

# **USAID FY2016, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses**

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## **Background**

USAID's Business Forecast is published each quarter throughout the fiscal year. The Agency's Business Forecast is an informational resource on potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID. It is an advanced look at grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that USAID is in the process of developing and plans to issue in the coming year. Two separate Forecasts are developed each quarter – one for USAID Missions overseas and one for USAID in Washington, DC. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

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## General Business Forecast Questions

- 1. In the future, will USAID forecasts focus on forecasting a quarter at a time, rather than over an entire year?**

**USAID Response:** Our overall goal is to be as transparent as we can be regarding upcoming opportunities to partner with USAID. Given the long lead times in planning we try to provide projections of planned activities beyond the quarter, and we will continue to have a yearly A&A plan and forecast with updates at least once a quarter.

- 2. The “Status Change” column is a much-appreciated addition to the forecast, but it seems that it is not being consistently each updated quarter. For example, various activities show “new opportunity” when they were on the previous forecast and may even have had a pre-solicitation issued (e.g., Tanzania MBOGA NA MATUNDA). This field is only valuable to the extent it is accurate. It would be helpful if USAID could be sure to remove any old comments in this field from the previous forecast so that information in this column is new/current each time.**

**USAID Response:** We agree with your comments and we will work to increase the accuracy of this information for future business forecasts.

- 3. We are excited to see the inclusion of Task Orders on the new USAID Forecast. Would it be possible to identify the IDIQs related to those Task Orders in future Forecasts?**

**USAID Response:** Our guidance for this new version of the business forecast was to include planned task orders and the title of the IDIQ in the description of the planned action. We will reinforce this guidance to our A&A staff as we generate the next quarter’s business forecast.

- 4. Has USAID met its goals for 8(a), WOSB, and HUBZone businesses?**

**USAID Response:** In FY2013 and FY2014, USAID met its goals for the WOSB and 8(a) programs. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is in the process of evaluating agencies’ small business accomplishments for FY 2015. The SBA will announce the Federal government’s overall accomplishments, as well as the individual agencies accomplishments when the review is complete. Typically SBA announces the government’s accomplishment during the third quarter of the following fiscal year (April-June 2016). USAID’s internal preliminary data indicates prime contract awards were issued to small businesses in the following categories: \$223.7M to 8(a) and Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB); \$67M to Woman Owned (WOSB) and Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned (EDWOSB) Small Businesses; and \$2.8M to Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone). These figures are only estimates. The aforementioned data was retrieved from the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) on October 31, 2015.

**5. Can you please identify USAID-specific bureaus targeting small businesses for Program and Operational Support?**

**USAID Response:** The Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) and Global Health (GH) posted Program Support contract opportunities for small businesses. The DCHA opportunity title is “Active Communities - Effective States (ACES)” and the GH opportunity title is “New Expenditure Analysis Technical Assistance Program - EATAP2”.

The OSDBU recommends that you review the USAID Business Forecast (<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/business-forecast>), as well as Federal Business Opportunities ([www.fedbizopps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov)) websites weekly. If possible, establish an account to receive a notification for new requirements and updates.

**6. Could USAID consider including a “date last updated” field, so readers could more easily identify where changes have been made since the last forecast?**

**USAID Response:** We will consider adding this column for future updates.

**7. Can the name of the incumbent be included and/or updated when applicable?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, as a part of the Business Forecast process, we as COs to provide this information. Please also reference historical questions regarding the forecast at our Business Forecast website under the following link: [Quarterly Business Forecast Review Meeting](#) - (February 4, 2015).

**8. Would USAID please let us know what types of information that the points of contact listed in the forecast are able to provide to prospective contractors/applicants about an upcoming opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** USAID strives to ensure early, frequent, and constructive communication with potential partners during key phases of the A&A process because our ability to achieve successful program outcomes relies on exchanges of information among all interested parties, from the earliest identification of a need through receipt of proposals/applications. Under acquisitions, FAR 15.201 discusses pre-solicitation industry exchanges. Some techniques to promote early exchanges of information are industry conferences, one-on-one meetings, draft documents, and site visits.

There is of course, some protected information that cannot be disclosed to maintain integrity of the competitive process, such as cost estimates or composition of the evaluation team, but general information about needs may be disclosed at any time. After release of the solicitation/NOFO, the CO/AO must be the focal point of any exchange with potential partners.

When specific information about a proposed acquisition that would be necessary for the preparation of proposals/applications is disclosed to one or more potential partners, that information must be made available to the public as soon as practicable, but no later than the next general release of information, in order to avoid creating an unfair competitive advantage. Information provided to a potential partner in response to its request must not be disclosed if doing so would reveal the potential partner's confidential business strategy. M/OAA is in the process of drafting a Procurement Executive Bulletin (PEB) to provide further clarity on this subject to Agency staff.

**9. Can USAID please let us know when they may finalize the decision of contracting mechanism on opportunities?**

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast specifies the planned mechanism type. We aim to provide the most accurate information as it becomes available, but please note that the actual mechanism may change under certain circumstances as planned actions are reviewed and revised. To the extent that we can provide updates during this process we will, but the final decision on mechanism type will be reflected in the actual solicitation document released by the AO/CO.

