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**CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS**

**Support for improvement of the living conditions of forced migrants and closure of  
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| No | Question  | Answer   |
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| 1  | I would like to clarify whether a US based organization can apply or not? Eligibility rules are sometimes not very clear. | <p>According to item 11 "Eligibility" of the published Service Contract Notice (SCN) participation is open to <i>"all legal persons, participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of candidates, which are established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/or authorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme under which the contract is financed"</i>, which is (as per item 29 of the SCN) the Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).</p> <p>Please note that "the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application", according to section 3.3.1.2 of the Practical Guide (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?locale=en">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?locale=en</a>).</p> |