

## FAQs – Power Africa Off Grid Challenge - Round 4 - May 27, 2016

- 1. We intend to send our application for the new call for proposals. However, none of the senior management has passports. Can National ID be used for the application instead of a passport?**

The owner of the organization needs to hold a passport from the country in Sub-Saharan Africa where the project will be implemented.

- 2. Where and how can we submit our application?**

For projects in Kenya, please send your proposal to: [OffGridChallengeKenya@usadf.gov](mailto:OffGridChallengeKenya@usadf.gov)

For projects in Ethiopia, please send your proposal to: [OffGridChallengeEthiopia@usadf.gov](mailto:OffGridChallengeEthiopia@usadf.gov)

General inquiries can be directed to [OffGridChallenge@usadf.gov](mailto:OffGridChallenge@usadf.gov).

All information on how to apply including responses to Frequently Asked Questions is on our webpage: <http://www.usadf.gov/power-africa>. The website contains the Request for Proposals and the Proposal Template in both PDF and Microsoft Word formats. The Request for Proposals describes the Challenge in detail including eligibility criteria, project design examples, scoring criteria, guidelines for winning proposals, and timeline for entire application process. Please ensure you answer all questions in the application form fully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The deadline for applications is June 8, 2016.

- 3. Are there any technology preferences for the Off-Grid Challenge?**

Projects will be considered that employ renewable energy technologies. The type of renewable energy technologies to be proposed may include, but not limited to, solar home systems and micro-grids, biogas, biomass, hydro, wind, direct use geothermal and hybrid systems.

- 4. Is a proposed project which plans to sell power to a national grid operator company eligible for consideration of the grant award?**

The Off-Grid Challenge seeks to provide energy access to rural populations who do not have access to the national grid. Projects that solely sell power to a national grid operator will not be considered. Each individual project will need to be reviewed.

- 5. Are African companies allowed to apply with a co-applicant from another country?**

USADF is only accepting proposals submitted by companies, organizations and enterprises that are 100% African owned and 100% African managed. For example, an entity is eligible to apply in Tanzania only if all official owners, directors of the Board, and senior managers are proven citizens of a Sub-Saharan

African country and if the entity operates within Tanzania and if the proposed project's beneficiaries are Tanzanians living in Tanzania.

It is acceptable for an applying entity to employ non-senior managers and personnel who are not African. Additionally, eligible entities are welcome to collaborate with and utilize advisors, equipment, and/or technology from non-African sources. However, the technology partner cannot be an owner of the organization.

#### **6. Is a university eligible to apply for the Off-Grid Challenge?**

The Challenge can accept proposals from individual applicants provided they have a registered entity (company or organization) in the country in which they are proposing to execute the project. We welcome proposals from research institutes, universities, not-for-profit organizations and other groups. All proposals must meet the minimum qualifications as specified in the RFP section "Eligibility Criteria" and will be scored based on the criteria established in the section "Proposal Assessment and Primary Scoring Criteria." The RFP can be downloaded here: [Request for Proposals](#)