**Questions & Answers**

**Proposal Request No. RFP-2023-04**

**Assessment of Financial Transaction Assistance Effectiveness and Recommendations for TMS**

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| **Questions Received** | **Answers** |
| We have implemented projects for both USAID and ACDI/VOCA in the past, but the statement regarding licensing in the US is not clear for us. Inspiring development is incorporated in Germany – would that preclude us from participating? Is there a specific licensing intended, or does it mean that the consultant company must be incorporated in the US? | Geographic code 937 authorizes the ***Transforming Market Systems Project*** ***(TMS Project)*** to purchase goods and services from the ***United States, the recipient country (Honduras), or other developing countries (***[***https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/310maa.pdf***](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/310maa.pdf)***)*** but excludes advanced developing countries and prohibited source countries. Based on the above, a German company is not authorized under the approved Geographical code. Approval processes to subcontract with a firm outside of the 937 code will unlikely meet the required period of performance of this subcontract. |
| Regarding the contract volume – are you able to give any indication of the project size? Many tenders give such an indication either in the form of a budget frame, or an expected level of effort. This would help to design a project that is relevant for your needs, since a project of for example 100k would be able to incorporate much more detail whereas a 20k budget would indicate that a quick, high-level review is intended. | TMS Project has a budget of $30,000 for this purchase. |