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Subject: Addendum 4 to the **Pacific Minister's Pacific Australia Awards (PMPA)** RFT of 23 January 2010

Tenderers are advised of the following:

Clarifications to the RFT

1. Delete Clause 1 **Closing Time**: “**2.00 pm** local time in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, **9 March 2010**” and replace with the new Clause 1 **Closing time**: “**2.00 pm** local time in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, **16 March 2010**”.
2. Delete Clause 1 **Tender Enquiries**: “Tender enquiries must be made before **5.00pm** local time Canberra Australian Capital Territory **22 February 2010**” and replace with the new **Tender Enquiries**: “Tender enquiries must be made before **5.00pm** local time Canberra Australian Capital Territory **2 March 2010**”.

Questions raised by interested tenderers:

3. **Question**: How many Leadership Development workshops will be required each year?

Answer: Only one Leadership Development workshop will be required in February each year.

4. **Question**: Could you please clarify what is allowable under the ‘Administration’ item on the reimbursables budget for this project? Can this include consultant fees and/or staff salaries? Can it include the managing contractor’s fee?

Answer: Administration items can include consumables eg paper for printing and copying; cartridges; communications e.g. telephone, fax costs. The Managing Contractor’s (MC) fees and staff salaries are detailed as part of Section 4 of the Basis of Payment Long Term and Short Term Personnel Costs.

5. **Question**: Although there is no incumbent for this program, the MC will no doubt be required to work closely with the current MC for ADS and ALA awards in the Pacific. How does AusAID envisage this working in practice?

Answer: There are few MCs for Pacific Posts (with the exception of PNG and East Timor). There will be minimal involvement with these MCs given the Awards are undertaken at the end of the scholarship and Posts’ involvement will also be small. AusAID envisages that the MC for the PMPA Awards will work closely with the Program Manager AusAID Canberra only.

6. **Question:** Our assumption is that the cost of repatriation for each program participant will be provided for from the ADS/ALA program and as such the MC for PMPA does not need to budget for that cost. Is that correct?

Answer: Yes.

7. **Question:** The RFT describes a placement fee (page 13 of the RFT under “Other”). Can AusAID confirm that the placement fee is paid to the host organisation?

Answer: Yes.

8. **Question:** The RFT refers to ongoing stipend payments for awardees (Page 27). Are ongoing stipend payments linked to placement fees at all and if so how?

Answer: No, stipends are not linked to placement fees.

9. **Question:** How much is the PMPA stipend?

Answer: Approximately AUD1,200 per fortnight.

10. **Question:** Will awardees require a working visa (instead of a student visa) for the work placement?

Answer: AusAID and the MC will work together with DIAC to determine the appropriate visa to which awardees should be transferred, once their work placement is confirmed.

11. **Question:** When are PMPA selections expected to be finalised each year? Will there be sufficient notice to provide for visa transfer processing?

Answer: As stated in the PMPA Awards Guidelines, Awardees will be advised by the MC of the outcome of their applications in late October each year. This will enable sufficient time for processing of the visa transfer arrangements.

12. **Question:** Is it possible to have the study locations and courses of study for current Pacific Islanders on ADS/ALA awards in Australia?

Answer: No.

All other information as set out in the RFT dated 23 January 2010, Addendum 1 dated 1 February 2010, Addendum 2 dated 3 February 2010 and Addendum 3 dated 11 February 2010 remains unchanged.