



Commitment to Evaluation (c2e) White Paper Request for Proposals

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the deadline for submitting an application?

The deadline for submission has now been extended to 11.55 pm Indian Standard Time, Wednesday, 29 February 2012.

What is the duration of the contract?

The contract would be for a total duration of 35 level of effort (LOE) days or (280 hours).

What are the key outputs and deliverables that are expected?

The consultant will develop and test the theory of change and framework for the c2e indicator. This work will involve mapping the existing data available; interviewing evaluation units and departments within donor agencies and governments to gain further insights on some of the existing incentives, bottlenecks and evaluation cultures within governments, donors and multilaterals; and making presentations at venues to be agreed with 3ie.

The consultant will co-author a white paper with 3ie staff, to be produced in two stages: a first part will be looking at some of the underlying assumptions in the theory of change and at how best to make the indicator work; and a second part will propose a specific measure to be used as the indicator along with the methodology and the data collection process necessary to calculate the indicator.

What are the deadlines for the white paper part 1 and part 2?

A presentation of a first draft paper for part 1 should be made at the NONIE conference on April 19-20 2012 in Rome (subject to acceptance by the conference organizers) and the white paper should be completed by July 2012.

Can team submit a joint application?

Yes, a team of two or more consultants can submit a joint application for the project.

Can 3ie grantees apply?

Yes, 3ie grantees and candidates interested in applying to future grant windows can apply. The selection to the Commitment to Evaluation project will not affect future eligibility for 3ie impact evaluation funding.

How to apply?

Please submit a cover letter stating how the work will be approached, CV(s), and a writing sample to cchapoy@3ieimpact.org.

What are the criteria for the selection of candidate?

The applications will be scored against demonstrated understanding of the scope of work (40%), professional capacity and experience of the researcher(s) (40%), and the remaining 20% on availability and proposed timeline.

Should the indicator be mainly focused on impact evaluation or should it cover evaluation more broadly? Should this be an index or a scorecard?

The indicator should cover the use of impact evaluation specifically, as well as evaluation more broadly such as evaluation practices, use of evidence and transparency. However, the decision about the kind of methodology and choice of specific measures to be used will be part of the research process for the white paper and will be agreed with 3ie.

When is 3ie planning to launch the indicator?

3ie is planning to first pilot the donor indicator and award in 2012, while the developing country component will be launched the following year. During the inception phase of the project, 3ie would only publicize the c2e award and not the actual scores.