**Washington Business Forecast Questions**

**1. The RFI for the upcoming *Marketing to Scale* opportunity seemed to be addressed to small businesses, but "other than small businesses" were encouraged to submit an RFI. Has USAID determined if this opportunity will be free and open for all sized businesses?**

**USAID Response:** This Procurement action is still at the planning stage and it has not been determined if the opportunity will be free and open for all sized businesses.

**2. On the November version of the Washington Forecast, column Q "Status of Action" lists the Active Communities Effective States (ACES) IDIQ as being in the "activity approval" phase, with an anticipated RFP release date of 1/15/2016. Could USAID please provide a description of what the "activity approval" phase of the procurement process is?**

**USAID Response:** The "activity approval" phase is a planning step that authorizes an activity to move forward in the procurement process.

**3. On the Washington business forecast, several pending awards are classified as "Small Business Reserved". Can USAID confirm that both large and small businesses will be eligible for these awards?**

**USAID Response:** A small business reserve means that a certain number of prime contract awards will be reserved for small business concerns. All offerors (small and other than small) will compete for the entire Scope of Work of the contract. Typically a dollar threshold is also established whereby any task order under a certain threshold must first be competed among the small business contract holders. A small business reserve is different from a total small business set-aside and a partial small business set-aside. In a total small business set-aside, the entire contract is reserved exclusively for participation by small business concerns, and any offeror who is not a small business concern cannot compete for the opportunity. In a partial small business set-aside, a portion of the work is set-aside exclusively for small business concerns. Meaning, a part of the Scope of Work is carved out exclusively for small business participation, and therefore no offeror is competing for the Scope of Work in its entirety.

- 4. In July, there was an RFI and Sources Sought Notice for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET). The RFI indicated that USAID anticipates eventually selecting multiple organizations under an IDIQ mechanism. When does USAID anticipate listing the FEWS NET 7 opportunity in the Washington Business Forecast?**

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates listing the FEWS NET 7 opportunity in the Washington Business Forecast by the 2nd quarter of FY2016.

- 5. Is the *Public Financial Management (PFM) IDIQ* delivery period being extended by two years (i.e., through FY20) as per informed rumor from USAID officials? No contract modification has been received as yet.**

**USAID Response:** The Justification and Approval document to extend period of performance has been approved. M/OAA is preparing a FedBizOpps notification as well as a forthcoming modification to the 9 IDIQ awards.

- 6. Will the *Public Financial Management (PFM) IDIQ* Task Orders be explicitly included in future Mission Forecasts (this was once done for a TBD Somalia opportunity)?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID has started to post task orders on the Business Forecast.

- 7. It is our understanding that USAID is planning on having another iteration of the Global, Business, Trade, and Investment (GBTI) IQC -- GBTI III. However, no information is provided in the USAID Washington Forecast about this opportunity. Does USAID have plans for a *Global, Business, Trade, and Investment (GBTI) III IQC*? If so, will USAID please release an updated version of the Washington Business Forecast with information on this opportunity, including anticipated solicitation release date?**

**USAID Response:** At this time a follow on to GBTI II is not planned for FY16. If there is a change, the business forecast will be updated accordingly.

**8. For the Analytical Services IDIQ, will there be a small business set aside?**

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a small business set-aside.

**9. With regard to the Active Communities, Effective States IDIQ listed on the Washington Forecast, there is a notation that it is expected to be “small business reserved”. Could USAID please define the meaning of “small business reserved”? Does USAID/M/OAA expect that competition for the ACES IDIQ will be restricted to small businesses only?**

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate that the competition for ACES will be restricted to small businesses only. In the context of a multiple-award IDIQ contract, a small business reserve means that a certain number of prime contract awards will be reserved for small business concerns. All offerors (small and other than small) will compete for the entire Scope of Work of the contract. Typically a dollar threshold is also established whereby any task order under a certain threshold must first be competed among the small business contract holders. A small business reserve is different from a total small business set-aside and a partial small business set-aside. In a total small business set-aside, the entire contract is reserved exclusively for participation by small business concerns, and any offeror who is not a small business concern cannot compete for the opportunity. In a partial small business set-aside, a portion of the work is set-aside exclusively for small business concerns. Meaning, a part of the Scope of Work is carved out exclusively for small business participation, and therefore no offeror is competing for the Scope of Work in its entirety.

**10. Questions for: SOL-OAA-15- 000123 - Management Excellence for Operations (MEO). Is a draft SOW available? When will it be posted on FedBizOpps? Who are the incumbent contractors? Will the procurement cover all of USAID’s IT planning, management and service delivery needs? Will USAID consider setting aside a lane for EDWOSBs?**

USAID Response: At this present time a draft SOW is not available. The SOW will be available when the Solicitation is posted on FBO. The incumbent contractors are Social Impact and dTS. No, the procurement will not cover all of USAID’s IT planning, management and service delivery needs. The procurement will remain a total Small Business set-aside giving all small businesses who qualify a chance to respond to this requirement.

**11. Does USAID anticipate to have a partial set-aside for small businesses for the the *HaRP 2.0 Collaborative Learning and Technical Support Project*? Moreover, is it anticipated that the aforementioned program will result in a single award or multiple awards?**

USAID Response: It is anticipated this will be a single award. The small business set-aside has not yet been finalized.

