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### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (IFES)

# REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) for Civic, Electoral and Political Participation of Marginalized Communities in Nepal

RFA-18-021

Date February 28, 2018

#### 1. Request for Application (RFA)

#### 1.1. Purpose

IFES is currently engaged in implementing "Niti Sambad", with funding from USAID. The purpose of this Request for Application (RFA) is to invite organization(s) to submit applications to implement a project that will broaden the participation of marginalized and underrepresented communities in Nepal's electoral and political processes through inclusive civic education efforts. The RFA provides prospective organizations with the relevant operational and performance requirements.

#### 1.2. RFA Schedule

IFES will conduct a competitive process to identify grantees per the timeline below:

Issuance of RFP February 28, 2018

Questions Due March 7, 2018

Response from IFES March 12, 2018

RFA Closes—All Applications Due March 19, 2018 at 17:00 Washington DC (EST)

Implementation Period April 2018 – December 2018

#### 2. General Information

#### 2.1. Background

IFES is an independent, non-governmental organization providing professional support to electoral democracy. IFES supports citizens' rights to participate in free and fair elections. Our independent expertise strengthens electoral systems and builds local capacity to deliver sustainable solutions.

As the global leader in democracy promotion, we advance good governance and democratic rights by:

- Providing technical assistance to election officials
- Empowering the underrepresented to participate in electoral and political processes
- Applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle

Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries – from developing democracies, to mature democracies.

#### 3. Application Preparation Instructions

#### 3.1. Applicant's Understanding of the RFA

In responding to this RFA, the applicant accepts full responsibility to understand the RFA in its entirety, and in detail, including making any inquiries to IFES as necessary to gain such understanding. IFES reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who demonstrates less than such understanding. Further, IFES reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether the applicant has demonstrated such understanding. Such disqualification and/or cancellation shall be at no fault, cost, or liability whatsoever to IFES.

#### 3.2. Good Faith Statement

All information provided by IFES in this RFA is offered in good faith. Individual items are subject to change at any time. IFES makes no certification that any item is without error. IFES is not responsible or liable for any use of the information or for any claims asserted there from.

#### 3.3. Communication

Verbal communication shall not be effective unless formally confirmed in writing by the IFES officials identified in Section 3.5 of this RFA. In no case shall verbal communication govern over written communication.

#### 3.3.1. Applicant Inquiries

Inquiries, questions, and requests for clarification related to this RFA should be submitted in writing, **no later than March 7, 2018,** and be submitted to the representatives listed below.

Mr. Abdullah Abdullah aabdullah@ifes.org

**Note**: Questions/Answers and Amendment(s) related to this RFA can be found on IFES Procurement Notices Page on the following link: <a href="https://www.ifes.org/procurement-notices">www.ifes.org/procurement-notices</a>

#### **3.3.2. Formal Communications** shall include, but are not limited to:

- Questions concerning this RFA
- Expressions of Interest
- Pre-award negotiations under this RFA
- Addenda to this RFA

#### 3.3.3. Addenda

IFES will make a good-faith effort to provide written responses to the questions or requests for clarifications that require addenda by March 12, 2018. All questions, answers, and addenda will be shared with all interested organizations.

#### 3.4. Application Instructions

All applications should include the following, in order for their application to be considered:

#### 3.4.1. Technical Application

The Technical Application must include a written proposal in English describing in detail the
applicant's (a) Technical Approach, (b) implementation timeline, and (c) results framework
to implement the Program Description as described in Article 4 of this RFA. The evaluation
criteria can be found in Article 3.6. Applicants should use the technical narrative template in
Attachment A.

#### 3.4.2. Cost Application – Budget & Budget Narrative

The Budget should reflect costs associated with the technical activities and deliverables. All
applicants must use the budget template provided in Attachment B and submit it in Excel
format as part of their application. The Budget should be presented in local currency. Unit costs

are required and, in the case of discrepancies between unit costs and total costs, the unit cost will be taken as the reference basis in the evaluation.

- The Actual award will be issued in US Dollar.
- If the applicant has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate, the applicant may elect to charge a de minimis indirect rate of 10% of modified total direct costs as per 2 CFR 200.414(f). If the prospective applicant chooses to charge the de minimis rate, the applicant must follow the requirements in 2 CFR 200.414(f).
- The applicant must agree to keep these costs valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days.
- The Cost Application should include a Budget Narrative that describes each cost element of the Budget (see column H of Attachment B).
- The estimated budget for each award will be between \$25,000 \$40,000 for about 8 months.

