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THE BUREAU OF COUNTERTERRORISM PROCESS FOR SOLICITING
COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROJECT
PROPOSALS

1. (U) This is an action cable (please see paragraphs 10 and 11).

Summary

2. (U) This cable describes the process for addressee posts to request and receive funding from the Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT) for projects that address CT and CVE priorities. CT wishes to work with posts and various implementing partners to design programs that advance the strategic goals outlined in the regional partnership concept papers, attached to this cable, as well as Joint Regional Strategies and Integrated Country Plans. In addition, CT is eager to work with posts and various implementing partners to design programs that advance relevant elements of the CVE Summit Action Agenda. CT's regional field coordinators and Washington-based regional program officers are available to assist posts with the development of funding proposals. Separately, CT is working with a range of Department and USAID stakeholders and posts to develop specific plans for funding that has been designated to pilot the Counterterrorism Partnership Fund (CTPF). The CTPF pilot process is focusing on three areas: Mitigating the Threat Posed by Foreign Terrorist Fighters, Countering Al-Shabaab and Violent Extremism in East Africa, and Countering Boko Haram and Violent Extremism in the Lake Chad Basin.

3. (U) CT has consolidated its various program development processes and is sending out a single solicitation to posts. CT has centrally managed funding from the Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR) and Economic Support Funds (ESF) accounts, appropriated under SFOAA 2015, to support projects. Projects can be regional or focus on a specific country. Proposals may include projects that will be implemented over multiple years; if submitting a proposal for a multi-year project, please indicate the programming and budget breakdown, by year, in your proposal. Proposal activities can only be considered for countries eligible to receive such U.S. foreign assistance. Paragraphs 9-10 explain the process and timeframe for submitting proposals, project design, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) requirements. Posts should contact appropriate CT program officers, listed in paragraph 10, if they have any questions. End Summary.

Background

4. (SBU) CT has established a series of regionally-aligned working groups that meet in Washington and coordinate with regional bureaus, posts, and other agencies to set region-specific priorities and better align CT's strategy and policy planning, program development, and diplomatic activities to advance those priorities. Through the establishment of the working groups, CT aims to better integrate and synchronize funding across funding programs to advance regional counterterrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) objectives. These working groups also aim to ensure CT programs are integrated with other core U.S. – and to the extent possible – international activities of diplomacy, development, and defense, and that CT policies are calibrated in a way that advance our values, including respect for human rights and promotion of the rule of law. Working groups are in place for the following regions: Arabian Peninsula; Europe; Horn of Africa; Iraq, Syria and the Levant; Maghreb and North Africa; Sahel region of Africa; South and Central Asia; Southeast Asia; and the Western Hemisphere.

5. (SBU) The CT working groups have developed "partnership concepts" for each of the regions, in consultation with regional bureaus, other State stakeholders, and interagency partners. These "partnership concepts," attached to this cable, outline a set of strategic goals for CT programs and activities in those regions. Proposals will be evaluated based on how well they advance those strategic objectives. CT welcomes project ideas from the field, including from Embassy or Consulate staff, U.S. interagency partners, and host-country interlocutors, including local non-governmental and regional organizations.

6. (U) While building partner nation capacity is a key element in the CT strategy, multilateral and regional organizations, communities and civil society (and the private sector) also play a key role in a country's counterterrorism and CVE efforts. As such, posts should aim to develop projects not only to bolster host government CT capabilities, but also projects aimed at building the capacity of potential non-governmental, multilateral and regional implementers and empowering civil society more broadly to play an active role in addressing violent extremism at the local level. CT is expanding its focus on addressing the drivers of violent extremist radicalization and recruitment, in line with the February 2015 White House CVE Summit. The White House CVE Summit and follow-on process has mobilized

international support for a multi-stakeholder, comprehensive action agenda to counter violent extremism (see 15 STATE 21636).

7. (U) On the multilateral and regional front, CT also seeks to strengthen the role of the Global Counterterrorism Forum – including through programs aimed at advancing the implementation of its numerous good practices documents – and its related institutions (the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF)), the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law, and Hedayah (the International Center for Excellence in CVE), as well as United Nations agencies and regional organizations to promote and implement counterterrorism and CVE good practices and to build partner capacity to address a range of CT issues such as foreign terrorists fighters. In addition, CT seeks to strengthen new CVE platforms launched at the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism, in particular the Strong Cities Network (see reporting cable on launch 15 STATE 117402), the first global network of cities and other sub-national entities focused on building community resilience and social cohesion against terrorism, and RESOLVE, a new global network of researchers focused on expanding the pool of policy-relevant local research on the drivers of violent extremism at the community level.

