

# Afghanistan Value Chain – Livestock (AVC-Livestock)

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0009

**Provision of Mobile Top Up Cards** 

Issue Date: June 1, 2020

<u>WARNING</u>: Prospective Offerors who have received this document from a source other than DAI/AVC-Livestock Project should immediately contact <u>AVC-L Procurement@dai.com</u> and provide their name and mailing address/email in order that amendments to the RFQ or other communications can be sent directly to them. Any prospective Offeror who fails to register their interest assumes complete responsibility in the event that they do not receive communications prior to the closing date. Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued and posted via email.

Offerors submitting incomplete proposals may be disqualified.

# 1. Synopsis of the Request for Quotation

DAI, implementer of the USAID-funded AVC-Livestock project, invites qualified vendors to submit quotations for the provision of mobile top up cards as outlined below.

1.	RFQ No.	RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0009
2.	Issue Date	June 1, 2020
3.	Title	Provision of Mobile top up cards
	Submission	Due to COVID-19, all submissions must be done electronically.
		Please submit your quotation by email to:
		AVC-L_ProcurementInbox@dai.com
		Subject should be:
		"Bidder Company Name – RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0009"
		Sending to other e-mail addresses may lead to disqualification of your bid.
5.	Deadline for Receipt	4:30 PM, Kabul local time on June 09, 2020
	of Proposals.	
6.	Deadline for Receipt	4:30 PM, Kabul local time on June 03, 2020
	of Questions	
7.	Point of Contact and	Any questions regarding this RFQ should be sent to:
	questions regarding RFQ	AVC-L_ProcurementInbox@dai.com before the deadline listed above.
	MQ	All communications regarding this solicitation are to be made solely
		through the Issuing Office and must be submitted via email.
		Each Bidder is responsible for reading very carefully and fully
		understanding the terms and conditions of this RFQ. All questions
		received will be compiled, answered in writing and distributed to all
		registered Bidders. It is each interested bidder's responsibility to check
8.	Anticipated Award	for any modification or update prior to submitting their final bid.  An award resulting from this RFQ will be a Blanket Purchase Agreement
0.	Type	(BPA). The Period of Performance under the BPA will be for a period of
	. , pc	one year starting from the signing date of the BPA.
		A Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) is a master ordering agreement that
		establishes unit prices for a category of goods that will be procured on a
		recurring basis over a fixed period of time. Individual release orders are
		issued against the BPA for specific quantities as needed. A BPA does not commit or guarantee that the project will spend any amount under the
		agreement, but rather a simplified method of filling anticipated repetitive
		needs from qualified sources. Offerors are expected to include all costs,
		direct and indirect and delivery to Kabul and regional offices, into their
		total proposed unit prices and guarantee the prices over the stated
		period of performance, not to be adjusted unless the BPA is modified or
		the period of performance of the BPA expires and a new BPA is in place.

	Issuance of this RFQ in no way obligates DAI to award the subcontract a BPA, a purchase order. One or more BPAs may be issued as a result of this solicitation. Bidders will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with the preparation of their quote.
9. Basis for Award	An award will be made using Lowest Price, Technically Acceptable method. The award will be issued to the responsible Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price that meets or exceeds the acceptability requirements described in this RFQ.
10. Delivery Terms	The top up cards must be delivered directly to AVC-Livestock offices located in Kabul, Mazar, Jalalabad, Kandahar, and Herat provinces
11. Shipment & Transportation	The vendor shall be responsible for all transportation costs.
12. Expected delivery date	Delivery must be made within 2 days after issuing release order
13. Currency of quotation	Afghani (AFN)
14. Tax and Tariff on Price Quotation	Must include all applicable taxes and tariffs
15. After-sales service required	None
16. All documents shall be in this language	English
17. Payment Terms	Supplier agrees to DAI payment terms: Payment will be made to the vendor's company account after receiving a correct invoice in response to the release order issued by the procurement department
18. Documents to be submitted and requirements	Bidder must specify all the required parameters listed in the "Technical Specifications" section. Failure to do so may critically disadvantage the bid during evaluation.
	Offerors should submit all documents as outlines in the Proposal Checklist in Attachment D.
	In addition to meeting the Technical Specifications listed above, offerors are required to meet or exceed the significant non-cost factors listed below:
	<ul> <li>a. Offerors must possess at minimum 2 of years of relevant experience.</li> <li>b. Offeror must demonstrate its ability to deliver the top up cards to the specified legations without any delay.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the specified locations without any delay.</li> <li>c. The offeror should confirm they do not require any advance payment prior to the delivery of goods.</li> <li>d. The offeror should confirm that the payment will only be made to the company's bank account.</li> </ul>