# 3.4.3. A brief outline of the applicant's organization and experience as outlined in Attachment C.

#### 3.4.4. Additional documentation

- A completed pre-award survey as included in Attachment D
- A copy of the organization's most recent final, signed audits/financial statements
- Proof of registration with SWC or another Nepal government office
- Any other supporting document that will strengthen the application

#### 3.5. Application Submission

Applicants must send final applications in electronic copy via e-mail, on or **prior to March 19, 2018**—by no later than 17:00 Eastern Standard Time —to <a href="mailto:aabdullah@ifes.org">aabdullah@ifes.org</a>.

#### 3.6. Criteria for Selection

The evaluation of each response to this RFA will be based on its demonstrated competence, compliance, format, and organization. The purpose of this RFA is to identify those organizations that have the interest, capability, and financial strength to implement the project as described in Article 4 of this RFA.

#### **Evaluation Criteria & Grading:**

#### Criteria

1.	Technical Approach, Implementation Timeline, Results Framework	50%
2.	Competitive Budget with efficient and reasonable cost structure	25%
3.	Past Performance and Organizational Capacity	25%

#### **Evaluation Criteria Grading:**

Highly Exceeds Expectations	5 Points
Slightly Exceeds Expectations	4 Points
Meets Expectations	3 Points

Meets most but not All Expectations 2 Points
Does Not Meet Expectations 1 Point

#### 3.7. Selection and Notification

Applicants determined by IFES that possess the capacity to compete for this project will be selected to move into the negotiation phase of this process. Written notification will be sent to these applicants via e-mail. Those applicants not selected for the negotiation phase will also be notified.

#### 4. Scope of Work

Nepal's 2017 elections for local, state and national officials represented a historic milestone in the country's democratic transition to a federal republic. Elections were largely peaceful and the average turnout for registered voters was over 70% in all three elections. However, with the next elections at least two years away, there is a significant risk of many Nepalis becoming disillusioned with the democratic process if they do not feel included in decision-making processes and see evidence of a functioning government. This is particularly true for groups such as women, youth, Dalits and other ethnic and religious minorities within Nepal that are underrepresented in political and electoral processes, both as candidate and voters. For example, the most influential seats and positions at all levels in Nepal are typically reserved for men from communities that already have access to power while women and minorities are seldom represented outside of the quota seats reserved for them; no reserved seats exist for youth. Similarly, registering to vote is often difficult for citizens that live far from their district headquarters, have migrated for work, or lack citizenship all together. Even after registering, voters report limited access to unbiased voter information. Both of these issues disproportionately affect women, youth, Dalits and other ethnic or religious minorities who are already marginalized by other cultural or institutional barriers to participation in public life.

To maintain trust in democratic processes and build confidence in Nepal's new government institutions, IFES is seeking to work with local organizations that can motivate marginalized groups to participate in political processes. The objective of this project is to ensure diverse communities in Nepal understand the roles and responsibilities of both locally elected officials and citizens within Nepal's new government structures and the framework of democratic societies generally.

#### **Target Geographic Area and Beneficiaries**

IFES is seeking applications from organizations to work with women elected as local officials, youth in urban areas, members of the Dalit community, or members of an ethnic or religious minority community. Applicants are encouraged to focus their proposal on **one** of these communities.

Applications should also specify the districts in which the program will be implemented. IFES' target areas are Province Numbers 5, 6, 7 and 2. In addition, IFES will consider applications proposing to work in earthquake affected districts and/or youth in urban areas. Applicants must work in **at least two** and **no more than five** districts. While IFES will accept proposals from all types of organizations that meet the qualifications detailed below, preference will be given to organizations led and managed by members of the target beneficiary community and with an existing presence in the geographic areas proposed.

Depending on the target population, the CSOs will be expected to:

- Implement interactive community activities tailored to the specific learning skills of the target beneficiaries that combine lessons on democratic values, participatory citizenship, voter education, good governance and Nepal's government structures
- Support the development and implementation of women's leadership trainings and community action plans that aim to increase women's participation in the local decision-making processes
- Support voter registration and citizenship certificate outreach activities including motivating marginalized populations to register to vote and advocacy for more inclusive voter registration policies and procedures
- Establish and facilitate forums at the community level that provide a platform for youth or minority groups to highlight the challenges to political and electoral participation faced by members of their community and institutionalize their inclusion in decisionmaking processes
- Advocate and coordinate with the Election Commission, Nepal (ECN), elected officials and related government agencies at national and subnational levels to strengthen trust, to increase collaboration on inclusive civic and voter education programs while building sustainable partnerships between citizens and government officials.

