Request for Information (RFI) on USAID New Energy Activity in Central Asia

Deadline for response: December 12th, 2023

Purpose: The United States Agency for International Development, Central Asia (USAID/Central Asia) is gathering information for an anticipated project design in support of the U.S. Government’s efforts to increase regional electricity interconnection, promote and incorporate green energy, catalyze investment in energy efficiency, and increase transparency in energy markets throughout Central Asia.

Questions:

Part 1

1. How can USAID spur both public and private investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout the region? Noting that currently, subsidized energy tariffs limit cost recovery of many investments.

2. What are the biggest barriers to USAID’s goal of regional energy interconnectivity and/or green energy/efficiency? And what are the opportunities that USAID should prioritize to overcome these barriers?

3. What existing or emerging regional and/or technical trends do you envision will be central to energy sector transformation over the next few years?

4. How can this mechanism provide expertise while enabling and promoting locally led development (communities, private entities, NGOs, women-led and youth-led organizations, etc.)? Propose an illustrative activity(s) that that you and your partner organization(s) could implement that would achieve one or more impacts in table 1.

5. What transformative impacts, listed in table 1, can realistically be achieved in the regional electricity sector within the given time frame (five years)? Propose illustrative activities that can be implemented to achieve these goals.

6. Central Asian countries have ambitious plans for e-vehicle growth, which includes domestic production of e-vehicles, significant investment in charging infrastructure, and tax exemptions for e-vehicle purchases. What are the challenges in achieving these plans and are there opportunities for USAID to support the adoption of green transportation in the region?

7. Are there other areas of interventions that USAID should be considering for future energy sector programming?

Part 2

Please provide your relevant organizational capabilities in this sector and region including: past work in any of the noted technical areas in Central Asia or elsewhere; core capabilities; experience with other stakeholders; experience implementing pilot projects that has led to wide adoption without further donor funding; or other relevant information.

Submission Instructions:

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Responses must be submitted electronically to AlmatyAASolicitations@usaid.gov with a copy to Jannat Koksalova, Administrative Agreement/Contracting Officer, at zkoxalova@usaid.gov and Raphael Metzger, Regional Supervisory Contracting Officer at rmetzger@usaid.gov by the December 12th, 2023 with the subject line “RFI No.72011524RFI00001 – USAID New Energy Activity in Central Asia”

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