8. (SBU) Africa-Specific: CT works closely with the Bureau of African Affairs (AF) and Bureau of Near East Affairs (NEA) to ensure its programs in East and Northwest Africa are aligned with the goals, programs, and processes of the Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism (PRACT) and Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP). AF is sending out a related call for CVE proposals for PRACT and TSCTP ESF funding, with a deadline of December 11, 2015. AF, NEA, and CT will be in touch with relevant Posts to explain how the solicitation processes align and overlap. AF, NEA, and CT will also coordinate in reviewing all submitted proposals to integrate and maximize sources of funding, where appropriate.

Target Audience

9. (U) For projects to be funded with NADR funds, all proposals should enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to deter terrorism, such as enhancing their capacity to conduct counterterrorism investigations, counter terrorist financing, or related activities. ESF funding does NOT require a law enforcement capacity-building component. ESF programs cannot involve the military, but may support law enforcement, including prison, programs under limited circumstances (see paragraph 12 below). Proposed ESF and NADR projects should have a clear nexus to other U.S. government and CT funded activities that exist in the region. CT welcomes proposals for more comprehensive and multi-step projects that could be funded over multiple fiscal years and which demonstrate a coherent and considered approach to addressing specific gaps and needs.

How to Apply

10. (SBU) The process for CT program proposal submission, review, and approval is as follows:

- (U) CT will accept project ideas on a rolling basis until January 31, 2016. Typical proposals fall into the \$100,000-\$1,000,000 range.

- (U) Posts should develop proposals in coordination with the CT Regional Field Coordinators (formerly known as Regional Strategic Initiative, or RSI, coordinators) and/or CT program staff in Washington D.C. listed at the end of this paragraph. Other components of the Department or other U.S. government agencies may also submit proposals to the relevant Post(s), CT Regional Field Coordinator, and/or CT Program Manager for further consideration. Before submission, proposals should be fully cleared by the sponsoring Posts' front office(s) and the Posts' regional bureau(s), and be approved in principle for feasibility by the implementing partner. Where appropriate, proposals should be vetted through Posts' financial management office(s) (FMO) and general services office(s) (GSO) to ensure that program execution (e.g., sufficient warrants, etc.) at Post is feasible. Proposal submitters should also identify any existing pipeline programs that may have funding to similar or related projects — including those funded by other agencies, and state why additional funding is needed. To the extent possible, submitters should also identify similar or complementary projects implemented by other U.S. government departments/agencies, foreign governments, NGOs,

multilateral or regional entities and/or international organizations.

- (U) Proposals must identify an individual who will serve as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Grants Officer (GO), or Grants Officer Representative (GOR) if the proposal is intended to be implemented via a Department of State contract or grant, respectively. In limited circumstances CT will be able to provide a COR or GOR with an AQM GO; however posts are strongly encouraged to consider and plan the oversight involved in implementation of the proposed activity. The applying office, post or bureau must provide evidence that it has the capacity to manage the funds appropriately. For proposals that will include non-USG partners, posts will need to demonstrate the ability to carry out an open competition, sign the grant or contract, identify a certified GOR, and monitor the grant.

- (U) Proposals must lay out a strong project design, to include clearly defined objectives, an M&E plan that provides details on how performance and progress will be monitored and measured, how and when data will be collected (surveys, focus groups, before and after implementation), and who will collect the data and analyze the findings. Submitters are encouraged to provide suggested indicators at output, outcome and impact levels. Ideally, baseline data should be collected to offer a comparison against which to measure change. Good project design should take into account assumptions made of the context, environment, or perceptions in order for the project to achieve its stated objective(s). In addition, proposals should include a specified implementer (with a proven capacity to implement programs) and method of implementation, a budget with a minimum 3-5% allocated to M&E efforts (including, in some cases, the costs for an independent project evaluation), and clear objectives and expected outcomes that clearly support CT's regional strategic objectives and the regional bureau's Joint Regional Strategy and/or Integrated Country Plan. See paragraph 11 for the CT proposal template, which details the elements required for proposal consideration by CT.

