Addendum 1 – Request for Proposal for Pacific Media Assistance Scheme Phase 5

Q1. Section 1 of Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal says that the Invitation should be read in conjunction with a "draft contract agreement". When will this be provided?

A1. The draft agreement has now been published.

Q2. Section 3 of the Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal states that Applicants must fill out table 2. There is no Table 2 in the document, but we presume this refers to the applicant details requested in section 3.1. Is this correct?

A2. This is correct. The Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal has been updated to reflect referencing errors.

Q3. Section 3 of the Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal states that Applicants must respond to the Invitation as described in section 3.3-3.8. Should this refer to section 3.2 – 3.3?

A3. This is correct. The Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal has been updated to reflect referencing errors.

Q4. Attachment 1 of the Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal, penultimate bullet states "I warrant that the Organisation has not received grant funding for this Activity from another source other than that declared in Section 3.5 of this proposal." What section of 3.5 does this relate to?

A4. The reference to Section 3.5 has been replaced with Section 3.1. The Invitation to Submit an Activity Proposal has been updated to reflect referencing errors.

Q5. Section 4.1 of the Guidelines, Eligibility and Selection Criteria states that eligible proposals must "put forward a proposed program plan that does not exceed $20 million over 10 years, and options to reflect". Elsewhere in the Phase 5 documentation, the baseline funding is AUD2.5million per annum for 10 years, so 25 million. Can you please confirm if section 4.1 should also be 25 million?

A5. Reference to $20 million has been removed and replaced with $25 million as intended.

Q6. In section 4.1, can you please also confirm if other clarifying language should follow "options to reflect"? We presume that this is a request for a program plan that illustrates options to increase the funding envelop to 50 million or 70 million described in the investment concept. Is this correct?

A6. This is correct. The missing text has been inserted to reflect the options to increase the funding envelope.

Q7. A significant portion of the budget, at least 1/3 is expected to be sourced from bilateral contributions. Is this full investment expected to be realised?

A7. We cannot confirm the bilateral contributions available for the full investment period. As an early priority confirmation of the total funding for the first 5 years will be sought, with additional funds for the final 5 years under the extension option closer to the commencement of the extension period.

Q8. I would also be grateful to be notified if any virtual information session will take place or to be notified of any record or questions.

A8. We have not yet had a request for a virtual information session. We will update this webpage to notify if an information session will be held.

Q9. Would there be any restrictions on a non-Australian organisation being a consortium partner to an eligible Australian organisation?

A9. Subject to the Guidelines, Eligibility and Selection Criteria, the invitation does not preclude non-Australian organisations from potential consortium participation with an eligible organisation. All eligible lead organisation and consortia **must** demonstrate sufficient financial and organisational capacity to deliver the proposal in the Pacific region in a manner that is efficient, effective, economical, and ethical (i.e. achieves Value for Money). DFAT reserves the right to consider administrative efficiency in all proposed consortia arrangements.

Q10. What obligations apply to organisations under a consortia arrangement?

A10. Due Diligence will be undertaken on consortia organisations as a partner to the to the preferred partner prior to executing an agreement in accordance with Due Diligence Framework.