**12. “Strengthening Deliberative Bodies IQC” – Is it anticipated that the referenced IQC, currently held by Social Impact, SUNY, DAI, Chemonics, and TetraTech and set to expire November 2016, will be re-competed? If so, could USAID please provide a procurement timeline?**

**USAID Response:** At this point in time, USAID does not anticipate re-competing the IQC. We are exploring other mechanism that can provide services for strengthening deliberative bodies.

**13. Please provide clarification on the “Reserved Small Business” classification of the forthcoming Reconstruction IDIQ (Washington).**

**USAID Response:** M/OAA intends to award a specific number of contracts. Of those awards, a certain percentage will be set-aside to small business interests.

**14. The *LMG Follow-on* is not yet listed on the Washington Business Forecast. For planning purposes, will USAID provide information on the follow-on program (description of the award, estimated dollar amount, anticipated date of award, anticipated award type, location, and point of contact at USAID?)**

**USAID Response:** The Leadership, Management, and Governance Cooperative Agreement ends on September 24, 2016. Unfortunately, at this time, we don’t know if there will be a follow-on award. However, please continue to monitor grants.gov and the business forecast.

**15. As it is not currently listed on the Washington forecast, can USAID please confirm its intent to re-compete the Support for Food Security Activities (SFSA) IQC under the Bureau for Africa?**

**USAID Response:** This is not something that will be re-competed out of Washington, as this was a Mission IQC. There are no plans to re-compete out of Washington.

**16. Please confirm that the “Feed the Future – Global Performance Evaluation Task” will be issued as a task order under the EVAL-ME IDIQ.**

**USAID Response:** Confirmed. The Feed the Future Global Performance Evaluation Task Order will be solicited to EVAL-ME IDIQ holders.

**17. The “Reconstruction IDIQ” is noted as Small Business Reserved. Would USAID be able to clarify what this means?**

**USAID Response:** M/OAA intends to award a specific number of contracts. Of those awards, a certain percentage will be set-aside to small business interests. *Please see response to question #10 for additional information on the definition of “small business reserved.”*

**18. What involvement and financial participation will USAID be having relating to water shortage and sanitation issues for developing countries (e.g. Nepal, in Africa,etc), and what is the procedure for USAID to partner with other NGOs in this regard? How do you solicit a project to USAID in this regard and is it helpful to have a (political) patron to sponsor this project?**

**USAID Response:** USAID supports a significant number of Water related programs in developing countries including: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); Water Resource Management; and Water Security activities. There are many ways for organizations to work with USAID. NGOs can find USAID development opportunities on Grants.gov. Private sector entities can bid on contracts which are posted on FedBizOpps.gov. In addition, many USAID field offices (Missions) post Annual Program Statements (APS) that identify development challenges that they are facing. Organizations can submit proposals to the Mission indicating how they would address the challenge.

**19. At the last USAID Q & A session the following question was asked: *We have not seen any of the upcoming Office of Population opportunities on the forecast. What is the status of upcoming Global Office of Population bids, their expected release dates, agreement type and approximate value?* USAID responded by stating that “ *There are one or two solicitations related to the Office of Population that will appear on the next update to the Business Forecast.*” Please note these one or two solicitations are still are not on the forecast. What is the status of upcoming Global Office of Population bids, their expected release dates, agreement type and approximate value?**

**USAID Response:** At this time, there are no new competitive opportunities, projected for this fiscal year. Please continue to monitor fbo.gov, grants.gov and the business forecast.

**20. The MENA Supporting Sustainable Transition Initiatives IQC was on multiple FY15 forecasts and then removed. In June, USAID provided the following update: “The Middle East Bureau is still discussing if it will move forward with this activity in FY16. Therefore, it is removed as a 2015 proposed award.” Can USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement for FY16?**

**USAID Response:** There is no status to provide at this time. The program office is still internally discussing the proposed activity action.

**21. Does USAID have information it could share on the status of Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities (Global Reconciliation Fund) proposals that have been recommended by country Missions to Washington DC for review? When can implementing partners expect to hear about the results of this DC-based evaluation?**

**USAID Response:** The review is still on-going. Applicants will be notified in writing by USAID/Washington on the status of their application(s) as soon as possible.

**22. Can USAID please indicate what the geographic code will be for the Reconstruction IDIQ? Given it is an on-call, worldwide instrument, most companies will want to include international partners to ensure adequate coverage and capabilities, and it would be very helpful to know at this juncture if there will be any limitations on international partner participation. Many of us are developing potential teams in anticipation of the RFP release in January, and knowing this now would help all of us develop more optimal responsive options for USAID.**

**USAID Response:** We are not able to provide further details on the Reconstruction IDIQ at this time. Additional information will be posted within a week.

**23. It is our understanding that RFTOPs under IDIQs will now be available on mission forecasts. Can USAID kindly confirm whether and where any Water and Development (WADI) IDIQ task orders will be released in the next quarter?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, RFTOPs will be posted on the Mission Forecast. USAID/Zambia is currently considering a possible Task Order under the WADI IDIQ for its next generation Water, Sanitation and Hygiene WASH Activity. This activity is still in the design phase and, if approved, the Request for Proposal is expected to be release in the next quarter.

