

## **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

Проектот на УСАИД за развој на деловниот екосистем, спроведуван од Паладиум Интернешнл, е четиригодишен проект кои работи на трансформирање на конкурентноста на микро, малите и средните претпријатија (ММСП) во Македонија преку зајакнување на бизнис услугите, финансирањето и пазарните врски, со цел поттикнување на значителен раст во продуктивноста и работните места во ММСП. За таа цел, Проектот бара заинтересирани и квалификувани организации кои ќе аплицираат за грантови и ќе ја поддржат имплементацијата на Проектот.

The USAID Macedonia Business Ecosystem Project (BEP), implemented by Palladium International LLC, is a four-year Project that will transform the competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Macedonia by strengthening business services, finance and market linkages to catalyze a significant increase in MSMEs' growth, productivity, and employment. Therefore, USAID Macedonia Business Ecosystem Project invites all Business Support Organizations (BSOs) in Macedonia to apply for grants under contract and announces this

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from qualified BSOs in Macedonia to submit Applications to support achievement of Improved BSOs' services to MSMEs. BEP activities are designed to build stronger relationships between MSMEs as recipients of services and the organizations that deliver them, leading to ongoing and self-sustaining fee-for-service relationships in the future. Financial allocation under this RFA is US\$ 500,000 to be awarded to 10 - 15 BSOs. Initial grant performance period will be limited to 13 months. High performing grantees, receiving high evaluation scores on their performance and quality of deliverables, may receive grant support for an additional 18 months. Grant award will start in July 2018, with the performance period of 13 months to July 2019.

## Additional information and application procedures:

The full Request for Proposals can be obtained by sending an e-mail request to us.bep@thepalladiumgroup.com

All proposals are due by April 24, 2018 before 16:00 o'clock CET. Any proposal received at the designated location after the required time and date specified for receipt shall be considered late and non-responsive and will not be evaluated for an award.