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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP Number: AMD-043

Issuance Date: June 14, 2018

Deadline for Questions: June 19, 2018

Deadline for Offers: July 1, 2018

Description: **Training Program on Modern Orchard Management Practices in Citrus**

For: U.S. Pakistan Partnership for Agricultural Market Development (AMD)

Funded By: United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
Contract no. AID-391-C-15-00003

Implemented By: CNFA

Point of Contact: AMD Procurement Department

Section 1: Instructions to Offerors

1.1 Introduction

The U.S.-Pakistan Partnership for Agricultural Market Development (AMD) is a USAID funded project which aims to improve the ability of Pakistan's commercial agriculture and livestock sectors to compete in international and national markets in the four target product lines; meat, high value and off-season vegetables, mangoes and citrus. AMD will act as a catalyst for development and investment in target product lines by actively promoting cooperation and coordination amongst the value chain actors and ancillary service providers. AMD's implementation strategy is underpinned by a strictly commercial and market driven approach with a clear focus on strengthening market access for its partner organizations and support international marketing and sales efforts. The objective of the AMD project is to encourage investments in the four target product lines through matching grants and technical assistance and empower stakeholders by developing synergies among them to accomplish together what they cannot do alone. AMD will support upgrading, streamline supply chains, provide technical assistance to optimize profit margins, increase participation of women entrepreneurs, and ultimately help make Pakistani meat, high value and off-season vegetables, mangoes and citrus become more profitable and competitive.

As part of these efforts, AMD conducted a training program of 132 trainings in phase I facilitating selected citrus grantees in the Sargodha region. In order to cover the entire crop cycle of citrus, in phase II AMD conducted an additional 45 training sessions in the region. AMD is now seeking a business service provider for phase III, in which it will conduct 25 more trainings which will focus primarily on the process involved in the usage of machinery and tools provided by the USAID-AMD project. i.e Citrus pruner, spray machines, hydraulic trolleys, handy tools for harvesting and handling. Detailed SOW can be found in Section 3.

1.2 Offer Deadline and Protocol

Separate technical and financial proposals must be submitted. Technical and Financial Proposals in **hard OR soft copies** should be submitted no later than **July 1, 2018** with *RFP Number and Name* on the envelope "**RFP-AMD-043**" to AMD:

Procurement Department
Agricultural Market Development
Office No. 83-A/E-1, 5th Floor
Main Boulevard, Gulberg III,
Lahore, Pakistan

Electronic submissions must be sent to the following email address quoting "RFP AMD-043" along with the title of the RFP in the subject line:



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solicitations@pakistan-amd.org

Please reference the RFP number in any response to this RFP. Offers received after the specified time and date will be considered late and will be considered only at the discretion of CNFA.

Questions: Questions regarding the technical or administrative requirements of this RFP may be submitted no later than **4 PM local Lahore time on June 19, 2018** by email to Procurement@pakistan-amd.org. Questions and requests for clarification—and the responses thereto—that CNFA believes may be of interest to other offerors will be circulated to all RFP recipients who have indicated an interest in bidding.

Only the written answers issued by CNFA will be considered official and carry weight in the RFP process and subsequent evaluation.

1.3 Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal must be specific, complete, and concise, describing the offeror's proposed plan to complete the scope of work (SOW) and deliverables found in Section 3. It should demonstrate a clear understanding of the work to be undertaken and the responsibilities of all parties involved. The Technical Proposal should respond to all requirements as per Section 3 and ensure compliance with 100% of the required technical specifications.

1.4 Financial Proposal

The Financial Proposal is used to establish the best value among proposals and serves as a basis of negotiation for the signing of the subcontract. The Financial Proposal must include a detailed budget, as well as a budget narrative which explains the basis for the estimate of each budget element (where required). Supporting information should be provided in sufficient detail to allow a complete analysis of each cost element. Cost must be expressed in Pakistani Rupees.

The anticipated contract type for this procurement will be a firm fixed subcontract. The successful offeror will be required to adhere to the terms of the fixed price subcontract with AMD.

Offers must remain valid for not less than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the offer deadline. Offerors are requested to provide proposals on official letterhead or format.

Note: The AMD Project is exempt from cooperating country taxes, duties, and VAT. Exemption certificates will be provided under the "Exempt Regime".

1.5 Eligibility

By submitting an offer in response to this RFP, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation Clause 52.209-6, —Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment, II (OCT 2015), CNFA will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government. Only firms that are locally registered or Pakistani nationals will be considered eligible offerors to respond to this RFP. Offerors must submit a copy of their business registration or license.