### **Mission Business Forecast Questions**

**1. To what extent, if any, will the Afghanistan *Financial Sector Development* project have some element of agriculture in it?**

**USAID Response:** The Afghanistan Financial Sector Development (AFSD) project has no Agriculture element. It works in the financial sector at the macro, meso and micro level.

**2. Afghanistan: The Afghanistan Capacity Building for Ministry of Public Works solicitation date is represented on the Forecast as January 1, 2017. Could USAID confirm their intent to issue this solicitation in 2017, and not 2016?**

**USAID Response:** We can confirm that the solicitation is planned to be issued on or about January 2017.

**3. Afghanistan: The recent forecast lists a planned Afghanistan Anti-Corruption project (AMANAT) to be released as a cooperative agreement instead of a contract. The value is**

listed as \$50 million - \$74.9 million. Could USAID confirm their intention to release this as a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** AMANAT is planned as a Contract.

4. **Afghanistan: Could USAID/Afghanistan please confirm the anticipated RFP release and award dates for the Afghanistan Financial Sector Development program listed on the November forecast?**

**USAID Response:** The anticipated RFP release date for AFSD is 1/20/2016 and its anticipated award date is 7/15/2016.

5. **Afghanistan: Could USAID provide any additional information regarding the planned activities taking place under the anticipated two-year Afghanistan Gender Legacy Initiatives: Gender and Development Studies Institute and Kabul University (CEGADS)?**

**USAID Response:** We have no further information on the anticipated two-year Afghanistan Gender Legacy Initiatives named Gender and Development Studies Institute and Kabul University (CEGADS).

CEGADS remains under design consideration for the Gender Unit and the anticipated solicitation release date is on or about 30 June 2016

**CEGADS Award Description:** To build a Resource and Technology Center to provide a space for students and faculty to conduct gender-related research as well as provide career counseling to female students.

6. **Afghanistan: The USAID/Afghanistan Mission has consistently posted pre-solicitations for opportunities, which is very helpful to interested bidders. Will USAID/Afghanistan also issue pre-solicitation notices for opportunities with imminent RFP release dates, e.g., Strengthening Watershed and Irrigation Management (SWIM), Anti-Corruption (AMANAT), and Afghanistan Financial Sector Development project (AFSD)?**

**USAID Response:** There is no intention to issue a Pre-solicitation for SWIM. The SWIM Solicitation release date is anticipated on December 23, 2015.

**SWIM Award Description:** To support sustainable, agriculture-led economic growth by increasing the sustainable and productive use of water livelihoods, and strengthening water resource management.

There is no intention to issue a Pre-solicitation; anticipated solicitation issuance date for AMANAT is March 1, 2016

AMANAT Award Description: AMANAT will identify opportunities to support the government's anti-corruption planning and implementation of strategic initiatives that combat corruption in the Government of National Unity. Civil society partners will concentrate on pro-reform agenda activities focused on combatting corruption and thus strengthening good governance and the democratic institutions responsible for it.

The new project will consist of two components. Component 1 will provide strategic guidance on anti-corruption planning and establish a rapid response fund that will make quick impact grants available to government entities to implement pro-reform activities. Component 2 will provide grants to civil society organizations to demand side of anti-corruption reforms and accountability.

AFSD: Pre-solicitation anticipated on January 4, 2016 with a Solicitation issuance date for AFSD on 20 January 2016. The award date is anticipated on July 15, 2016.

AFSD Award Description: To increase financial inclusion and expand access to finance for MSMEs in Afghanistan by supporting the development of a favorable, supportive and conducive enabling environment and by promoting innovative and inclusive solutions in the financial sector.

**7. Afghanistan: Could USAID/Afghanistan please add the Extractives Technical Assistance Activity (ETTA) to their forecast, including information regarding an incumbent implementer if one exists?**

USAID Response: ETTA remains as a discussion on design at the Mission with no additional information at this time.

**8. Armenia: On the March 2015 forecast, the Award Titled "USAID Armenia: Domestic Violence Prevention/Protection" was on the forecast. However, it has since been removed from the business forecast. Was this opportunity released publicly (on Grants.gov or FBO.gov)?**

USAID Response: Initially the Mission decided that RFA/APS "USAID Armenia: Domestic Violence Prevention/Protection" would be posted on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) and therefore was on the forecast. Recently the Mission took the decision to include the desired results under a G2G with MLSA under Strengthening Integrated Social Services Reform. This is the reason why the activity has now been removed from the business forecast.

**9. Bangladesh: The “Evaluations of DG Programs” in Bangladesh is no longer listed after first appearing on the Q4 2015 Forecast. Is USAID no longer planning to release a solicitation for these evaluations?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Bangladesh is planning to publish a solicitation.

**10. Bangladesh: Can USAID confirm the intent of Award/Action type for the Bangladesh Market-Led Solutions for FtF and GCC Initiatives in Bangladesh?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Bangladesh plans to release 1 or 2 solicitation/notice of funding opportunities. The Feed the Future and Global Climate Change activities may be separated.

**11. Bangladesh: Can USAID confirm the intent of Award/Action type for the Feed the Future Strengthening Agriculture Production and Market Systems (SAPMS) Activity in Bangladesh?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Bangladesh intends to release a solicitation/notice of funding opportunity in this subject field.

