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U.S. MAB will accept proposals of a maximum length of six (6) pages that outline how the objectives described below could be accomplished.

A curriculum vitae (C.V.) of a maximum length of four (4) pages for each principal(s), that clearly demonstrates a history of competency in the implementation of such tasks, must accompany the proposal.

Proposals may not request more than the sum of forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars to implement this initiative.

All proposals must specify that all tasks will be completed at the headquarters of the U.S. Peace Corps or at other appropriate sites, as directed, on a half-time basis of 130 days during the period of March 13, 1995 through September 30, 1995.

Payments will be made on a quarterly basis in equal installments.

All proposals and accompanying documents must be received by the U.S. MAB Secretariat no later than the close of business (COB) on February 28, 1995. Proposals and c.v.'s will be evaluated on the criteria noted in the following section.

Selection will be made no later than March 3, 1995. Selected candidate principals must be prepared to implement their proposals beginning on March 13, 1995.

Objectives

To provide technical assistance to the U.S. Peace Corps, including but not limited to:

—Further develop the ongoing collaboration with the Environmental Sector in the design of Environmental

Education projects and project components. As part of this effort, develop and coordinate in-service training workshops in Education and the Environment for Volunteers and their counterparts teaching math, science and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in countries which are requesting this assistance;

- Take primary responsibility for providing technical support to Peace Corps Education projects, including, but not limited to, the following activities;
- Undertake approximately four consultancies to respond to requests from Peace Corps posts for technical assistance in project development, training development, or project evaluation;
- Develop and manage other initiatives in education, including, but not limited to, collaboration with other governmental and private agencies offering assistance to Peace Corps in project development and training;
- Review/select materials to be distributed through Peace Corps' Information Collection Exchange (ICE);
- Initiate and manage the development of training manuals and materials;
- Support the Agency in the implementation of PATS (Programming and Training System), including project design, monitoring, and evaluation assistance.
- Collaborate with incumbent Sector Specialists in the following tasks.
- Participate in project plan reviews for environmental education projects.
- Undertake annual reviews of country programs and technical assistance requests.
- Coordinate consultancies to respond to programming and training requests from the field, including developing and managing budgets and hiring and managing consultants.
- Work with other Education Sector Specialists in regular sector activities, including, but not limited to:
- Initiating and maintaining collaborative relationships with private organizations and other government agencies;
- Preparing documentation of sector activities;
- Sharing administrative tasks of the sector including managing budgets and coordinating activities;
- Collaborating with other sectors in OTAPS (Office of Training Program Support); for example, incorporating attention to WID (Women in Development) and Youth Issues into Education Sector projects/activities, and with other offices in Peace Corps.

Selection Criteria

- Performance record of the proposed principal;
- Demonstrated ability of the proposer to design and deliver training for environmental education.
- Demonstrated ability of the proposer to manage budgets and personnel;
- Demonstrated ability of the proposer to conduct needs assessments and develop project design;
- Fluency in Spanish or French preferred.

For further information concerning technical or grant performance-related inquiries, please contact: George Mahaffey, Director, Office of Training and Program Support, U.S. Peace Corps, Room 8624, 1990 K Street N.W., Washington, DC 20526, Tel. (202) 606-3101, FAX (202) 606-3204.

For submission of proposals: Roger E. Soles, Executive Director U.S. MAB, OES/EGC/MAB, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522, Tel. (703) 235-2946.

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