Overview
The United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) U.S. Global Development Lab seeks a partner to develop a Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC) to support scientific and research-based technical assistance needs for the Agency. The lead organization would address specific science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurial needs identified by USAID by leveraging their network of technical and research experts based at higher education institutions from both the United States and developing countries in which USAID works. The lead organization would maintain and grow their expert consultant network to address the diverse and shifting needs of USAID. Anticipated activities include: creation of evidence-to-action policy briefs, technical reports, strategic research agenda setting and research activity consultations, coordination of university-based researchers for expert panels or convenings, sector-focused trainings, and other short-term technical assistance or related technical assistance.

Eligibility
The Prime organization leading the RTAC contract as well as any general subcontracts must demonstrate that they have the logistical, management, and operational capacity to enable participation from a wide array of researchers from higher education institutions both in the United States and developing countries in which USAID might support work. The RTAC Prime will be evaluated on qualities of their proposed Partner Pool, which must include all of the following: diversity of researchers (1. female researchers, 2. researchers from U.S. minority-serving institutions (MSIs), and 3. researchers from developing countries), the technical and regional range of the proposed pool, and individual qualifications of the proposed researchers.

Proposal Deadline:
March 8, 2018
(5 PM U.S. Eastern Standard Time)

Two year base with 2 options years

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