**12. Barbados/Eastern and Southern Caribbean: In the February 2014 forecast USAID noted that a new bid for an “At-Risk Youth Program” was under development. However, this has not appeared on subsequent forecasts. What is the status of this opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** This opportunity has not been cancelled but the design is not yet finalized. USAID/ESC expects to complete the design phase before the end of this calendar year. The youth program for the ESC region is still under the design stage. We encourage potential partners to keep monitoring the business forecast report.

**13. Benin: Could USAID provide any additional details on the Benin “Education Activity”?**

**USAID Response:** The USAID office in Benin is currently designing an education activity tentatively known as “Advancing Safe Learning Environments for Girls”. The activity will work towards greater gender equality by advancing safe learning environments for girls -- either at the policy level, at the local level through parent advocacy associations, or through a combination of both. The funding range of the anticipated activity is \$1 million to \$3.9 million of basic education funds. The design is in its early stages at the moment and the USAID office in Benin intends to restrict competition to local organizations. The release of the anticipated Notice of Funding Opportunity is tentatively set for February 23, 2016.

**14. To what extent, if any, will the Bosnia/Herzegovina *SME Activity* have some element of agriculture in them?**

**USAID Response:** The SME activity is not expected to have an element of agriculture.

**15. Bosnia/Herzegovina: Could USAID please confirm whether the “Harnessing BiH Diaspora for Economic Development” opportunity will be open to BiH, US, and international organizations? Additionally, could USAID please advise whether there is a particular sector of focus for this activity or whether offerors will be invited to propose sectors?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission intends to use the authorized principal geo-code 937, which includes the United States, the recipient country, and developing countries other than advanced developing countries, but excluding any country that is a prohibited source. The Activity will through the Bosnian Diaspora marketplace support diaspora investment in the following sectors: agriculture, tourism, wood, metal, energy and ICT. N.B. The anticipated solicitation date in A&A plan has been changed. The new estimated solicitation date is February 1, 2016.

**16. Brazil: *Monitoring & Evaluation Outreach and Communication, and Community Org Strengthening* – The award/action type is listed as a TO/DO. Under which IDIQ can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** It has been decided that this Brazil Action, will be split into two actions. The community strengthening part will be a competitive action (not sure what type of action yet, CA or Contract) and the Monitoring and Evaluation part will be issued under the EVAL-ME IDIQ in Washington.

**17. Burma: MNCH New Activity. Is it possible to get additional information on this upcoming procurement? Will USAID release RFI before the RFA?**

**USAID Response:** Additional information is provided below. USAID/Burma would ideally plan on releasing an RFI prior to the RFA.

**Potential MNCH Award:** This new MNCH activity will focus on identifying, developing, and testing tools, technologies, approaches, policies, and high-impact interventions to improve the health status of mothers, newborns, children, and families across the country following a perinatal approach – from pregnancy through the postpartum period and newborn care. USAID/Burma seeks to improve maternal, newborn, and child health through a combined community and facility-based model that addresses health services and builds the capacity of midwives, auxiliary midwives, skilled birth attendants, and other community-based health care providers with the goal of ending preventable child and maternal deaths. USAID/Burma envisions that this award will respond to the needs of the community, be aligned with the Government of Burma's national programming, as well as be coordinated with a multitude of international and USAID initiatives and priorities. The activity will incorporate the following technical areas: maternal health, newborn/child health, and nutrition and seek to address the leading causes of preventable maternal and child deaths in Burma. The activity will also

incorporate important cross-cutting issues related to gender and sustainability, as well as science, technology, innovation, and partnership (STIP) according to the Agency's definitions. This activity will complement USAID's existing MNCH work in policy interventions that overcome barriers to care, address infections, and nutritional deficiencies during pregnancy, increase hygienic practices during delivery, and strengthen postpartum care and counseling through midwifery strengthening.

**18. Burma: *Mission Evaluation for promoting the Rule of Law Project* - Given the size and the fact that it is an evaluation, would the USAID consider using the EVAL-ME IDIQ vehicle for this opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission is considering several options to procure the performance evaluation of the Promoting the Rule of Law Project. The EVAL-ME IDIQ is one of several options being considered.

**19. Burma: Will USAID provide more details on the award description for the two Burma contracts: *Democracy and Governance Assessment* and the *Mid-term evaluation of the Promoting the Rule of Law project*? Are these anticipated to be small business set asides and/or for local organizations only?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission is considering several options to competitively procure these activities. The evaluation will review the performance of the Promoting the Rule of Law project. Given the changing operating environment, a democracy and governance assessment would be used to inform the strategic planning efforts of the Mission. The procurement approach for both activities is still being considered.

**20. Cambodia: Could you please clarify what changes specifically were made in the Forecast to the item "FTF Activity: Horticulture Value Chain Promotion" of USAID/Cambodia? No discernable differences appear between the text of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Forecast and the August 28<sup>th</sup> Forecast.**

**USAID Response:** No changes have been made in the November 2nd Forecast; the status has been corrected to "None". [Note: "Combination of Changes" automatically transferred from the August 28th Forecast, the Mission will revert back status to "None" when preparing future Forecasts].