Interested Offerors may obtain a full copy of the RFQ which contains detailed instructions for preparation of the proposal. The RFQ may be collected from the address <a href="www.ACBAR.ORG">www.aCBAR.ORG</a> and <a href="www.jobs.af">www.jobs.af</a> websites

# 2. Technical Specifications

DAI-AVCL is looking to have a one-year BPA agreement for provision of mobile top up cards for AVC-Livestock offices in Kabul, Mazar, Jalalabad, Kandahar and Herat. The considered supplier is required to provide and supply top up cards based on the information provided below.

Company	Card Size 1	Card Size 2	Card Size 3
Roshan	500	250	150
Etisalat	500	250	150
MTN	500	250	150
AWCC	500	250	150
Salaam	500	250	150

#### **NOTES:**

**1.** <u>Delivery Location:</u> Top up cards must be delivered to AVC-Livestock offices in Kabul, Mazar, Jalalabad, Kandahar and Herat provinces. Exact addresses for the office will be provided upon award.

# 3. Compliance Requirements

	3. Compilant	ce Requirements
1.	Responsibility Determination	DAI/AVC-Livestock will not enter into any type of agreement with an Offeror prior to ensuring the Offeror's responsibility. When assessing an Offeror's responsibility, the
		following factors are taken into consideration:
		1. The offeror should have valid business license to operate in Afghanistan. Any
		formal business license issued from the Government of the Islamic Republic of
		Afghanistan is considered acceptable.
		2. Evidence of a DUNS number.
		3. The source, origin, and nationality of the goods are not from a Prohibited Country,
		nor have they been transported through such a country.
		4. Having adequate financial resources to deliver goods.
		5. Ability to comply with required or proposed delivery/performance schedules.
		6. Have a satisfactory past performance record.
		7. Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.
		8. Be qualified, eligible to perform work under laws and regulations of the
		Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, USAID, and/or DAI.
2.	Geographic Code	Under the authorized geographic code for its contract, DAI may only procure goods and services from the following countries.
	Code	
		<ul> <li>Geographic Code 935: Goods and services from any area or country including the cooperating country but excluding Prohibited Countries.</li> </ul>
		DAI must verify the source, nationality and origin, of goods and services and ensure
		(to fullest extent possible) that DAI does not procure any services from prohibited
		countries listed by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) as sanctioned
		countries. The current list of countries under comprehensive sanctions include:
		Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. DAI is prohibited from facilitating any
		transaction by a third party if that transaction would be prohibited if performed by
		DAI.
		By submitting a proposal in response to this RFQ, Offerors confirm that they are not
		violating Source and Nationality requirements and that the services comply with the
		Geographic Code and the exclusions for prohibited countries.
3.	Data Universal	All U.S. and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/ purchase
	Numbering	orders with a value of \$30,000 and above are required to obtain a DUNS number
	System	prior to signing of the agreement.
	(DUNS)	Organizations are exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all
		sources in the previous tax year was under \$300,000. DAI requires that Offerors sign
		the self-certification statement if the Offeror claims exemption for this reason.
		Attachment F and G for additional information.
4.	Compliance	Offerors shall be aware of the general terms and conditions for an award resulting
	with Terms &	from this RFQ. The selected Offeror shall comply with all Representations and
	Conditions	Certifications of Compliance listed in Attachment E.
5.	Procurement	By submitting an offer, offerors certify that they have not/will not attempt to bribe or
	Ethics	make any payments to DAI employees in return for preference, nor have any payments
		with Terrorists, or groups supporting Terrorists, been attempted. Any such practice
		constitutes an unethical, illegal, and corrupt practice and either the Offeror or DAI staff
		may report violations to the Toll-Free Ethics and Compliance Anonymous Hotline at +1
		855-603-6987, via the DAI website, or via email to FPI hotline@dai.com.

