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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOR

RFP SOLICITATION NUMBER: FY17-RFP01-6014

Issued by: University Research Co., LLC

USAID Reading within Reach (REACH)

USAID Contract No. AID-OAA-M-14-00001

Reference: Early Childhood Education and Literacy Study

Date of Issue: 17 January 2017

Closing Time and Date for Proposals: 5:00 p.m. EST, 3 March 2017

Proposals must be emailed to: reading@urc-chs.com



1. Is it acceptable to propose meetings, honoraria and travel expenses for experts to convene and discuss the study?

Response: Yes.

2. Could URC please indicate any (all) travel requirements for this opportunity?

Response: Offerors should propose the level of travel they feel is necessary to successfully conduct the work.

3. Section 2.4 states the anticipated award will be firm fixed price. However, the cost proposal specifications request detailed budget information, including detail on the personnel wages, fringe benefits and indirect costs. In accordance with FAR 16.202-2, firm fixed price is only used when fair and reasonable prices can be established at the outset. As such, may the offeror provide fully loaded labor rates and other direct costs or a breakout consisting of total labor, other direct costs and total indirect costs? In the alternative, if the offerors are required to submit detailed cost information, would URC be willing to sign an NDA to protect the business confidential information being provided?

Response: Per FAR 16.202-2, a firm fixed-price contract is suitable for acquiring supplies or services on the basis of reasonably definite functional or detailed specifications when the contracting officer can establish fair and reasonable prices at the outset.

A firm fixed price contract works when there is adequate price competition; there are reasonable price comparisons with prior purchases of the same or similar supplies or services made on a competitive basis or supported by valid certified cost or pricing data; available cost or pricing information permits realistic estimates of the probable costs of performance; or performance uncertainties can be identified and reasonable estimates of their cost impact can be made, and the contractor is willing to accept a firm fixed price representing assumption of the risks involved.

4. Do you expect to receive a Payment Schedule in accordance to the list of deliverables?

Response: No