The offerors are expected to meet the following minimum requirements. If an offeror fails meeting one or more of these requirements, the offer will be disqualified from consideration.

- Address the complete Scope of Work requested in this RFP. The offeror will explain in their technical proposal how they intend to meet the requirements (benefits) as described in Section 3.

1.6 Evaluation and Award



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The award will be made to a responsible offeror whose offer follows the RFP instructions, meets the eligibility requirements, and is determined via a trade-off analysis to be the best value based on application of the following evaluation criteria. The relative importance of each individual criterion is indicated by the number of points below:

Evaluation Criteria	
Technical proposal:	
1. Company Profile (Registered Company with present and past experience in delivering training, organizing training program for farmer/processor)	20
2. Technical Competency and Methodology of the Proposal – Clear methodology of the training with time line and key personal nominated for the training program (CV's of the nominated key staff)	20
3. Experience - (specific experience in Citrus sector with relation to crop cycle management, orchard management practices and donor funded project experience particularly with USAID)	20
4. Past Performance (Previous work experience with supporting document working/organizing similar training program – POS' or agreement should be attached)	20
Financial Proposal:	20
The firm which has quoted the lowest price will get the maximum score in this category.	
TOTAL	100

Please note that if there are significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFP, an offer may be deemed “non-responsive” and thereby disqualified from consideration. CNFA reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.

Best-offer proposals are requested. It is anticipated that award will be made solely on the basis of these original proposals. However, CNFA reserves the right to conduct any of the following:

- CNFA may conduct negotiations with and/or request clarifications from any offeror prior to award.
- While preference will be given to offerors who can address the full technical requirements for all three facilities mentioned in this RFP, CNFA may issue a partial award or split the award among various offerors, if in the best interest of the AMD Project.
- CNFA may cancel this RFP at any time.

Please note that in submitting a response to this RFP, the offeror understands that USAID is not a party to this solicitation and the offeror agrees that any protest hereunder must be presented—in writing with full explanations—to the AMD Project for consideration, as USAID will not consider protests regarding procurements carried out by implementing partners. CNFA, at its sole discretion, will make a final decision on the protest for this procurement.

1.7 Terms and Conditions

This is a Request for Proposal only. Issuance of this RFP does not in any way obligate CNFA, the AMD Project, or USAID to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer.

This solicitation is subject to CNFA's standard terms and conditions. Any resultant award will be governed by these terms and conditions. Please note that payment will only be issued to the entity submitting the offer in response to this RFP and identified in the resulting award; payment will not be issued to a third party.



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1.8 Language

Offerors shall provide all responses in English. Additionally, a basic requirement for all offerors to be considered responsive is the ability to communicate proficiently in English while providing said services to the AMD project.



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Section 2: Offer Checklist

To assist offerors in preparation of proposals, the following checklist summarizes the documentation to include an offer in response to this RFP:

- Cover letter**, signed by an authorized representative of the offeror (see Section 4 for template)
- Technical Proposal**
- Financial Proposal**
- Mandatory annexes** such as NTN, Registrations Certificates(s).



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Section 3: Scope of Work

Objectives of the training

AMD conducted a training program of 132 trainings in phase I of the program facilitating selected citrus grantees in the Sargodha region. In order to cover the entire crop cycle of citrus, in phase II AMD conducted an additional 45 training sessions in the region. For phase III, AMD will conduct 25 more training sessions which will specially focus on the process involved in the usage of machinery and tools provided by the USAID-AMD project. i.e Citrus pruner, spray machine, hydraulic trolley, handy tools for harvesting and handling.

Modus Operandi

In order to give practical knowledge to the grantees on effective use of provided machinery, equipment and tools for best orchard management practices to enhance the Quality A of Kinnow mandarin, following 6 modules detailed below will be taught to the selected participants of grantees through onsite vocational trainings. All modules are related to machinery & tools usage thus personal hygiene, safety, trouble shooting and incidental care will be taught to the audience. More over this phase will help to capture the results of the previous session and all tools and machinery provided to the grantees. There will be 25 training sessions of 2 days each with 1 day for classroom based lectures and 1 day for practical training in the field.

The Subcontractor will be responsible for providing on-site trainings for the following 6 modules of Citrus Orchard Management mentioned in Table 1.