# **Attachment A: Proposal Cover Letter**

## [Firm's Letterhead]

## <Insert date of submission>

To: DAI Global, LLC

Afghanistan Value Chain – Livestock Project

Darya Village, Hawashenasi Road, 9th District, Kabul, Afghanistan

We, the undersigned, provide the attached proposal in accordance with the **RFQ for Provision of Mobile top up cards** (RFQ-AVCL-KAB-20-0009), issued on **June 1, 2020**.

I certify a validity period of 90 days for the prices provided in the attached proposal. Our proposal shall be binding upon us, subject to the modifications resulting from any discussions.

We understand that DAI is not bound to accept any proposal it receives.

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Firm:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Company Seal/Stamp:

# **Attachment B: Price Schedule**

No	Item		Unit Price with delivery by Region (AFN)					
No			Kabul	Mazar	Herat	Jalalabad	Kandahar	
	500 AFN Credits:							
	1. Roshan (500 AFN)							
1	2. Etisalat (500 AFN)	Each						
	3. MTN (500 AFN)	Lacii						
	4. AWCC (500 AFN)							
	5. Salaam (500 AFN)							
	250 AFN Credits:							
	1. Roshan (250 AFN)							
2	2. Etisalat (250 AFN)	Each						
	3. MTN (250 AFN)	Lacii						
	4. AWCC (250 AFN)							
	5. Salaam (250 AFN)							
	150 AFN Credits:							
	1. Roshan (150 AFN)							
3	2. Etisalat (150 AFN)	Each						
	3. MTN (150 AFN)	Lacii						
	4. AWCC (150 AFN)							
	5. Salaam (150 AFN)							

#### Notes:

- 1. Price should be inclusive of all delivery, shipment, and transportation costs
- 2. Delivery to be made to AVC-Livestock offices in Kabul, Mazar, Jalalabad, Kandahar and Herat provinces. Exact addresses to be provided upon award.
- 3. Delivery to be made within 2-3 working days after issuing a release order under the BPA

# **Attachment C: Past Performance**

Include projects that best illustrate your work experience relevant to this RFQ, sorted by decreasing order of completion date.

Projects should have been undertaken in the past five years. Projects undertaken in the past seven years may be taken into consideration at the discretion of the evaluation committee.

#	Project Title	Description of Activities	Location: Province, District	Client	Cost in USD	Start and End Dates	Completed on schedule (Yes/No)	Completion Letter Received? (Yes/No)	Type of Agreement (Subcontract, Grant, PO and fixed unit price or cost reimbursable)
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									

# **Attachment D: Proposal Checklist**

Offero	r:						
Does y	our pro	posal include the following?					
	Signed	and Stamped Cover Letter on Company Letterhead (per Attachment A)					
	Confirm	mation of Technical Specifications					
	Price Schedule (per Attachment B)						
	Past Performance Table (per Attachment C)						
	Docum	nents to determine responsibility, including:					
		Copy of Valid business license					
		Copy of tazkira/passport of president and vice-president					
		Evidence of a DUNS Number OR Self Certification for Exemption from DUNS					
		Requirement (per Attachments G and H)					

Any un-checked boxes may indicate that your proposal is incomplete. DAI/AVC-Livestock reserves the right to not evaluate any incomplete proposals.

