



Technical Assistance Partnership – Expert Deployment Mechanism (TAP-EDM)

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Question 1: Requirements C to F state that: “The proposed individual [...] **must have a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline**”. In the case a proposed individual has a Master’s degree in any discipline (or in a relevant one), would this person meet de facto the above eligibility requirement? To give an example, a potential candidate obtained sufficient credits to be admitted to a Master’s programme, and was then granted a Master’s diploma accordingly, upon satisfactory completion. Would this person, since not in possession of a Bachelor’s degree per se, be deemed ineligible? If eligible, would this person inevitably fail to obtain the points assigned to “A Bachelor Degree in a relevant discipline”?

Answer 1: An individual who has been admitted to a Master’s program based on credit equivalencies rather than based on a Bachelor’s degree, and has completed the Master’s degree in accordance with the Requirements of the RFP, will be deemed eligible under Annex D - Evaluation Criteria, Requirements C to F. However, no points will be awarded in the evaluation under the “A Bachelor degree in a relevant discipline”.

Question 2: Kindly confirm if recruitment costs (such as any software or CRM systems used) of TA experts can be directly chargeable to the Technical Assistance Fund?

Answer 2: The purchase and subsequent maintenance costs of software such as a CRM to manage a database of experts which is needed to assist the Contractor to fulfill its mandate for this Project would fall under Contractor's Reimbursable Expenses

Question 3: Requirements C state that: “The dates for working on each project should be noted from starting month to ending month and **should indicate what percentage of each month was dedicated to the project described**” and “The proposed individual should have at least forty-eight (48) months experience (including at least 24 months consecutive)”. Can you further clarify whether an individual who has worked for 24 consecutive months on a relevant project will comply with these requirements, regardless of whether this work over 24 consecutive months has been full time or part-time, given other duties within a given directing position? Is it expected that the total requirement of 48 months experience be full time, hence assuming that 48 months of full-time dedicated work on relevant projects may have been gained over a substantially longer period?

Answer 3: Regarding Requirement C (ii), an individual who has worked for 24 consecutive months on a part-time basis will comply. To clarify the other experience requirements for Requirements C(ii), D (ii), E(ii), F(ii) and G (ii) the individuals proposed should have worked on qualifying projects for the full-time



equivalent of the number of months required. For example, in Requirement D, individuals proposed for the role Project Manager 1 should demonstrate the equivalent of 36 months of full-time experience. The experience may have been acquired in the context of different projects.

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