**21. Cambodia: Previous forecasts in FY 2015 listed the Cambodia Feed the Future program—the anticipated follow on to the current USAID HARVEST program. However, the Nov. 2 forecast indicates that there is a "Feed the Future Activity: Horticulture Value Chain Promotion" project in design. Could USAID/Cambodia please confirm whether there will be a broader Feed the Future program planned to complement the horticulture program and/or to support the development of Cambodia's rice and aquaculture value chains?**

**USAID Response:** There was a change in the title of the program.

**22. Cambodia: Could USAID please provide an update to the description of the Cambodia education project? Is it possible to learn whether the Cambodia Education Project will come out under the ABE-ACR mechanism or free and open?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission cannot provide any additional information at this time, we hope to be able to update the description and award/action type in the next forecast.

**23. Central America Regional: Does USAID/Central America Regional anticipate any new programs? If so, could USAID please add them to the forecast?**

**USAID Response:** There are three programs that are being added to the Forecast.

*El Salvador -- Democracy & Governance office:* Regional Human Rights Activity - NFO for \$24 mil - target award dates is 3rd quarter FY16.

*El Salvador -- Economic Growth Office:* Trade and Investment Competitiveness Activity - RFP for \$56 million - target award date is 4th quarter FY16.

*El Salvador -- Strategic Development Office:* RFTOP under EVAL-ME IDIQ (small business set-aside) - currently in process, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity for assessments, evaluations and surveys for \$24 million - target award date is 2nd quarter FY16.

**24. Central Asia: What is the timing of the *Central Asia Competitiveness, Trade, and Jobs* tender? Will this opportunity be released as a RFTOP or a full and open RFP?**

**USAID Response:** The Central Asia Mission anticipates releasing the Competitiveness, Trade, and Jobs RFP in early December. This will be a full and open RFP.

**25. Central Asia: Could USAID please provide more clarity on the early grade reading items: Kyrgyz Basic Education and Tajikistan Basic Education? Are these follow-ons to the current award that spans both countries and if yes, does this mean that the follow-ons will be two separate awards? Are the release dates for these items accurate?**

**USAID Response:** The Kyrgyz Basic Education and Tajikistan Basic Education contracts will be separate awards that follow on to the current program implemented jointly in both countries. The Central Asia and Kyrgyz Missions anticipate releasing these RFPs in December.

**26. Colombia: Producers to Markets Alliance. In the March 2015 forecast this upcoming opportunity was listed as a contract. In the August 2015 forecast this was listed as a cooperative agreement. In the November 2015 forecast this is again labeled as a contract.**

**Constant switching of proposed mechanisms makes it difficult and expensive for contractors and non-profits to plan effectively. Why has USAID switched this opportunity so often? Is the listing of this as a contract the final decision?**

**USAID Response:** The Producers to Market program will be solicited as a contract. This is a Forecast and at each point the Mission's Forecast reflected the needs of the Mission. Due to various planning, environmental and other factors, the Mission's needs has changed over the past year. The Mission does its best to present the most realistic and up-to-date information regarding planned activities. That being said, it is a prediction and plans change for various reason.

**27. Colombia: Will USAID update the forecast to include a DRG project in Colombia that was set to release in early spring of 2016?**

**USAID Response:** There are no Mission plans to release a project within our DRG office in early spring of 2016. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any changes.

**28. Colombia: Is there possibility for the Reconciliation Program in Colombia to be changed from a Cooperative Agreement to a Contract?**

**USAID Response:** The Reconciliation Agreement has been solicited as a Cooperative Agreement. Please monitor grants.gov for additional information about this ongoing process.

**29. DRC: For the DRC Integrated Health Program (IHP), given the draft Statement of Objectives was released in August, can USAID kindly confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date of 1/25/2016 remains an accurate estimate?**

**USAID Response:** The business forecast is updated every quarter and the latest information is shared with the public. The DRC Mission makes interim updates to the forecast when changes are anticipated to actions that will be procured via full and open competition. This procurement requires high level approval and will likely be delayed until later in calendar year 2016.

**30. DRC: DRC IHAP – Geographical scope and size of the project. Would USAID consider rolling this project into IHP?**

**USAID Response:** No, USAID is not planning on rolling this project into IHP.

**31. DRC: For the Standalone Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Activity -- Will there be only one award or will there be a number of awards? The award/action type has been changed from TBD to contract. Would USAID please confirm that contract is the final award/action type? What activities and areas of focus will the contract include? What is the proposed duration of the contract? Will it concern a specific province of the DRC? What is the**

**duration of the turnaround period i.e. date of call to submission deadline? Is there opportunity for bilateral conversations with the USAID mission in-country during the proposal development period?**

**USAID Response:** There is only one award listed on the forecast. Additional information related to this award will be posted online when available. The business forecast is updated every quarter and the latest information is shared with the public. The DRC Mission makes interim updates to the forecast when changes are anticipated to actions that will be procured via full and open competition. Finally, Industry interaction will occur via FBO.gov as an RFI should the Mission feel that comment is appropriate. No in-country consultation will be considered during procurement.

