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Re. Inquiries regarding IFES Request for Applications: Egypt Voter Education and Information Programs

1. Who can respond to IFES Request for Applications (RFA)? Can NGOs that have only been registered for a year apply for IFES grants?

The eligibility criteria to apply are clear in the announced RFA. Any registered NGO with the Ministry of Social Affairs – regardless of how long it has been registered– is eligible to submit a proposal to IFES in response to the RFA.

2. What is meant by “background/logical framework?”

This section deals with the extent to which the applicant can explain the overall activities that are planned. The applicant must demonstrate a clear understanding of the current political context and how the proposed activities fit within such context. In that respect, the proposal should clearly describe the understanding of the applicant of such circumstances and how to achieve the best results. The logical framework deals with how the proposed activities would satisfy the overall project objectives. The framework also explains how the different activities will be implemented. Such information is better provided in tables.

3. Usually there is a problem with securing the approvals from the Ministry of Social Solidarity as related to receiving foreign funds. This will delay the disbursement of funds and will affect program implementation.

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems IFES is an international non-governmental foundation registered with the Egyptian Ministry of Social Affairs and the



Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Therefore, organizations working with the Foundation on specific programs should not face any obstacles.

4. We need help in obtaining the DUNS number

The DUNS number can be obtained via <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>, the process usually takes around 24 hours. Applicants should identify their organization as a Federal grant applicant/prospective applicant.

5. Can we submit a project to cover awareness raising activities in several governorates? What is the maximum target to be covered in those campaigns?

Applicants can submit proposals to cover various activities either in several governorates or just one. There is no ceiling regarding the target beneficiaries from the awareness raising campaigns.

6. Can activities include issuing electronic ID cards?

Activities can include assisting citizens and motivating them to issue ID cards.

7. The elections schedule is as follows: the presidential elections will coincide with the referendum on the constitution; followed by the local administration law and the related elections. Can applicants submit a proposal to include all three in a suitable timeframe to combine both informational and educational?

Yes, proposals can include the electoral events in their respective timeframe to combine both types of campaigns mentioned in the RFA. However, the proposed schedule should be considered preliminary and flexible – not rigid (especially that the Presidential elections are the only event where there is some certainty about the period).

8. While evaluating the proposals, do you take into consideration the previous cooperation between the NGO and IFES?

IFES takes into consideration previous experience of applicants based on the following:

- Past experience in the same technical area and demonstration of clear impact from past efforts.
- The ability to reach a wide audience through existing networks.



- Adequate monitoring and evaluation processes used.
- Adequate financial management systems in place.
- Adequate skilled human resources to administer the project, including an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of key staff.

9. Can we get a Microsoft Office Word version of the RFA?

No. The RFA can only be provided in PDF format.



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