Table 1 – Details of Training Modules

Module 1: Training in Fertilizer/Nutrient Application		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principles of plant nutrition in Kinnow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of fertilizers and their role in plant growth ▪ Macro-nutrient and their function ▪ Micro-nutrient and their function ▪ Diagnosing nutrient deficiency in plants signs and symptoms ▪ Leaf and tissue analysis ▪ Soil analysis ▪ Taking soil and leaf samples ▪ When to apply fertilizer ▪ Fertilizer and micro nutrient management in different soils ▪ Green manuring and procedures ▪ Use of equipments and tools for micro nutrients spray ▪ Calibration of machinery and calculations for nutrients in accordance to plant growth and development
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fertilizer/Nutrient requirements of Kinnow during various phases of growth and in different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practical supported trainings in various months ▪ Application of nitrogen after monsoon and its impact



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	seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application of micro-nutrients after monsoon and their impact ▪ FMY applications its need and impact on plant growth ▪ Applications of Phosphorous and Potassium and their doses ▪ Application of Nitrogen and its doses at the end of harvest ▪ Practical demonstration for efficient machinery use, personal safety and hygiene. ▪ Incidental care and follow up during operations
Module 2: Training on Tree Management and Pruning		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree canopy management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kinnow flowering ▪ Alternate bearing ▪ Canopy development ▪ Pruning methods ▪ Structural pruning ▪ Branch pruning ▪ Canopy thinning ▪ When to prune ▪ Precautionary measures in pruning ▪ Flowering ▪ Fruit setting* ▪ Fruit Growth management
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crop production management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practical supported training in each month ▪ Managing a farm ▪ Good agriculture practice (GAP) ▪ Crop cycle routine
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Influence of climate change in Kinnow production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate change ▪ Impact of climate change on pest and diseases ▪ Impact of climate change on productivity
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weed Management in Citrus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of weeds



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control of weeds using physical and chemical methods
Module 3: Training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM)		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insect pests of Kinnow their identification and the damages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major and minor insect pests of Kinnow Nature of damage caused by insect Role of insects in transmission of diseases Identification of insect pests of Kinnow Lifecycle of insects of major importance
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of Kinnow diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Kinnow plant Viral, bacterial, fungal and nematode related diseases How does a pathogen infect plant Sign and symptoms of various diseases and their identification Diagnosing diseases problem in Kinnow plants Time of occurrence of various diseases
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of integrated pest management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical control methods and concept Biological control methods and concept Use of chemicals in insect pest management Use of chemicals for diseases management Equipment required for pest control and their calibration
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated pest management requirement in different seasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical supported training in each month Control of Citrus insect diseases after monsoon with compare on leaf minor, lemon butterfly, Citrus psylla, Canker, melanoses and scab
Module 4: Training on Health and safety measures of use of Machinery and Tools		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Machinery and Workers Safety in Citrus Harvest and Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of various machines, equipment and tools in the field for the operations and maintenance
Module 5: Training on Climate Change		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change and the impact of climate change on kinnow quality and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of various weathering agents on the production and quality of fruit along with mitigation measures



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	production	
Module 6: Training on Harvest Handling and Post Harvest Management		
S. No.	Title of training Module	Topics to be covered
1	Harvest Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effective use of tools for harvesting ▪ Precautions to be taken during the harvesting ▪ Food safety, health and safety and SPS measure to be taken during the harvesting ▪ Transportation of fruit from orchard to the processing unit
2	Post harvest handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food safety and SPS compliance requirements ▪ Measures to reduce the post harvest losses ▪ Measures to ensure the quality of the fruit ▪ Logistics arrangement, loading and unloading practices

Qualification of BSP

- Experience of conducting Trainings on proposed topics
- Extensive experience of having worked with Citrus sector farmers, processors & exporters as well as other players in the value chain;
- Experience in development sector in designing and conducting trainings.
- Engaging a competent team of trainers having advanced knowledge and practical experience vegetable production storage and export.

Deliverables

1. Design training material in Urdu with pictorial illustration. Content will be subject to final approval by AMD technical team and USAID DOCS office;
2. Hire a translator for trainings where Urdu is not the most widely understood language;
3. Successfully deliver training sessions at the training venue (Sargodha region) as per the following schedule. The subcontractor will make all the arrangements for 25 two-day training sessions (one day lecture based and one day practical):

S.No.	Training Module	Number of training sessions
1	▪ Training Requirements in Fertilizer/Nutrient Application	▪ 5
2	▪ Training Requirements on Tree Management and Pruning	▪ 5
3	▪ Training Requirements on IPM	▪ 5



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4	▪ Training on Health and safety measures of use of Machinery and Tools	▪ 5
5	▪ Training on Climate Change	▪ 2
6	▪ Training on Harvest handling and post harvest management	▪ 3
	Total	▪ 25

