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Solicitation Amendment / Modification

1.	Solicitation No.	111025/JP_01
2.	Solicitation Name	Fulbright America250 Enrichment Program – Washington DC
3.	Issue Date	November 10, 2025
4.	Closing Date	January 23, 2026
5.	Solicitation Amendment No.	2
6.	Solicitation Amendment Date	1/15/2026

7. The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 9 below.

8. The hour and dates specified for receipt of proposals/quotations:  is not extended;  is extended as described in Item 9 below.

9. Description of Amendment/Modification:

The purpose of this solicitation amendment is to inform prospective offerors/bidders that the above numbered solicitation is hereby amended to provide responses to questions as follows.

**ENTER Q&A or ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/TEXT HERE**

1. Award timing and implementation window

Given the proposal submission deadline of January 23, 2026, and the stated program end date of May 31, 2026, could you please advise on the anticipated award notification and contracting timeline? This will help assess the effective implementation period available.

**Answer:** The anticipated award notification and contracting timeline is early to mid-February 2026. The program end date will remain May 31, 2026.

2. Program start expectations

Does IIE anticipate a hard start date for the first enrichment activity or event, or is there flexibility for programming to begin shortly after award notification, provided all activities conclude by May 31, 2026?

**Answer:** There is flexibility regarding the start date of the first enrichment activity, provided that all activities conclude by May 31, 2026.

3. Target audience composition

The RFP references approximately 100 invitees per event. For planning purposes, could you share a rough estimate of the DC-area target population, and the anticipated mix among:

- Current Fulbright participants



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- Fulbright alumni
- Other stakeholders or partners connected to the Fulbright network

**Answer:** It is anticipated that the majority of participants will be current Fulbright awardees; however, specific percentages and numbers are to be determined and may vary by event based on awardee interest and availability.

Fulbright alumni will also be invited to participate, though levels of interest and participation may vary. Aside from members of the Fulbright Association (who are also alumni), IIE does not anticipate participation by other external stakeholders or partners.

4. Nature of participant interaction

Is IIE envisioning primarily structured interaction among these groups (e.g., facilitated discussions, curated networking), or is more organic networking acceptable, provided the enrichment objectives are met?

**Answer:** IIE does not prescribe a specific format for participant interaction. Both structured (e.g., facilitated discussions or curated networking) and organic networking approaches are acceptable, provided that the proposed activities effectively support the stated enrichment objectives and intended outcomes.

5. Indirect costs

We noted language suggesting that indirect costs may not be allowable, while the RFP also requests submission of a NICRA. Could you please clarify whether any indirect costs are permitted, and if so, under what parameters?

**Answer:** Indirect costs are allowable. The awardee can allocate indirect costs in the budget in accordance with their NICRA. In the absence of NICRA, indirect costs can be charged at de minimis rate of up to 15% of MTDC.

6. Cost share and in-kind contributions

While the RFP does not indicate a required cost share, could you please clarify whether in-kind contributions are expected or encouraged, and if so:

- Whether there is any informal benchmark or typical range offerors should be aware of; and
- How (if at all) cost share or in-kind contributions are considered in the proposal evaluation process.



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**Answer:** Cost share and in-kind contributions are not required under this solicitation, and there is no informal benchmark or typical range. Any cost share or in-kind contributions proposed are voluntary and may be included, but will not be considered as part of the proposal evaluation or selection process.

**END OF AMENDMENT**