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USAID EVALUATION, MONITORING, AND LEARNING SERVICES (EVAL-ME II)

The USAID Evaluation, Monitoring, and Learning Services (EVAL-ME II) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract is designed to support USAID in meeting diverse monitoring, evaluation, and learning requirements in USAID’s Program Cycle Policy (ADS 201) and to help USAID Missions and Operating Units more effectively support countries as they become more self-reliant. The IDIQ prime contract is held by LINC, in partnership with RTI International (RTI), the Cloudburst Group, and DevLab@Penn University. This mechanism has a five-year ordering period (2020 to 2025) and a $655 million ceiling.

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IDIQ SERVICES

Task Orders (TOs) under the EVAL-ME II IDIQ may cover the full range of analytical services, including:

- **Evaluations** – Designing and implementing performance and impact evaluations and other assessments and special studies.
- **Performance Monitoring** - Supporting USAID Missions and implementing partners in developing performance monitoring practices, tools, and processes; and drafting PMPs, MEL plans, and other reporting functions.
- **Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) and Knowledge Management** - Planning and facilitating learning activities (such as learning agendas and workshops), and producing and disseminating knowledge products.
- **MEL Capacity Building** - Building and enhancing the evaluation and performance monitoring capacity of USAID and implementing partner staff, using coaching, mentoring, and facilitation.

OUR CONSORTIUM

LINC’s EVAL-ME II consortium is composed of innovative implementers and research institutions with a dedication to evidence-based MEL practices; complementary technical, sectoral, and geographical capabilities; and, exemplary experience providing MEL services to USAID Missions and Operating Units worldwide.

- **LINC (prime)** – The 2017 USAID Small Business of the Year awardee for innovative performance on prime contracts, LINC assists local and international organizations to design effective programs, increase institutional capacity, forge impactful partnerships, and rigorously measure impact. LINC bridges the gap between research and practice and has developed and tested ground-breaking systems tools to map networks, measure social capital, assess capacity, and quickly incorporate systems thinking into design, monitoring, and evaluation. As an implementer of innovative projects like SPACES-MERL and Local Systems Practice (LSP), LINC has helped clients incorporate systems thinking, monitor and evaluate their work, and build capacity in more than 20 countries worldwide.

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• **The Cloudburst Group** - An impact-driven woman-owned small business focused on empowering communities and governments to build social, economic, and environmental resilience. Cloudburst has completed more than 40 assessments and evaluations, including more than 10 rigorous impact evaluations for USAID, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and other clients around the world. Under USAID LER II, Cloudburst is conducting multiple mid-term evaluations and performance reviews across USAID’s Center of Excellence on the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) portfolio.

• **DevLab@Penn University** - An applied learning environment at the University of Pennsylvania that connects an interdisciplinary group of faculty, researchers, and graduate students who work on international development with development practitioners to conduct rigorous research and impact evaluations across sectors and regions. DevLab@Penn University is an implementer of USAID INSPIRES, the only known data analytic approach to civil society programs.

• **RTI International (RTI)** - A renowned global research institute that goes beyond program monitoring and evaluation (M&E) by filling gaps in evidence through quantitative and qualitative research. By incorporating CLA best practices into M&E and research, RTI ensures that progress toward program objectives is guided by continuous learning and iterative adaptation. Through the USAID LEARN project, RTI supported USAID’s Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning (PPL) in providing learning, knowledge management, web design, and event planning expertise to develop CLA tools and approaches and provide demand-driven technical assistance to over 60 missions worldwide and 12 operating units based in Washington, D.C.

Our Consortium works in more than 70 countries and brings breadth and depth of technical expertise across key USAID sectors and cross-cutting areas:

- Agriculture and Food Security; Energy, Environment and Climate Change; Natural Resource Management and Climate Adaptation.
- Global Health, Water and Sanitation; Service Delivery.
- Economic Growth and Trade; Economic Development, Education, Technology and Infrastructure.
- Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance; Land Tenure and Property Rights; Social Safeguards, Rule of Law.
- Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment; Youth.
- Resilience, Working in Crises and Conflict; Private and Voluntary Cooperation; Humanitarian Assistance.

Our Consortium brings an extensive network of local partner organizations including research firms, think tanks, universities, and civil society organizations.

**GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**
EVAL-ME II is open and available to USAID Missions and Operating Units worldwide.

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