# **Attachment E: Representations and Certifications of Compliance**

- 1. <u>Federal Excluded Parties List</u> The Bidder Select is not presently debarred, suspended, or determined ineligible for an award of a contract by any Federal agency.
- 2. <u>Executive Compensation Certification-</u> FAR 52.204-10 requires DAI, as prime contractor of U.S. federal government contracts, to report compensation levels of the five most highly compensated subcontractor executives to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Sub-Award Report System (FSRS)
- 3. Executive Order on Terrorism Financing- The Contractor is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Contractor/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. Recipients may not engage with, or provide resources or support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. No support or resources may be provided to individuals or entities that appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked persons List maintained by the US Treasury (online at <a href="www.SAM.gov">www.SAM.gov</a>) or the United Nations Security Designation List (online at: http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq\_sanctions\_list.shtml). This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub awards issued under this Contract.
- 4. <u>Trafficking of Persons</u> The Contractor may not traffic in persons (as defined in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking of persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime), procure commercial sex, and use forced labor during the period of this award.
- 5. <u>Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions</u> The Bidder certifies that it currently is and will remain in compliance with FAR 52.203-11, <u>Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payment to Influence Certain Federal Transactions</u>.
- 6. Organizational Conflict of Interest The Bidder certifies that will comply FAR Part 9.5, Organizational Conflict of Interest. The Bidder certifies that is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest. The Bidder further certifies that if the Bidder becomes aware of information bearing on whether a potential conflict may exist, that Bidder shall immediately provide DAII with a disclosure statement describing this information.
- 7. <u>Business Size and Classification(s)</u> The Bidder certifies that is has accurately and completely identified its business size and classification(s) herein in accordance with the definitions and requirements set forth in FAR Part 19, Small Business Programs.
- 8. <u>Prohibition of Segregated Facilities</u> The Bidder certifies that it is compliant with FAR 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities.
- 9. <u>Equal Opportunity</u> The Bidder certifies that it does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, religion, handicap, race, creed, color or national origin.
- 10. Labor Laws The Bidder certifies that it is in compliance with all labor laws...
- 11. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) The Bidder certifies that it is familiar with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and is in not in violation of any certifications required in the applicable clauses of the FAR, including but not limited to certifications regarding lobbying, kickbacks, equal employment opportunity, affirmation action, and payments to influence Federal transactions.
- 12. <u>Employee Compliance</u> The Bidder warrants that it will require all employees, entities and individuals providing services in connection with the performance of an DAI Purchase Order to comply with the provisions of the resulting Purchase Order and with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations in connection with the work associated therein.

By submitting a proposal, offerors agree to fully comply with the terms and conditions above and all applicable U.S. federal government clauses included herein, and will be asked to sign these Representations and Certifications upon award.

# **Attachment F: Self Certification for Exemption from DUNS Requirement**

## Self-Certification for Exemption from DUNS Requirement For Subcontractors and Vendors

Legal Business Name:	
Physical Address:	
Physical City:	
Physical Foreign Province (if applicable):	
Physical Country:	
Signature of Certifier	
Full Name of Certifier (Last Name, First/Middle Names):	
Title of Certifier:	
Date of Certification (mm/dd/yyyy):	

The sub-contractor/vendor whose legal business name is provided herein, certifies that we are an organization exempt from obtaining a DUNS number, as the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year is under USD \$300,000.

\*By submitting this certification, the certifier attests to the accuracy of the representations and certifications contained herein. The certifier understands that s/he and/or the subcontractor/vendor may be subject to penalties, if s/he misrepresents the sub-contractor/vendor in any of the representations or certifications to the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government.

The sub-contractor/vendor agrees to allow the Prime Contractor and/or the US Government to verify the company name, physical address, or other information provided herein. Certification validity is for one year from the date of certification.

