

**Annual Program Statement (APS) No. SWIM-APS-2018-001
Call for Concept Papers**

Pre-Award Conference

Monday, February 11, 2019 10:00 AM

Kefayat Hotel Conference Hall, Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh, Afghanistan

Following are the questions and answers from the Pre-Award Conference to be published to all interested applicants.

No	Questions/Request	Answers
1	Please share the names of the canals which are under SWIM coverage area.	For the list and location of canals under SWIM coverage area, please see the table below (Annex A)
2	Can companies apply for SWIM grants?	For-profit organizations, which are willing to forego profit, are eligible to apply under this APS.
3	What is the start date and end date of the APS?	Applicants are strongly recommended to submit responses under this APS at any time. However, SWIM will accept and review the concept notes on a rolling basis until June 30, 2019, subject to the availability of funds.
4	Shall we submit concept papers per province, or shall we include many provinces in one concept paper?	This depends on the applicant's capacity and approach to the concept. Applicants can consider either one province or more than one province per concept note. Applicants must make sure that concept notes meet the requirements of the APS.
5	Can we design concept papers for more than one year?	The maximum duration of any specific grant activity is 12 months. The period of performance should not exceed this duration.
6	What if selected locations are insecure?	Applicants must select secure locations for the implementation of grant activities. If locations become insecure during the course of time, SWIM will coordinate with our applicants/grantees about appropriate next steps.
7	Who will select the type of Award?	It is expected that the vast majority of grants to be awarded by SWIM will be In-Kind Grants (IKGs), which may be complemented by Standard Grants, and/ or Fixed Amount Awards (FAAs). However, the Simplified Grant format may also be used when appropriate, considering the type of grant activity, estimated value of the grant, duration and other conditions, as prescribed in ADS 303.3.24.
8	What is AECOM/SWIM guidance on partnership arrangements between	Organizations may have sub-awardees and/or subcontractors that assist in the implementation of the award but only a single, individual organization can be the grantee. The awarded

	two local organizations and specifically between an NGO and a consultancy company?	grantee recipient will be the organization responsible for the proper implementation, administration, and financial application of the award, ensuring full compliance with USAID’s rules and regulations. Any sub-award must include all relevant flow-down clauses. Applicants will be responsible for presenting a DUNS number.
9	Is international exposure allowed for key participants under this grant?	Yes, see SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION – A. ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS of APS.
10	Does this grant allow single purchase beyond \$ 5000?	No. simplified and fixed amount awards do not allow purchase of goods with unit price of \$5,000 or more. Grantee will make no purchases under in-kind grants.

List and location of canals under SWIM coverage (Annex A)

No	Name of the Canal	Province	District
1	Balkh Canal	Balkh	Balkh
2	Jalal Abad	Jawzjan	Sheberghan
3	Hassan Abad	Jawzjan	Sheberghan
4	Qanjughha	Jawzjan	Sheberghan
5	Kohne Aybak	Samangan	Center
6	Qushpara canal	Samangan	Hazrat-e- Sultan
7	Batash canal	Badakhshan	Center
8	Qadeem Intake and Canal	Balkh	Sholgar
9	Ghazni Gak	Samangan	Hazrat-e- Sultan
10	Joyzendan	Samangan	Aybak
11	Shah Gadai	Balkh	Sholgar
12	Joy-e- Kariz	Samangan	Aybak
13	Asya Abad	Samangan	Hazrat-e- Sultan
14	Baghe Pahlawan	Balkh	Sholgar
15	Sare Tangi	Badakhshan	Kishem
16	Mohammad Salabig	Baghlan	Poli Hesar
17	Tarang canal	Badakhshan	Shohada
18	Choghi canal	Samangan	Center
19	Qazel Kent and Samochak Intakes and Canals	Balkh	Sholgar
20	Sia Aab	Badakhshan	Kishem
21	Zowli	Balkh	Chemtal
22	Chochman	Samangan	Khulm
23	Asle Baharak	Badakhshan	Baharak
24	Gharibak	Baghlan	Baghlan-e-Jadid