Other tasks will include:

- Social mobilization training of participants should be initiated immediately after contract is signed with AMD Project;
- All documents and training material used for AMD Project training must be approved by AMD technical team and USAID DOCS office, which requires a minimum of 10 working days;
- The training proposal submitted should include specific details for:
 - Arrange and provide logistic support to participants of training to and from training venues;
 - BSP should arrange multimedia for PowerPoint presentation, and share the presentation with AMD team;
 - Printed training material for participants and proposed visual training aids that will enable the trainees to be equally applicable and relevant for literate, semi-literate and illiterate participants (all printing material must have prior AMD approval);
 - Attendance sheets for each training session that specify names of participants, their contact information, CNIC numbers, and signature/thumb impression, wherever available;
 - Lunch/Refreshments on each day of training for all participants;
 - High resolution photographs for each training session with written consent of all participants for use of pictures and publication in project funded printed material;
 - Conduct data collection as required by AMD M & E team;
 - Pre- and post-training evaluation forms for all participants that should be designed keeping in view the contents and objectives of the training. These pre- and post-evaluation forms should help AMD Project assess any change in knowledge and skill levels of participants by indicating:
 - Whether a participant understood the training objective;
 - Relevance and value of training for each participant;
 - Lessons learned and any recommendations for improvement or additional topics for training.
 - Submit a final deliverable —a detailed report— within 5 working days of the completion of each training. These reports should include:
 - Copies of all training material used;
 - Transcripts of question and answer sessions;
 - Attendance sheets, photographs, and video recordings for each training session;



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- Original pre- and post-evaluation forms and compilation, and a summary of evaluation forms completed by participants that should include all recommendations and feedback proposed by participants and indicate in percentage terms:
 - Percentage of participants who understood or did not understand training objectives;
 - Percentage of participants who felt that they benefited or did not benefit from the training;
 - Percentage of participants who would be interested in attending further training and any specific areas mentioned;
 - Percentage of participants who are not interested attending additional trainings for any reasons mentioned.
- All intellectual property rights will be designated to USAID AMD project;
- Any other tasks assigned by the Chief Technical Advisor and Senior Value Chain Specialist relating to design and development of training program;
- Training modules should impact the skill development, capacity building, and knowledge up gradation of the trainees.

Pre- and post-training analysis should be presented through graphs with back up data in an excel sheet format along with workshop evaluation analysis.

Period and Place of Performance

The timeline to conduct these trainings and will span from August 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018. The geographical spread of this activity will be in Sargodha region.



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Section 4: Offer Cover Letter

The following cover letter must be placed on letterhead and completed/signed/stamped by a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the offeror:

To: AMD Project

Reference: **RFP-AMD-043 – Training Program on Modern Orchard Management Practices in Citrus**

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, hereby provide the attached offer to perform all work required to complete the activities and requirements as described in the above-referenced RFP. Please find our offer attached.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to all terms, conditions, special provisions, and instructions included in the above-referenced RFP. We further certify that the below-named firm—as well as the firm’s principal officers and all services offered in response to this RFP—are eligible to participate in this procurement under the terms of this solicitation and under USAID regulations.

Furthermore, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any CNFA or AMD project staff members;
- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any other offerors submitting proposals in response to the above-referenced RFP; and
- The prices in our offer have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- All information in our proposal and all supporting documentation is authentic and accurate.
- We understand and agree to CNFA’s prohibitions against fraud, bribery, and kickbacks.
- We understand and agree to CNFA’s prohibition against funding or associating with individuals or organizations engaged in terrorism or trafficking in persons activities.

We hereby certify that the enclosed representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate, current, and complete.

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Company Telephone, Website: _____

Company Email address: _____

Company Registration or Taxpayer ID Number: _____

Does the company have an active bank account (Yes/No)? _____

Official name associated with bank account (for payment): _____



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Section 5: CNFA Terms and Conditions

5.1 Ethical and Business Conduct Requirements: CNFA is committed to integrity in procurement, and only selects suppliers based on objective business criteria such as price and technical merit.

CNFA does not tolerate fraud, collusion among offerors, falsified proposals/bids, bribery, or kickbacks. Any firm or individual violating these standards will be disqualified from this procurement, barred from future procurement opportunities, and may be reported to both USAID and the Office of the Inspector General.