# Attachment G: Instructions for Obtaining a DUNS Number - DAI'S Vendors, Subcontractors

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A DUNS NUMBER

Note: There is a Mandatory Requirement for your Organization to Provide a DUNS number to DAI I. SUBCONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS: All domestic and foreign organizations which receive first-tier subcontracts/ purchase orders with a value of \$30,000 and above are required to obtain a DUNS number <u>prior</u> to signing of the agreement. Your organization is exempt from this requirement if the gross income received from all sources in the previous tax year was under \$300,000. Please see the self-certification form attached.

**II. MONETARY GRANTS:** All foreign entities receiving first-tier monetary grants (standard, simplified and FOGs) with a value equal to or over \$25,000 and performing work outside the U.S. must obtain a DUNS number <u>prior</u> to signing of the grant. All U.S. organizations who are recipients of first-tier monetary grants of any value are required to obtain a DUNS number; the exemption for under \$25,000 applies to foreign organizations only.

NO SUBCONTRACTS/POs (\$30,000 + above) or MONETARY GRANTS WILL BE SIGNED BY DAI WITHOUT PRIOR RECEIPT OF A DUNS NUMBER.

contingent upon the winner providing a DUNS number to DAI. Organizations who fail to provide a DUNS number will not receive an award and DAI will select an alternate vendor/subcontractor/grantee.

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#### **Background:**

Summary of Current U.S. Government Requirements- DUNS

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) is a system developed and managed by Dun and Bradstreet that assigns a unique nine-digit identifier to a business entity. It is a common standard world-wide and users include the U.S. Government, European Commission and the United Nations. The DUNS number will be used to better identify related organizations that are receiving U.S. federal funding, and to provide consistent name and address data for electronic application systems.

Instructions detailing the process to be followed in order to obtain a DUNs number for your organization begin on the next page.

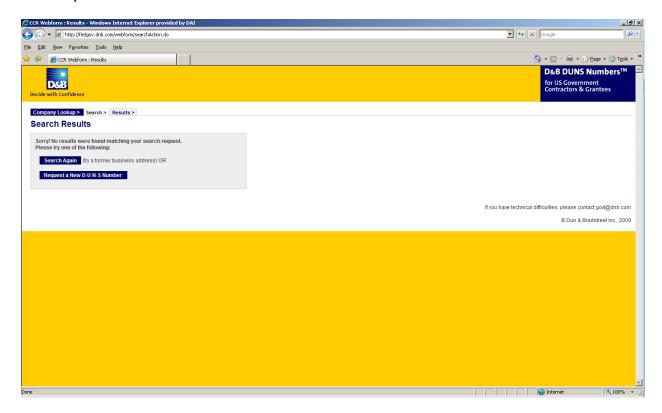
#### THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A DUNS NUMBER IS OUTLINED BELOW:

1. Log on to the D&B (Dun & Bradstreet) DUNS registration website to begin the process of obtaining a DUNS number free of charge.

http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp

Please note there is a bar on the left for Frequently Asked Questions as well as emails and telephone numbers for persons at Dun & Bradstreet for you to contact if you have any questions or difficulties completing the application online. DAI is not authorized to complete the application on your organization's behalf; the required data must be entered by an authorized official of your organization.

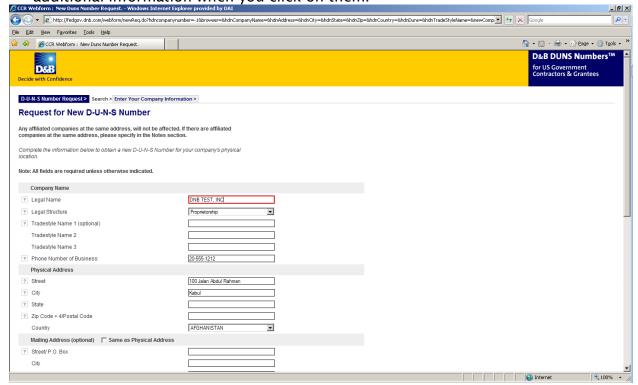
- 2. Select the Country where your company is physically located.
- 3. You will first be asked to search the existing DUNS database to see whether a DUNS number already exists for your organization/entity. Subcontractors/grantees who already have a DUNS number may verify/update their DUNS records.
- 4. Potential DAI subcontractors/vendors/grantees who do not already have a DUNS number will be shown the screen below. To request a new DUNS Number, the "Request a New D-U-N-S Number" button needs to be selected.