- (U) CT encourages submitters to put forth proposals for integrated programs (i.e. not "one-off" projects). For the purposes of this cable, CT defines a "program" as a complete set of foreign assistance-funded activities or projects from multiple lines of effort that make up a whole "program" in a country. "Projects" are discrete activities focused on building or strengthening a specific capability.

- (U) CT encourages submitters to consider innovative projects utilizing regional or multilateral partners.

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- (U) Once submitted, proposals will be reviewed by the regional CT working groups in Washington. CT will consult with interested parties within CT, in other bureaus, and with interagency partner headquarters for field-submitted proposals that have another agency nexus, to review, refine, and rank order proposals. CT may consult with posts on revisions to align a proposal(s) more closely with the specific objectives outlined by post or with the CT strategic goals in the CT regional partnership concepts (attached to this cable) if needed.

- (U) Once proposals are selected for funding, they will be notified to Congress. The Congressional Notification process typically takes approximately 45 – 60 days. Additional time will be required to obligate funding once it becomes available. Posts should take these delays into account when planning project time frames. Since proposals will be submitted on a rolling basis, funds may be available for projects within 4-6 months of proposal submission.

(SBU) The field-based CT Regional Field Coordinators and Washington-based CT Program Officers are as follows, organized by region:

- AF - East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda) - Embassy Nairobi; Washington
- AF - The Sahel (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal) - Embassy Algiers; Washington
- EAP (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand) - Embassy Kuala Lumpur; Washington
- Europe (Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia) - Embassy Athens; Washington
- Europe (Turkey) - Embassy Ankara; Washington
- NEA (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia) - Embassy Algiers; Washington
- NEA (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates) - Embassy Ankara; Washington
- NEA (Egypt, Israel/Palestinian Authority, Iraq, Syria) - Embassy Ankara; Washington
- NEA (Jordan, Lebanon) - Embassy Ankara; Washington
- NEA (Yemen) - Embassy Nairobi; Washington
- SCA - (Afghanistan, India) - Embassy New Delhi; Washington
- SCA - Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) - Washington
- SCA (Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) - Embassy New Delhi; Washington
- Western Hemisphere (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago) - Washington

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11. (U) Proposal Template

- (1) Project Title:
- (2) Project Owner(s)/Submitter(s):
- (3) Project Purpose (Character maximum 1,000):
- (4) Description of Project Proposed (to include goal/objectives and set of activities to achieve the objectives; character maximum 4,000):
- (5) How does the proposal advance CT's specified regional strategic objectives (e.g., expected outcomes)? How does it support the Joint Regional Strategy and/or Integrated Country Strategy (Character maximum 1,000)?
- (6) [IF requesting NADR resources] How the proposal enhances law enforcement personnel's ability to counter terrorism; which may include countering violent extremism (e.g., expected outputs) (Character maximum 1,000):
- (7) What have sponsors of the proposal done to coordinate this program with representatives of other State bureaus with potential programmatic overlap, the interagency, regional, and multilateral fora? (What offices/agencies have been consulted? How did you ensure this is not duplicative of other U.S. or foreign donor assistance?)(Character maximum 4,000):
- (8) Project Monitoring (explain how you expect to regularly monitor the work undertaken in the project in terms of performance and results) (Character maximum 4,000):
- (9) Time frame for implementation (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy):
- (10) Place of implementation (by country, including all countries who may benefit from or receive funding, or who may

be invited to participate in activities):

(11) Implementing Partner information (POC):

(12) Project Audience:

(13) Funding Amount Requested (total):

(14) Funding Breakdown (by country and/or organization):

(15) Funding Implementation/Mechanism Type (i.e., Interagency Agreement (IAA), grant, contract, fund cite):

(16) If the implementation mechanism is a grant or contract, please identify the COR or GOR when the proposal is input into PAMS.

Additional fields are applicable for ATA, CTF, and CVE proposals.

The Fine Print

12. (U) The NADR funds appropriated under the SFOAA 2015 that are available to implement CT projects must be used for the purposes authorized under section 571 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA), which authorizes the furnishing of anti-terrorism assistance "to foreign countries in order to enhance the ability of their law enforcement personnel to deter terrorists and terrorist groups from engaging in international terrorist acts such as bombing, kidnapping, assassination, hostage taking, and hijacking." Thus, CT projects cannot be funded with these NADR funds unless their purpose is directly related to enhancing the ability of civilian law enforcement personnel from one or more countries to deter terrorists and terrorist groups within the meaning of section 571. Policy restrictions on assistance to wealthy, developed countries also exist. In any instance when projects would benefit wealthy countries, seek further guidance from CT prior to proposal submission.

