

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems

Request for Applications Answers to Enquiries for the Development of Full Reach Grants: Burkina Faso and Niger

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The Management Entity at the University of Florida

FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS (LSIL):

Responses to the questions about the development of full Reach Grants for the LSIL Request for Applications (RFA) for Burkina Faso and Niger that were submitted by interested applicants by the June 14, 2017, deadline

Note: Questions are posted verbatim as phrased by the enquirer, after correcting for spelling and other minor errors and deleting of details that are not pertinent, including references to particular institutions. Similar questions from different individuals are grouped together and a single answer is provided.

A. Proposal Submission and Selection Process

A1. We are at work on preparing the proposal. One detail that might take some lead time has come up. Are we anticipating that we get updated letters to reflect the change from a concept note to a reach grant proposal from our collaborators? Are the concept note letters of affiliation sufficient or would you like them updated?

The letters of affiliation or support obtained during a Reach grant concept note stage will be sufficient if they explicitly indicate that the collaborating institution supports the full proposal (i.e., not just concept note). If they do not have a similar statement, we would need an updated letter.

A2. The original RFA had the June 30 due date for our full proposals. The online version I am seeing now on your web site has a July 6th due date noted. I am assuming the later date is a revised date but will wait to see your statement I think we have coming later this week.

The due date for the full Reach Grant proposals is as indicated on the LSIL website i.e. July 6, 11:59:59 pm EDT.

B. Proposal budget and costs

B1. The lead institute's audited indirect cost rate is 15.8 %. What is the maximum rate allowable? I had assumed in the concept note it was 10% as indicated, i.e. (10% de minimis indirect cost as defined in 2 CFR 200.414(f))

An institution may claim up to its approved audited indirect cost rate as specified in its federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) if available. For organizations without a NICRA, a 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as defined in 2 CFR 200.414(f) is allowed.

B2. The CGIAR is required to contribute to the Cost Sharing Percentage of 2%. Is this permitted to be added to the budget under indirect cost or elsewhere?

The "Cost Sharing Percentage" referenced in this question appears to be a specific expense internal to CGIAR. The allowability and applicability of this expense should be determined within the framework of the CGIAR's Financial Guidelines. If allowed, it should be added in a budget line as indicated in the guidelines or as dictated in the institution's standard policies. Please note that this RFA does not request or require cost share.