5. Enter the information regarding your organization listed on the next three screens. (See screen shots below.) Make sure you have the following information available (in

English) prior to beginning the process of entering this section in order to ensure successful registration.

- Legal Business Name (commas are allowed, periods are not allowed)
- Address
- Phone
- Name of Owner/Executive
- > Total Number of Employees
- Annual Sales or Revenue (US Dollar equivalent)
- Description of Operations
- 6. Note that some fields are Optional, however all other fields must be completed to proceed further with the application process. For example, all applicants must complete the Organization Information sections. The Company Name and Physical Address fields are self-populated based on information previously entered during the initial DUNS search. The question marks to the left of the field provide additional information when you click on them.

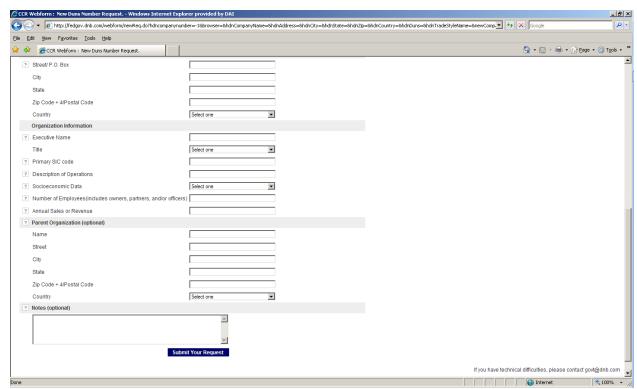


- 7. You must select the legal structure of your organization from the pull down menu. To assist you in selecting the appropriate structure that best represents your organization, a brief description of the various types follows:
  - Corporation A firm that meets certain legal requirements to be chartered by the state/province in which it is headquartered by the filing of articles of incorporation. A corporation is considered by law to be an entity separate and distinct from its owners. It can be taxed; it can be sued; it can enter into contractual agreements.

- **Government** central, province/state, district, municipal and other U.S. or local government entities. Includes universities, schools and vocational centers owned and operated by the government.
- Limited Liability Company (LLC) This is a type of business ownership combining several features of corporation and partnership structures. It is designed to provide the limited liability features of a corporation and the tax efficiencies and operational flexibility of a partnership. Its owners have limited personal liability for the LLC's debts and obligations, similar to the status of shareholders in a corporation. If your firm is an LLC, this will be noted on the organizations registration and licensing documents.
- Non-profit An entity which exists for charitable reasons and is not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit. Any money earned must be retained by the organization, and used for its own expenses, operations, and programs. Most organizations which are registered in the host country as a non-governmental organization (NGO) rather than as a commercial business are anon-profit entities.

Community based organizations, trade associations, community development councils, and similar entities which are not organized as a profit making organization should select this status, even if your organization is not registered formally in country as an NGO.

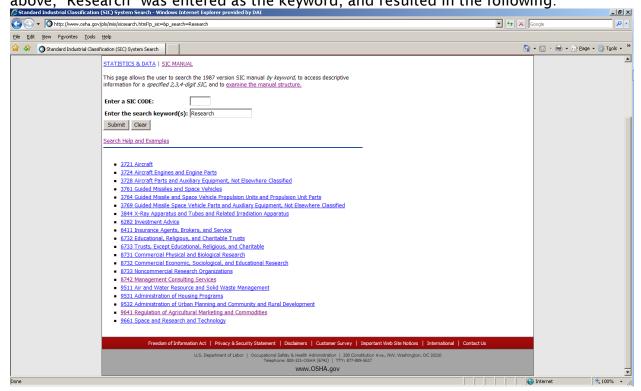
- Partnership- a legal form of operation in which two or more individuals carry on a continuing business for profit as co-owners. The profits and losses are shared proportionally.
- **Proprietorship**-These firms are owned by one person, usually the individual who has day-to-day responsibility for running the business. Sole proprietors own all the assets of the business and the profits generated by it.
- 8. One of the most important fields that must be filled in is the Primary SIC code field. (See screen shot below.) The Primary Standard Industrial Code classifies the business' most relevant industry and function.



