

PR9278024 – EUM COLOMBIA ASSESSMENT

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How is the EUM organized in Colombia? "

The End Use Monitoring program is part of the Management Section of the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement office in Colombia. A US supervisor, one local supervisor and seven team members. The local supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the EUM section, with weekly meeting conducted with the US supervisor.

2. How many people work in the EUM program in Colombia?

Nine people

3. Where are they located (in which cities or towns)?

All of the EUM team is located in Bogota

4. To evaluate the qualifications of the EUM personnel, a personal interview must be conducted. How many people need to be evaluated/interviewed?

The government expects the contractor will provide an initial work plan on how it will conduct its review, but the government anticipates that at minimum, the contractor would be required to interview the nine members of the EUM team.

To witness the INL Colombia's daily execution of the EUM program, possible travel to the fields are considered. Where are those locations?

The locations have not been defined; this will be part of the coordination once the contract is awarded and the availability of flights. The field locations may also include GOC sites in Bogota.

5. Given the travel restrictions due to COVID-19 Pandemic, how will the consulting team arrive to the field locations? Does the US Embassy organize all logistics?

We anticipate that we will not begin the travel to the different locations until national travel is reestablished. The US embassy will coordinate travel with the contractor to the field locations. The contractor would be required to cover the travel expenses for its personnel. As stated in question #4, Bogota may be one locations for the site visit to the field.

6. Regarding the Security Requirements, it is specified that the “Contractor performing this contract requires a MRPT security clearance or RSO Security Background check.”
- a. Is the MRPT security clearance and RSO security background check performed By the US Embassy?

According to SOW, vendor must have

- **Ability to obtain MRPT if US Citizen**
- **Ability to obtain successful RSO security check if non-US Citizen**

No, US Embassy will not perform the MRPT. For the RSO security check, the government will request Security Name check of the vendor /key personnel once the contract is awarded, but prior to the notice to proceed.

- b. How does the timing of the MRPT and RSO meet with the general proposed schedule? How long does it take to have the MRPT and/or the RSO for the whole team? Is there any risk that the time needed for the MRPT and/or the RSO affects the general schedule of the project?

Once the vendor is selected and prior to the notice to proceed, the government will work with the RSO office to process the name check. Name check of the key personnel, which may take four to six weeks.

7. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, can the project be online? Which security conditions for the information are required?

As stipulated in the SOW: “The COR and other INL personnel, as appropriate, will meet biweekly in person or via teleconference (ACOR by teleconference) with the Contractor to review the contract performance” It is possible to develop part of the project online via Microsoft Teams or in person as appropriate. The government will provide the contractor with the relevant documents electronically. Site visits will be performed once the national travel restriction is lifted. The Government expects the contractor to adhere to the confidentiality clause stipulated in the Statement of Work.

8. Should the company be authorized to carry out audits with the “Junta Central de Contadores? ”

The Government has established the requirements within the statement of work for the key personnel, if as part of its work plan the contractor decides to incorporate and use the Junta Central de Contadores, the government has no objections as long as they meet the minimum requirements stipulated and fully comply with the confidentiality clause.

9. The summary and main objectives of Colombia End Use Monitoring Program

This is provided in the SOW.

10. Total Budget of the project and years of execution.

Vendor question is not clear. The End Use Monitoring program is not a project, but rather part of the oversight requirement by INL to conduct annual inspections of equipment donated under the Foreign Assistance Act to the Colombian Government (counterparts) through the bilateral agreement. The EUM program is incorporated within the management section, and does not have a separate budget.

11. Years that include the analysis.

Vendor question is not clear. Please review the SOW for the requirements and also the documentation and timeline stipulated.

12. Estimated start date

Once the contract is awarded and key personnel have been cleared to proceed, the government expects to follow up the timeline established in the SOW. The government will address delays or other issues as they arise with the contracting official.