#### **Specific Organizational Requirements:**

Applications are limited to locally registered Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Non-Political Party Organizations and religious institutions or other similar not-for-profit institutions.

Preference is for applications from an organization with previous experience conducting activities related to political and electoral participation or good governance at the local level in Nepal. Prior experience working with government officials and local committees is also a significant advantage.

Locally registered implementing chapters of international or regional (network) organisations are eligible if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- ✓ The majority of Board members are based in Nepal
- √ The organisation is largely financially independent of its international mother body

#### **Individuals** and the **following organisations** are not eligible to access funding:

- ✓ Governmental and semi-governmental institutions
- ✓ International organisations
- ✓ Political parties or organizations affiliated with or engaging in partisan activities
- ✓ Organisations running on a for-profit basis

#### 4.1. Timeline:

Applicants must submit a detailed timeline in their proposal showing the time required to implement the services requested. IFES requires all deliverables to be completed not later than December 31, 2018.

#### 4.2. Monitoring & Evaluation

- As part of its due diligence, IFES conducts pre-award surveys on all potential grantees to assess capacity and inform the appropriate grant mechanism. In addition, applicants expected to expend \$750,000 or more in U.S. funded awards during their fiscal year must have an audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F—Audit Requirements. If Applicable, applicants must ensure that funds are included in the grant budget for an audit.
- IFES will issue the appropriate grant mechanism depending on the nature of the work, the capacity of the grantee, the duration of the grant, and the overall value of the grant.
- IFES will provide continuous mentorship, training and oversight to ensure grant management
  practices are in line with anti-corruption principles as well as to build capacity of local grantees
  to fully manage and implement their programs in adherence to donor regulations and with a
  view towards sustainability.

#### 4.3. Deliverables:

Deliverables and reporting will be determined based on the grant activities proposed and negotiated during the negotiation phase.

#### 5. Additional Terms & Conditions

#### 5.1. Non-Disclosure Agreement

IFES reserves the right to require any applicant to enter into a non-disclosure agreement.

#### 5.2. Zero Tolerance for Fraud

IFES has zero tolerance for fraud. Fraud is any act or omission that intentionally misleads, or attempts to mislead, to obtain a benefit or to avoid an obligation. If you have concerns about potential fraud in any way related to IFES projects, contracts, or activities, please contact IFES' Compliance Hotline at compliance@ifes.org or at +1 202-350-6791.

#### 5.3. Intellectual Property

Applicants should not use any intellectual property of IFES including, but not limited to, all logos, registered trademarks, or trade names of IFES, at any time, without the prior written approval of IFES, as appropriate.

#### 5.4. Applications

All accepted applications shall become the property of IFES and will not be returned.

#### 5.5. Governing Law

This RFA and the applicants' applications shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA.

#### 5.6. Partial Awarding

IFES reserves the right to accept all or part of the application when awarding the grant.

IFES also reserves the right to issue multiple awards and procure only items or services from selected applicants.

#### 5.7. No Liability

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute a commitment on the part of IFES to make an award nor does it commit IFES to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of any application in response to this RFA. Further, IFES reserves the right to reject any or all applications received or stop solicitation process at any time, without assigning any reason or liability.

IFES shall not be liable to any applicant, person, or entity for any losses, expenses, costs, claims, or damages of any kind:

- Arising out of, by reason of, or attributable to, the applicant responding to this RFA; or
- As a result of the use of any information, error, or omission contained in this RFA document or provided during the RFA process.

#### 5.8. Entire RFA

This RFA, any addenda to it, and any attached schedules, constitute the entire RFA.

