

**Project Title:** Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Technical Assistance Facility (TAF)

## **A. AMENDMENT TO THE RFP**

1. At Definitions (ee), contained in the Instructions to Bidders – Data Sheet, **DELETE** the words «The RFP Closing date is 2016-08-04 at 14:00 hrs, Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EST/EDT)» and **REPLACE** them by the words « The RFP Closing date is 2016-08-11 at 14:00 hrs, Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EST/EDT).»
2. At Requirement 7: Trade Expert (based in Southeast Asia), criterion 7.1.2, **DELETE** the words « Points will also be awarded for professional development completed by the proposed individual in the past 10 years (including professional training, publications, research) related to: (1 point per professional development, up to 5 points) related to:» and **REPLACE** them by the words « Points will also be awarded for professional development completed by the proposed individual in the past 15 years (including professional training, publications, research) related to: (1 point per professional development, up to 5 points) related to:»

## **B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- QUESTION 1** Clarification: For Requirement 7.1.2, we request that professional development training be extended to 15 years, given that the most qualified trade experts work on or “graduate” to advising on long-term international development trade and investment projects that typically last 5 or more years after several years of research or delivering technical assistance on trade law, trade agreements, foreign investment regulations, etc.
- ANSWER 1** DFATD agrees to extend the duration of professional development training stipulated in 7.1.2. Please see Part A, Amendment to the RFP, for this change.
- QUESTION 2** Extension: We would like to request a two week extension to the closing date.
- ANSWER 2** While a two week extension is not possible, DFATD agrees to extend the closing date to August 11, 2016. Please see Part A, Amendment to the RFP, for this change.

**C. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.**