

Web Chat on FY 2014 Solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications (Updated 5/30/2014)

	Question	Answer
<p>5/20/2014 10:19:29 AM</p>	<p>1) For SCA 14-04 - Are STSS Capacity Building activities under Objective 1 only in the San Pedro Sula area?</p> <p>2) Can DOL please provide up to date links for the documents in page 20-21?</p> <p>3) Can applications include a works cited and/or list of consultations as an annex?</p> <p>4) Can the Freedom of Associate Specialist Position be fulfilled by a sub-grantee?</p> <p>5) Are the 6 PPRs requested in the annex for each partner or total?</p>	<p>1) No, as stated on page 8 of the SCA, "For the first objective, applicants must work in the Department of Choluteca and in at least one of the Departments of Valle, El Paraíso, Intibucá, or La Paz, as well as in the San Pedro Sula area."</p> <p>2) The links on page 20-21 changed due to a recent reorganization of the ILAB website. The corrected links follow: Information on previously funded projects in Honduras is available at: http://www.dol.gov/ilab/map/countries/honduras.htm (p.20); The submission is available at: http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/pdf/HondurasSubmission2012.pdf (p.21); ILAB's most recent report to Congress on the implementation of the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR, which includes information on the Government of Honduras' capacity and enforcement efforts is available at: http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/pdf/FINAL%202011-CAFTA-DR-REPORT%20AND%20ANNEXES.pdf (p.21).</p> <p>3) There is no requirement that applications include a list of works cited or a list of consultations as an annex. Typically, applications will cite resources consulted using a footnote.</p> <p>4) The Freedom of Association specialist(s) may be fulfilled by a sub-grantee provided that they fulfill the requirements of key personnel outlined on pp. 24-25 of the SCA and of the Freedom of Association Specialist(s) position outlined on p. 26 of the SCA.</p> <p>5) As stated in p. 33 of SCA-14-04, Applicants must provide references for past performance (no more than a total of six (6) references per Application in response to the SCA). Applicants should prioritize submission of references related for those organizations that will be performing work to meet the main objectives of the project. References must be included for the Applicant(s). References should also be submitted for subgrantees and/or subcontractors providing services related to project intervention strategies (see Section I.D.), but again, with the limitation that no more than a total of six (6) should be submitted with the Application. Projects included in the table must have been</p>

	6) The SCA states that the focus on child labor be mainly in the agricultural areas, however, will DOL consider applications that also address children in domestic labor?	<p>active within seven years of the issuance date of the SCA.</p> <p>6) As stated on pages 7 and 51 of the SCA, applicants must use an area-based approach that targets all forms of child labor violations and labor rights within a defined geographic area.</p>
5/20/2014 10:45:55 AM	Please clarify what specific financial documents are required for local partners with budgets under \$500,000 and over \$500,000.	As stated on page 35 of SCA 14-04, “[f]or all proposed subgrantees and/or subcontractors that are for-profit or non-U.S.-based organizations, Applicants must submit English versions of the summary of their audit findings and opinion letters for their most current independent financial audit.” This requirement applies to all subgrantees, regardless of their budget amounts.
5/20/2014 10:47:46 AM	Please clarify whether subgrantees with budgets under \$500,000 are required to present detailed budgets, or if they can be presented as line items under the Prime Applicant's budget. Thanks,	As mentioned on page 36 of SCA 14-04, “[t]he Cost Proposal must include a summary outputs-based budget, along with specific outputs-based budgets for the Applicant and each proposed subgrantee/subcontractor.” This requirement applies to all subgrantees regardless of their budget amounts.
5/20/2014 10:48:52 AM	Could DOL please confirm that the response to Nick's question regarding M&E costs on page 23 of SCA-14-05 also apply to SCA-14-04 (page 37)?	<p>SCA 14-04 and 14-05 have slightly different M&E requirements. For SCA 14-04, as cited on page 37, Section 2 Project M&E, all USDOL funded projects must allocate funds to cover the costs associated with project M&E activities. Projects must set aside at least 8 percent of the project budget to cover the costs associated with project monitoring and evaluation activities. This 8 percent should be included as its own line item/category within the outputs-based budget. On the SF-424A, this amount can be included in the category “6h-other.” M&E costs associated with monitoring and evaluation are listed in the SCA and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular collection and processing of monitoring data for project beneficiaries at the child and the household level, including any necessary travel to monitor the work status of each beneficiary.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least \$70,000 to support the external interim and final implementation evaluations. Resources permitting, USDOL will directly contract the external evaluators to design and implement the evaluations. However, the project will be responsible for certain support costs for each evaluation such as translation of the evaluation report from English into the local language, providing ground transportation for the external evaluator, hosting an evaluation stakeholders meeting, and in-country transportation and accommodation costs for staff and other stakeholders' participation in the meeting.
5/20/2014 10:53:03 AM	SCA-14-05 Is the applicant meant/able to propose ideas for the additional six countries in the technical section?	The SCA requires applicants to propose strategies in Burkina Faso and Nepal and to describe their approach to funding the other six remaining countries based on strategies for increasing country capacity by region. SCA 14-05 does not require applicants to propose ideas for the six other countries
5/20/2014 10:53:35 AM	SCA-14-05 The title of item IV.B.7 on page 19 is Results Framework and Project Definitions of Child Labor but the instructions that follow do not include direction regarding the inclusion of project definitions of child labor nor does the results framework template in the Management Procedures & Guidelines (MPG). Can USDOL clarify whether project definitions of child labor should be included in the results framework annex, and what is intended?	DOL will be publishing an amendment to add the following language to this section clarifying that applicants may include language on child labor definitions in their results framework: "Applicants may include any project-specific definitions for "child labor" and "children at high-risk of entering child labor" that they propose to use in implementing their project if needed to clarify the applicant's proposed strategy. The Applicant's definitions for these terms must be consistent with those definitions provided in this SCA."
5/20/2014 10:53:51 AM	SCA-14-05 For the two identified countries (Nepal and Burkina Faso), will the most	As stated on page 11 of SCA 14-05, USDOL encourages Applicants to establish partnerships that advance the goals of the award, especially with local organizations. Moreover, as stated on page 30, a technical review panel will evaluate each responsive application against the criteria described in the SCA.

	competitive applicants name specific local implementing partners and the roles those local organizations will play in the project?	
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