#### 5.9. Attachments

Attachment A: Technical Narrative Template

Attachment B: Budget Template

Attachment C: Organizational Capacity and Past Performance Template

Attachment D: Pre-Award Survey

**End of RFA** 



# Attachment A: Technical Narrative Template

# I. General Information

Complete Legal Name of Aapplicant Organization
Office Address
Legal Mailing Address (if different), including zip code
Office Telephone Number(s), including area code
E-Mail Address(es)
Director of Organization
Project Manager/Contact Person
Project Dates (month/year – month/year)
Project Title
DUNS Number
PAN Number

#### **II.** Technical Approach:

Please include the following components in in a maximum of 5 pages

- A. Project Summary: describe your project in one paragraph, including objectives, issue, target audience, and geographic coverage
- **B.** Need for the project: identify the problem your project would help to solve. Why is this project important?
- C. Project's Goal and Objectives: what is the specific goal of your effort? Does it comply with the goals and objectives of the competition?
- **D.** Target Audience and Stakeholders: what is your main target audience? What groups of stakeholders will the project primarily serve?
- **E.** Activities: identify and describe in detail each activity to be undertaken to produce results, justifying the choice of activities.
- **F.** Expected Deliverables: identify specific deliverables that you expect to develop within your project (research/analytical reports; specific strategies; public policy recommendations; etc.)

#### **III.** Implementation Timeline

Please use the following format to provide an implementation timeline

Project Month	Activity	Expected Result	Involved Stakeholders

#### IV. Results Framework

Please identify specific results that you expect to realize upon completion of your project and the quantitative and qualitative criteria for the project's success. How will you determine that the project goals have been accomplished? The framework should include:

- A list of results you expect to accomplish throughout the project
- 1-4 performance indicators for each result including a detailed definition for each
- The source, method, frequency and schedule of data collection,
- Staff responsible for collecting data.
- How the performance data will be collected
- How data will be reviewed, analyzed and reported

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4. PROJECT ACTIVITIES						
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# Attachment C: Organizational Capacity and Past Performance Template

# I. Summary

Briefly present your organization's mission, its core activities, and why it is best suited for this project

# II. Human Resources

- A. Please provide full legal name of organization's Director and / or Chief Executive Officer
- B. Please provide CVs for the core technical members of the team (legal experts, election experts, project manager etc.)
- C. Please provide hiring plan for full and part-time positions the organization including a list of positions and recruitment plan or cost-share with existing positions

# **III.** Past Performance

- A. Briefly describe how your organization's previous experience prepares it to successfully implement the proposed project; highlight the organization's relationship and work experience with lawmakers or government officials if applicable.
- B. Please list the organization's major projects from the past five years in the following format:

Project Name	Project Activities	Donor	Award	Period of
			Amount	Award

# IV. References:

 ${\it If applicable, contact information for three \ references from \ donor funded \ projects \ similar \ in \ scope.}$ 

#### Attachment D

# PRE-AWARD SURVEY OF ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

#### **FOR**

#### **NON-US NGO SUBRECIPIENTS**

Acceptance of a subaward from **IFES** creates a legal duty on the part of the subrecipient to use the available funds in accordance with the provisions of the subaward and applicable U.S. Federal regulations.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide IFES with current information to assess the financial and organizational capacity of a prospective subrecipient and to identify any need for technical assistance to ensure proper accountability in the event a subaward is made. All information requested in the questionnaire should be answered in English as completely as possible, using supplemental sheets if necessary.

The subrecipient's questionnaire should be returned to IFES as soon as possible. If the proposal is accepted for consideration, the subrecipient's completed questionnaire must be received prior to the issuance of a subaward by IFES.

#### **SECTION A: General Information**

Please complete this section which provides general information on your organization.

Le	gal Name of Organization
Ма	ailing Address
	reet Address (if different)
Te	lephone Fax Number Other (Email)
1.	What is your organization type (profit, non-profit, private volunteer organization, university, etc.)?
2.	Is your organization incorporated or registered?
	Yes:    No:
3.	When and where was your organization incorporated or registered?
	Please provide a copy of your organization's incorporation or registration certificate.  Enclosed: □ Not enclosed (Explain): □
4.	What is your organization's tax status?
5.	Please provide a copy of any information which describes your organization, its mission and history:  Enclosed:   Not enclosed (Explain):
6.	Is your organization affiliated with any other organization:
	Yes: □ No: □  If yes, please provide details:
7.	Please list the names of the following individuals:
	President/Director
	Secretary Chief Financial Officer

	Controller/Accou	untant _			
8.	List the number	of employees o	of your organization:		
	Full-Time Emplo	yees: P	art-Time Employees:	Consultants:	
9.	Enter the beginn	ing and ending	g dates of your organizat	ion's fiscal year:	
	From (Month, Da	ay)	To (Month, Day)		
10.	Financial Inform financial reports		complete the requested i	nformation and provide a copy of your most recent	
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#### **SECTION B: Internal Controls**

Internal controls are procedures which ensure that: 1) financial transactions are approved by an authorized individual and are consistent with laws, regulations, and the organization's policies, 2) assets are maintained safely and controlled, and 3) accounting records are complete, accurate, and are maintained on a consistent basis.