 If you are unsure of which SIC Code your organization's core business falls under, please refer to the following website: <a href="http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html">http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html</a>



You will need to enter certain keywords to bring up the potential SIC Codes. In the case above, "Research" was entered as the keyword, and resulted in the following:



PLEASE NOTE: Many of the DAI subcontractors and grantees fall under one of the following SIC codes:

**8742** Management Consulting Services

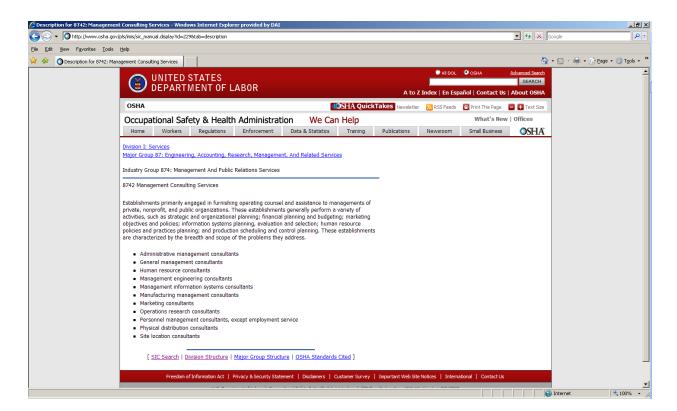
1542 General Contractors-Nonresidential Buildings, Other than Industrial Buildings and Warehouses or one of the codes within:

Industry Group 357: Computer And Office Equipment

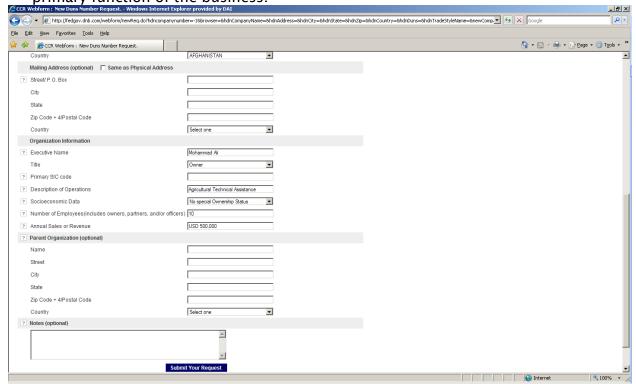
Industry Group 355: Special Industry Machinery, Except Metalworking

Industry Group 356: General Industrial Machinery And Equipment

Industry Group 359: Miscellaneous Industrial And Commercial



10.Description of Operations- Enter a brief description of the primary services you provide the example below, "agricultural technical assistance" was chosen as the primary function of the business.



- 11. The Annual Sales or Revenue figure should be provided in USD (US Dollar) equivalent.
- 12.Once all of the fields have been completed, click on "Submit Your Request" to be taken to the Verification page.
- 13. Note: Representative (Principal, Owner or Officer) needs to verify and provide affirmation regarding the accuracy of the data under criminal or civil penalties as per Title 18, Section 1001 of the US Criminal Code.
- 14.Once "Yes, Continue" button is clicked, the registration application is sent to D&B, and a DUNS number should be available within 24-48 hours. DUNS database can be checked in 24-48 hours by entering the Business Information in the Search window which should now display a valid result with the new DUNS number for the entity.

