

AMENDMENT #1: 2025-21001A Bulgaria Small Modular Reactor Study

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Please note that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Technical Assistance for the Bulgaria Small Modular Reactor Study is amended, as follows:

Questions, Answers and Clarifications: This amendment consists of clarifying questions and answers submitted by potential Offerors regarding the RFP packet. Responses to submitted questions are attached.

Question #1:

I am writing in regard to a question on the fixed price aspect of both the Philippines and Bulgaria nuclear technical assistance RFP currently open. I understand both are fixed to price to the amount identified in the RFP, however what is the fee basis? Is the fixed price based on commercial rate or is this a cooperative agreement type fee structure where no profit is allowed?

AI: USTDA does allow reasonable fee and profit for grant activities, but as noted this activity is fixed price. USTDA defers to offerors on how to develop a staffing plan based on the fixed price structure for RFP solicitations.

Question #2:

Why are the grant amounts cited in Section 1 and in Appendix 4 not the same amount?

A2: Section 1 sets out the value of the TA. The value in Appendix 4 was an estimate which gives a rough estimate of value for the different tasks. Also, the section I amount includes the potential contingency costs such as travel per diem, transportation, insurance, etc.

Question #3:

Clause C (A) – ‘All legal entities who perform any part of the Activity as the Contractor or a Subcontractor shall be U.S. Firms’

- a. Clarification #1 - Please could you clarify whether eligibility to submit a proposal is limited solely to U.S.-headquartered entity, or whether a subsidiary covering Europe, would also be eligible to submit a proposal as part of the wider Amentum U.S. group?

A3: Only a U.S. firm would be eligible to submit a proposal, the Europe based subsidiary does not likely meet the requirements to qualify as a U.S. firm. Please see the U.S. Trade and Development Agency's Nationality, Source and Origin Requirements, Section E that defines a "U.S. Firm" linked below for reference.

[USTDA Nationality Requirements November 2023](#)

Question #4:

1. Clause C (B) – ‘All natural persons who perform any part of the Activity as the Contractor or a Subcontractor, or as an employee of the Contractor or of a Subcontractor, shall be either (i) U.S. citizens, or (ii) non-U.S. citizens lawfully authorized to work, or admitted for permanent residence, in the United States.’
 - a. Clarification #2 – Please could you clarify whether personnel based in Europe who are non-U.S. citizens and who do not hold U.S. work authorisation or permanent residency would be eligible to perform activities under the proposed delivery model, including whether such participation would be permissible within the nationality and subcontracting provisions of the RFP and USTDA grant requirements?

A4: All individuals working for Contractors or Subcontractors for the Activity would need to be a U.S. citizen, non-U.S. citizen lawfully authorized to work or admitted for permanent residence in the United States. However, up to 30% of the grant funds may be used to pay work performed by people that are citizens of the host country, or lawfully authorized to work, or admitted for permanent residence in the host country. Section C(1) of the above linked nationality, source and origin requirements discusses this further. Third country labor should not be used, but if it is necessary to carry out a USTDA grant using third country labor, you must first request and obtain a waiver of USTDA's nationality, source and origin requirements. USTDA does grant waivers to use some funds for third country labor in very limited situations. Only if a waiver is granted may third country labor be paid for using USTDA grant funds.

Question #5

In Section 3: Proposal Format and Content, it states that the proposal must include a "U.S. Firm Information Form". Is there a specific form that needs to be completed?

A5: Please note that USTDA no longer requires a "U.S. Firm Information Form" to be submitted as part of the proposal.

Question #6:

Why does Criterion 5 in Section 4 state "Cost to perform the TOR work" when it is a fixed amount and cost will not be a factor in the evaluation as stated in Section 1.3?

A6: The grant is a fixed amount. The award criteria has been updated to reflect this. Please see the updated award criteria below.

Criteria	Importance (points out of 100 total)
1. Prior experience on similar work scopes, with an emphasis on nuclear-specific experience and very recent SMR-specific experience.	45
2. Knowledge of the Bulgarian nuclear industry, experience in the Central and Eastern European region, and experience in the European Union.	15
3. Overall depth and breadth of project team.	15
4. Client references from prior work.	10
5. The overall plan for executing the Technical Assistance scope of work.	15