Please complete the following questions concerning your internal controls:

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1.	Li	ist the name and position title for the f	iollowing area(s):
	•	Responsible for cash, bank accounts	s, or equipment.
		Cash:	
		Bank Account:	
		Equipment:	
	•	Responsible for reviewing expendit	tures to make sure they are allowable.
	•	Responsible for keeping all receipts	s and other documentation to support expenses charged to this g
	•	Responsible for signing checks.	
	•	Responsible for maintaining the ac	counting records.
	•	Responsible for reconciling bank s	tatements to the accounting records.
	•	Responsible for preparing financial	I and narrative reports.
2.	De	Describe the types of reconciliations pe	erformed, and how frequently they are performed.
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3.	Aı	Are timesheets maintained for each em	ployee who is paid?
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		Yes:		No:	☐ (if no, explain)
6.	How often de	o you ch	neck inventory re	cords to	the actual inventory?

#### **SECTION C: Accounting system**

The purpose of an accounting system is to: 1) accurately record all financial transactions, and 2) ensure that financial transactions are supported by invoices, timesheets or other documentation. The type of accounting system often depends upon the size of an organization. Some organizations may have computerized accounting systems while others use a manual system to record each transaction in a ledger.

In all cases, IFES' subaward funds must be properly authorized, used for the intended purpose and recorded in an organized and consistent manner.

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#### **SECTION D: Funds Control**

IFES' subrecipients receiving advances of subaward funds must maintain a separate bank account for IFES' funds. Access to the bank account should be limited to authorized individuals. Bank balances should be reconciled periodically to the accounting records. If cash cannot be maintained in a bank, it is very important to have strict controls over its maintenance and disbursement.

Ca	n a separate bar	nk account be es	stablished	d just for IFES' subaward funds?						
	Yes:		No:							
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	Yes:		No:							
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lf y	ou don't have a	bank account, v	what do y	ou do to make sure that cash is maintained safely?						
lf II	FE'S subaward f	funds will be hel	d in a noı	n-U.S. bank, please answer the following:						
a.	Are bank depos	sits insured by the	governm	nent?						
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b.	Do you intend to	o convert U.S. cu	rrency to f	foreign currency?						
	Yes:		No:							
c.	Are there any g	overnment restric	ctions on t	the number of bank accounts a single organization may maintain?						
	Yes:		No:							
d.	Are there any government or bank restrictions on the use of checks for making payments or withdrawals? (Please explain.)									
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Yes:	No:		

#### **SECTION E: Audit**

IFES' subaward provisions may require an audit to be performed of your accounting records. Please provide the following information on prior audits of your organization.

1.	Have external accountants ever performed an audit of your organization's financial statements?												
		Yes:			No:								
2.	If an audit	was per	formed,	please pro	vide th	is offic	e wit	h a cop	oy of you	ur most recent	report.		
	Enclos	ed:											
3.	Does your	organiz	ation ha	ve regular	audits1	?							
		Yes:			No:								
	a. If yes,	who pei	forms th	ne audit an	d how	freque	ntly is	it per	formed?	,			
	b. If you	receive	an IFES'	subaward	, will IF	ES' su	bawa	rd fund	ds be inc	cluded in such	an audit	?	
		Yes:			No:				N/A (no	ot applicable):			
	c. If yes,	would it	appear	as a separ	ate pro	ject?							
		Yes:			No:				N/A:				
	d. Would	the rep	ort be pr	epared in,	or tran	slated	into E	English	1?				
		Yes:			No:				N/A:				
4.	Are there a								rcumsta	nces) that wou	ld preve	nt an indepe	ndent
		Yes:			No:								
	If yes, plea	se prov	ide detai	ils:									
Pre	epared by:	Printe	d Name				_	Signa	ature				-
	Title						_	Date					
Ар	proved by:	y: Printed Name						Signature					-
		Title					_	Date					-

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