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Subject: Requesting SOW/Budget via the USAID BAA for OpenLMIS v3.1/3.2

Hello to my PATH, VR and JSI colleagues,

As mentioned briefly during the OpenLMIS Community Meeting two weeks ago, I am reaching

out to your groups as key stakeholders in the USAID BAA for Strengthening Global Digital

Health and Interoperability Coordination as well as the OpenLMIS Rearchitecture

efforts. USAID/GH/OHA/SCH is interested in buying into the mentioned BAA in order to

augment the BMGF grant work already underway for the OpenLMIS re-architecture from v2.0 to

v3.0. As key stakeholders in both of these efforts, I am asking you to help refine the scope of

work and then provide a budget estimate necessary to accomplish that scope.

My understanding from the USAID Global Development Lab (the Lab) who currently oversees

the BAA, that the Implementing Partner (IP) team is currently finalizing their management and

fee structure for the BAA. I’m also under the impression at least right now, that PATH will

likely be the leading/managing IP for the BAA. I happily leave these negotiations to the IPs, but

do request that any management fees that get applied to funds intended for use by sub-agreement

partners be minimized to the fullest extent in order to preserve as much funding for the actual

work as possible. That being said, we understand the need for management and oversight and do

appreciate the need to include these activities in the plan requested by this email (but please keep

these activities streamlined as possible).

Based on recent conversations with VR, BMGF and the Lab, VR has received approval from

BMGF to proceed with their design and development work to move OpenLMIS from version 2.0

to 3.0. The OpenLMIS 3.0 functionality does not encompass all the current customized

functionality in use in the USAID OpenLMIS implementations in Tanzania, Zambia and Cote

d’Ivoire. USAID would like to further the BMGF funded re-architecture work to include the

additional functionality that would allow USAID’s implementations to more easily migrate to the

new version.

High Level Scope:

USAID would like to contribute to the funding of the OpenLMIS re-architecture. Before USAID

can augment BMGF’s OpenLMIS project, we need to understand the gap between OpenLMIS v

3.0 and v 3.1 & 3.2, to fully identify the functionality/code deliverables under consideration for

USAID funding. In addition, USAID is interested in funding the on-going OpenLMIS code and

community administration work that is possibly currently unfunded through the BMGF

grant. Finally, a few other open source tools (ForLab and Equip both of which are currently

maintained by SCMS and being transitioned for up to 1 year to the new supply chain contractor,

PSM, for management) are under consideration to be managed at a very low level under the

BAA as well. We will provide the existing management documentation to help inform scoping

activities necessary to take on the low-level management of these tools. Because the OpenLMIS

re-architecture work and the BAA management are currently being fully defined, USAID would

like the relevant partners to consider USAID’s needs as identified above and submit a proposal

by 22 June 2016.

Additional parameters that should be factored into the scope include:

- USAID wants to keep the tool development streamlined and prefers to keep the

development activity with one partner for cost and time efficiencies

- Reuse of existing code where possible should be a priority to prevent duplication of

prior efforts. Additionally, consultation with the actual code developers should be

included to ensure knowledge transfer.

- Incorporate GS1 standards into the tool going forward to enable the end to end

visibility best practice that we are promoting

- If the BMGF funded activities do not include code for data migratation from

OpenLMIS 2.0 to 3.x, please include this as a separate activity for USAID for possible

later funding

- Any conference call and face to face OpenLMIS Community and Development

meetings should include representation from USAID OpenLMIS country implementation

teams;

- Administration activities should be estimated in one year periods for up to 3 years.

I'm happy to have follow-up conversations as necessary. I'm not available Wednesday/Thursday

this week (June 8th & 9th), but will make time as needed.

Thanks,

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