13. (U) The ESF funds appropriated under the SFOAA 2015 that are available to implement CT projects must be used for the purposes authorized under section 531 of the FAA, which are to promote economic or political stability. Unlike NADR funding, ESF funding does NOT require a law enforcement capacity-building component. Assistance to police, prisons and other law enforcement forces is generally prohibited with ESF, except in limited circumstances, such as when promoting the effectiveness and accountability of civilian police forces in areas such as human rights, the rule of law, anti-corruption, strategic planning, and support for democratic governance. Policy restrictions on assistance to wealthy, developed countries also exist. Whether using NADR or ESF funds, proposed projects ultimately approved by CT may only assist countries eligible, for legal or policy reasons, to receive such U.S. foreign assistance funds. Among other things, this generally means that assistance should not be provided to developed countries, such as members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) members. Funding can be considered for wealthy, non-OECD countries only if the proposed project clearly addresses a development or capacity deficit whose mitigation the Mission has identified as a key U.S. policy objective for the country. In such cases, it would be helpful for the Mission's proposal to identify that deficit, describe the key U.S. policy objective, and articulate how the project will address that deficit.

14. (U) All proposals must comply with relevant provisions of the FAA; the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2015 (Div. J, P.L. 113-235); and other legislation governing the use and limitations of U.S. foreign assistance. Keep in mind that, among other restrictions, U.S. law requires the vetting of certain recipients of foreign assistance. Among the requirements when providing assistance to foreign security forces is Leahy vetting. Further guidance is found at <http://drl.j.state.sbu/lv/default.aspx>. When developing a proposal, also please note that foreign assistance funds may not be used for assistance to developed countries, with a few exceptions. Programs involving developed countries will be subject to a more rigorous review.

15. (U) In compliance with the Department's 2012 Evaluation Policy and focus on measuring results, after outlining a strong project design in their proposal and Statement of Work (SOW), implementing partners will need to submit a more detailed Workplan and Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) to CT. A template for these items will be provided by CT upon approval of the project. Additionally, as determined by the period of performance and in agreement with CT, quarterly, interim, final reports, and After Action Reports will be required following a provided format.

16. (U) All proposal submitters should be prepared to explain how counterterrorism proposals support either existing and/or future counterterrorism efforts as outlined in their Integrated Country Strategy, Joint Regional Strategy, or Functional Bureau Strategy. If not included in one of the aforementioned documents, please be prepared to discuss how your proposal will address emerging needs that have not yet been factored into these strategic planning documents.

17. (U) After funding decisions have been made, CT will notify the relevant proposal submitters and applicable regional bureaus. CT will then submit the approved proposals for Department clearance and Congressional Notification before funds may be obligated. In cases where another U.S. government agency serves as the implementing partner, CT will prepare the IAA package. Proposal submitters should be aware that the execution of an IAA may take some time, on average up to nine weeks. All FY 2015 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2016. Please note that obligation must meet the criteria in 4 FAM 80 (Administrative Control of Funds). For most proposals, that means (1) the signing of an IAA (done by CT); (2) the award of a grant; or (3) the provision by Post to a selected assistance recipient of funds transferred to Post via fund cite on a valid obligation as referenced in 4 FAM 80 (among the requirements for a valid obligation is written evidence of a commitment such as the execution of a valid IAA, grant agreement, or contract). For proposals contemplating obligations to be made by post, please communicate with the FMO, GSO, and/or embassy grants officer prior to submitting the proposal to ensure that obligations can be made at post. For any post grant over \$10,000, the post will need to obtain regional bureau clearance of the grant package prior to obligation of funds, per Department Grant Policy Directive #11. Please note that the transfer of funds via a fund cite from CT to Post does not serve to obligate funds. CT staff will assist posts whose proposals are selected for funding with final obligation of funds.

Point of Contact

18. (U) Any other questions should be addressed to CT Global Programs Manager Olga Kalashnikova, at KalashnikovaO@state.gov or 202-663-1481.

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