Employees and agents of CNFA are strictly prohibited from asking for or accepting any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value or compensation from current or potential vendors or suppliers in exchange for or as a reward for business. Employees and agents engaging in this conduct are subject to termination and will be reported to USAID and the Office of the Inspector General. In addition, CNFA will inform USAID and the Office of the Inspector General of any supplier offers of money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, object of value or compensation to obtain business.

Offerors responding to this RFP must include the following as part of the proposal submission:

- Disclose any close, familial, or financial relationships with CNFA or project staff. For example, if an offeror's cousin is employed by the project, the offeror must state this.
- Disclose any family or financial relationship with other offerors submitting proposals. For example, if the offeror's father owns a company that is submitting another proposal, the offeror must state this.
- Certify that the prices in the offer have been arrived at independently, without any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- Certify that all information in the proposal and all supporting documentation are authentic and accurate.
- Certify understanding and agreement to CNFA's prohibitions against fraud, bribery and kickbacks.

Please contact PDickrell@cnfa.org with any questions or concerns regarding the above information or to report any potential violations. Potential violations may also be reported directly to CNFA at to FraudHotline@cnfa.org.

5.2 Terms and Conditions: This solicitation is subject to CNFA's standard terms and conditions. Any resultant award will be governed by these terms and conditions; a copy of the full terms and conditions is available upon request. Please note the following terms and conditions will apply:

- (a) CNFA's standard payment terms are net 30 days after receipt and acceptance of any commodities or deliverables. Payment will only be issued to the entity submitting the offer in response to this RFP and identified in the resulting award; payment will not be issued to a third party.
- (b) No commodities or services may be supplied that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria.
- (c) Any international air or ocean transportation or shipping carried out under any award resulting from this RFP must take place on U.S.-flag carriers/vessels.
- (d) United States law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. The supplier under any award resulting from this RFP must ensure compliance with these laws.
- (e) United States law prohibits engaging in any activities related to Trafficking in Persons. The supplier under any award resulting from this RFP must ensure compliance with these laws.
- (f) The title to any goods supplied under any award resulting from this RFP shall pass to CNFA following delivery and acceptance of the goods by CNFA. Risk of loss, injury, or destruction of the goods shall be borne by the offeror until title passes to CNFA.

5.3 Disclaimers: This is a Request for Proposals only. Issuance of this RFP does not in any way obligate CNFA, the AMD Project, or USAID to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer. In addition:

- (a) CNFA may cancel RFP and not award;
- (b) CNFA may reject any or all responses received;
- (c) Issuance of RFP does not constitute award commitment by CNFA;
- (d) CNFA reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow RFP instructions;
- (e) CNFA will not compensate offerors for response to RFP;
- (f) CNFA reserves the right to issue award based on initial evaluation of offers without further discussion;
- (g) CNFA may negotiate with short-listed offerors for their best and final offer;
- (h) CNFA reserves the right to order additional quantities or units with the selected offeror;



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- (i) CNFA may reissue the solicitation or issue formal amendments revising the original RFP specifications and evaluation criteria before or after receipt of proposals;
- (j) CNFA may modify the specifications without issuing a formal notice to all offerors when the revisions are immaterial to the scope of the RFP;
- (k) CNFA may choose to award only part of the activities in the RFP, or issue multiple awards based on multiple RFP activities;
- (l) CNFA reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition;
- (m) CNFA will contact all offerors to confirm contact person, address, and that the bid was submitted for this RFP;
- (n) CNFA will contact all offerors to inform them whether or not they were selected for award;

In submitting a response to this RFP, offerors understand that USAID is not a party to this solicitation and the offeror agrees that any protest hereunder must be presented – in writing with full explanations – to the AMD Project for consideration. USAID will not consider protests regarding procurements carried out by implementing partners. CNFA, at its sole discretion, will make a final decision on any protest for this procurement.

5.4 Source/Nationality/Manufacture: All goods and services offered in response to this RFP or supplied under any resulting award must meet **USAID Geographic Code 937** in accordance with the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), [22 CFR §228](#). The cooperating country for this RFP is Pakistan.

Offerors may **not** offer or supply any commodities or services that are manufactured or assembled in, shipped from, transported through, or otherwise involving any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria.

5.5 Taxes and General Sales Tax (GST): As an organization that is implementing a project on behalf of USAID, CNFA is exempt from being charged GST (federal and provincial), customs duty or fee, excise tax, road tax, or any other form of tax or tariff for goods and services purchased for USAID funded activities. As such, offerors agree to exclude GST or any similar taxes or fees from its cost proposal.

5.6 Eligibility: By submitting an offer in response to this RFP, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. CNFA will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government.