

2nd Round of Questions Regarding Digital Traceability RFP

- 1. Can you please confirm if the requirement for a UEI is the formal UEI that is obtained for an entity that is registered in the USA? Or has the term been used to mean a description of an entity that is duly registered elsewhere in the world?**

The Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is a U.S. Government (USG) requirement for U.S. and non-U.S. organizations receiving USG funding, directly or indirectly (first-tier subawardees only). While there are exceptions that apply, all must be satisfied in order to meet this requirement. Requirements on obtaining a UEI can be found at [eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 25 -- Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management](#).

- 2. Could you share the templates mentioned in Section J?**

The attachments are provided at the link for the RFP.

- 3. Can you extend the due date of proposals by 10 days?**

The due date is extended to Friday, November 8, 2024.

- 4. With reference to L.3 Past Performance/References can you please clarify the following:**

- a. Which form should offerors use?**

No form/template will be provided. Organizations should provide the following information for past performance: Name of Project, Period of Performance, Total Estimated Cost, Geographic Location of Implementation, Summary of what the project was, Name of Client/Funder, Point of Contact Name, Phone Number, and Email.

The Past Performance is to be provided in a separate annex that will not count against the page limit.

- b. 5 past performance examples are required. It is unclear if a further 5 client references are also required in the proposal for these 5 examples, or whether client references can follow post-submission/negotiation.**

An additional 5 references are not required. Client references are to be submitted along with initial proposal.

- 5. Does the proposal cover all medium to small income countries, such as Zambia?**

As stated in the RFP, "It is expected that this study will broadly cover the state of digital traceability for smallholder farmers in LMICs [low- and middle-income countries], although bidders are not expected to comprehensively examine every LMIC or agricultural value chain." The only exception to this is the explicit deep dive in Madagascar. Generally speaking, bidders are advised to focus any individual examples highlighted in the study (outside of the Madagascar deep dive) on LMICs where [USAID](#) and/or [BMZ](#) have agriculture or food security activities. Upon award, bidders can seek additional guidance from both USAID and BMZ on countries of particular interest, however, the

study should focus on analyzing broad trends, opportunities, and challenges for digital traceability and compliance tools used in the agriculture sector in LMICs broadly.