFATD add "(f) Expenses associated with training initiatives" to the list under section 17.1 of the Data Sheet?
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<b>A3</b> DFATD agrees to this request. Please see the amendment to the RFP above.
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<b>Q4</b> (We) would like to request an extension of two weeks, therefore extending the submission date to May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2015.
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<b>A5.</b> DFATD has agreed to an extension. The RFP Closing Date is now 30 April 2015 at 14:00 hrs, Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EST/EDT).
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**3. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged.**