**32. DRC: Can you provide additional information on the Agricultural Value-Chain Project -- Will this be a contract or a grant? Will there be one award or a number of awards?**

**USAID Response:** At this point, no further information is available.

**33. East Timor: Will the *East Timor Procurement Reform Support* tender be a RFTOP under the Public Financial Management (PFM) IDIQ?**

**USAID Response:** This procurement is on hold and has been removed from the Business Forecast.

**34. East Timor: Was the omission of Global Health procurements from East Timor mission intentional? If not, will USAID provide information on upcoming Global Health procurements from Timor Leste for FY2016?**

**USAID Response:** There are no planned Global Health procurement actions for Timor Leste for FY 2016. Should there be any upcoming competitive procurement actions on this sector, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

**35. Egypt: All of Egypt's upcoming procurements contain the Award Title as the Award Description. Could the mission please provide an Award Description to their upcoming awards?**

**USAID Response:** USAID has updated its A&A Planning tool with this information. An updated Business Forecast will be published later this quarter with this information.

**36. Ethiopia: Is there a value chain component to the Growth through Nutrition Opportunity in Ethiopia?**

**USAID Response:** Growth Through Nutrition will not implement value chain activities but will serve as a technical resource on nutrition for the Mission supported value chain activities. Growth Through Nutrition will have a livelihood component which will target vulnerable populations in communities.

**37. Ethiopia: Regarding the opportunities “Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities to Targeted PSNP Beneficiaries” and “Growth Through Nutrition,” could USAID please clarify if these are completely new initiatives, or if these are intended to follow or build on current programming such as the ENGINE program, the current DFAP program, or others?**

**USAID Response:** The Growth Through Nutrition Activity builds on the lessons learned from the ongoing Empowering New Generations to Improve Nutrition and Economic Opportunities (ENGINE) project, which ends in September 2016. It will build on ENGINE's accomplishments in regards to strengthening capacity for nutrition leadership, supporting nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions for women and children, and developing innovative approaches for multi-sectoral nutrition coordination and programming. The "Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities to Targeted PSNP Beneficiaries" is a new activity that will be solicited through a full and open competitive process.

**38. Ethiopia: Could USAID provide any update on the timing for a re-issue of the Ethiopian TRANSFORM/PHCU opportunity that was canceled?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is on hold until further notice.

**39. Ethiopia: On Ethiopia TRANSFORM WASH, the award description cites 4 interrelated objectives, but only 3 are listed (one is repeated). Would USAID please confirm what is the fourth objective for this project?**

**USAID Response:**

1. Increasing WASH Governance and management Capacity
2. Increasing Demand for Low Cost WASH products and Services
3. Increasing Supply for Low Cost quality WASH products and Services
4. Increasing the National WASH Knowledge Base to bring WASH interventions to scale

**40. Ethiopia: TRANSFORM: M&E Large Monitoring and Evaluation Award for TRANSFORM IPs – USAID- Ethiopia recently issued an RFP for a performance evaluation IDIQ called EPMES. Does USAID anticipate that these services might fall under EPMES?**

**USAID Response:** No, this award will not overlap with the Mission's M&E activity and will only focus on measuring the progress and success of the TRANSFORM awards.

**41. Ethiopia: Can you provide any updates on the Ethiopia Agriculture Value Chain Project release date.**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia is planning to post the RFP to FBO on or before 12/28/15.

**42. Ethiopia: Is there possibility for the Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities to Targeted PSNP Beneficiaries in Ethiopia to be changed from a Cooperative Agreement to a Contract?**

**USAID Response:** Market research will be used during project design to validate sources and capabilities within the marketplace which will influence the mechanism used. No determination has been made at this point to change the proposed mechanism for this activity.

**43. Ghana: Is there possibility for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Management Activity in Ghana to be changed from a Cooperative Agreement to a Contract?**

**USAID Response:** The determination that the Agriculture and Natural Resources Management Activity would be a Cooperative Agreement was made in strict accordance with ADS 304. It will not be changed to a Contract.

**44. Ghana: *Impact Evaluation* – Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated? Also, the anticipated award date for this opportunity has already passed. Can USAID provide a new date?**

**USAID Response:** This Impact evaluation was awarded before the expected award date listed on the November 2, 2015 Business Forecast. You can therefore expect this government requirement to be removed from the next version of the Business Forecast.

**45. Ghana: Could USAID clarify an item expected in Ghana -- Governance/Feed the Future Activity in Northern Ghana? Will this be a traditional DRG activity, or will it focus on traditional Feed the Future activities?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is not listed on the November 2, 2015 Business Forecast.

**46. Guatemala: Is Guatemala Community Roots Project funded from CARSI?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, we are planning to use CARSI funds.

