

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following represents some possible approaches to promoting the incorporation of environmental considerations into assistance and acquisitions instruments. The language needs to be tailored, it cannot be simply uncritically treated as “boilerplate” and it should really be the SO Team’s call, not the contracts officer’s. **The language must be adapted to suit each assistance or acquisition instrument. What is required for Ag and NR instruments will be very different from what is required for a D&G or Education solicitation.**

Following approval of the Strategic Plan, activities must address Environmental issues in a manner consistent with the findings of the analytical work performed during development. Findings from Environmental analysis help determine how Environmental considerations are to be addressed in the acquisition or assistance instrument.

To ensure that competitive solicitations comply with USAID policy regarding Environmental Considerations, the SO Team and Contracting Officers should Incorporate into the request for proposal/assistance (RFP/A), in the Background, SOW and Performance Requirements, Deliverables and/or Special Considerations portions of the solicitation;

1. A statement outlining environmental issues and include in the RFP/A an appropriately weighted technical evaluation criterion addressing Environmental considerations. Examples are as follow, to be incorporated as appropriate in the structure of the RFA/P:
 - a. Proposals will need to reflect cognizance ofs fragile resource base, and to ensure that activities are environmentally sound in design and implementation.
 - b. Proposed activities should be accompanied by statements outlining potential adverse environmental impacts and discuss how environmentally sound best practices and measures to mitigate adverse impacts will be incorporated in activity design and implementation.
2. A clear and convincing methodology for addressing environmental soundness and adverse impact mitigation in activity design, implementation and monitoring.
3. Include in the RFA/P an appropriately weighted technical evaluation criterion addressing Environmental considerations specified in the above statement, if applicable.
4. A Statement, under Deliverables as appropriate, that “an Environmental Compliance Report (ECR*) will be submitted to USAID within 45 days after each anniversary of the project start date taking into account all changes that have occurred during the reporting year.

Note that * is not yet prepared but will be a hybrid between ESR and ERF/R.