**47. Guatemala: To what extent, if any, will the Guatemala Community Roots project have some element of agriculture in it?**

**USAID Response:** We don't anticipate having any agriculture in Community Roots Project.

**48. Guatemala: Can USAID/Guatemala please provide additional details on the Guatemala Community Roots opportunity? Specifically, while the name has changed the description has remained the same and does not explain how the scope of Community Roots will differ from the Mission's other community-based programs. Also, has the mission progressed in its thinking on the type of mechanism for this opportunity? Since it first appeared on the forecast the mechanism has been listed as TBD.**

**USAID Response:** Regarding the question of how to distinguish Community Roots from Community Strengthening Project, CSP and Communities Leading Development, CLD -- Community Roots is broadly speaking a Community Strengthening-type project in municipalities not covered by the current USAID/Guatemala Community Strengthening Project that have both high rates of homicide and high rates of migration. It is not expected that Community Roots will have any overlap with any of the 30 Western Highlands Implementing Projects' municipalities since none of those have high homicide rates. The Mission has not made a final decision yet on the type of mechanism it will use for this project since the internal documents are not yet final. Once a decision is made, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

**49. Guinea: In the Guinea Health Service Delivery RFA (RFA-OAA-15-000024) that was released earlier this year, USAID mentioned that it also plans to award a multi-year Guinea Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) activity. This opportunity was not listed on the recently released mission business forecast. Can USAID provide information on the anticipated size, funding mechanism, and release date for the HSS opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** USAID is waiting for the Ebola funds to be notified to Congress. At this time we don't have any more information on HSS.

**50. Haiti: Haiti is not included in the current forecast, nor was it included in the August 2015 forecast. Does this mean that there are no active Awards being planned on the Mission level? What is the forecast for USAID/Haiti?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Haiti is designing new activities. To remedy the fact that these activities were not included in the current forecast, we have already updated and will continue to update the Agency's A&A Plan so that correct information will be pulled into future Business Forecasts.

**51. Honduras: Could USAID please confirm that there are no new opportunities forecasted for the Honduras Mission? If there are opportunities, could USAID/Honduras please add them?**

**USAID Response:** New opportunities forecasted for Honduras have been added to the agency A&A Plan and will be included in future Forecasts, including actions to satisfy government

requirements through Task Orders under already competed IDIQ mechanisms. Most actions are currently in pre-award design/planning and therefore a final determination regarding the specific approach to implementation is still pending. Actions listed but for which no solicitation has been issued will be updated to reflect these determinations as planning/design progresses. Prospective implementing partners are encouraged to review the Mission's Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and contact [oaahonduras@usaid.gov](mailto:oaahonduras@usaid.gov) with information on their capabilities relevant to the CDCS and on mechanisms such as GSA's MOBIS and OASIS or relevant USAID awarded IDIQs.

**52. India: For the India Partnerships APS, is it possible to propose an idea without having a private sector partner and match fully identified? Could USAID point us in the direction of potential collaborators? Also, please clarify if a new APS will be released after this one closes Dec 31, 2015.**

**USAID Response:** The core of the India Partnerships APS is the partnership itself, "USAID/India seeks Concept Papers for partnerships from a variety of organizations that are prepared to provide significant financial or in-kind resources to tackle a specific development problem" (APS Section III, A on page 7). Any "idea" (Concept Paper) submitted to USAID/India will be evaluated against the evaluation criteria stated in the APS including: "India Partnerships should have an overall value of at least US \$1 million (Rs. 6 crore). While smaller projects may be considered, those that do not meet this minimum leverage requirement are unlikely to succeed" (APS Section III, B, Step 2, c, i - Level of Funding/Required Leverage on page 10).

On this subject see also Appendix I of the APS "Questions and Answers", Question: 5 Does the alliance have to be finalized at the time a Concept Paper is submitted? The Applicant is responsible to identify "potential collaborators" which are defined as "Resource Partners" in the APS.

It's likely that USAID/India will issue a new India Partnerships APS after the current one closes on December 31, 2015.

**53. Indonesia: Could USAID provide any more specific information about the scope of work for the new MCH Program in Indonesia? Is there any indication as to what the award type will be?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the preliminary planning stage. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast as progress is made with the development of this activity to ensure that the most accurate and useful information is made available in a timely fashion. USAID/Indonesia anticipates releasing an RFI on FedBizOpps and Grants.gov no later than January 2016.

**54. Indonesia: Please confirm the release date for the Indonesia BERSAMA - Violence Against Women (VAW) procurement. The current forecast notes an anticipated solicitation**

**release date of December 17, 2015; however, we were told directly by USAID/Indonesia that the release date would be in April 2016.**

**USAID Response:** Due to a longer than anticipated technical design and approval process, the planned release date for the BERSAMA solicitation will be delayed. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast with a more accurate anticipated release date as soon as it is determined.

**55. Indonesia: Does the USAID Mission in Indonesia still anticipate releasing a separate solicitation for the “BERSAMA” opportunity given some potential overlap in content with the recently released MAJU program? If so, is the anticipated solicitation release date of 11/17/2015 still accurate?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia still anticipates releasing a separate solicitation for BERSAMA. USAID/Indonesia does not anticipate any duplicative overlap in content between BERSAMA and the MAJU activity. However, due to a longer than anticipated technical design and approval process, the planned release date for the BERSAMA solicitation will be delayed. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast with a more accurate anticipated release date as soon as it is determined.

**56. Indonesia: Clarification on USAID’s rationale for changing the Sustainable Higher Education Research Alliance (SHERA) (Indonesia) opportunity from a contract to cooperative agreement;**

**USAID Response:** After USAID/Indonesia received feedback on the SHERA RFI that was released on FedBizOpps and Grants.gov and refined the design of SHERA based on that feedback, it became clear that the principal purpose of SHERA would be to support university partnership programs and to foster new and ongoing linkages between U.S. and Indonesian institutions of higher education, not to acquire grant management services for the U.S. Government. USAID/Indonesia then consulted with the USAID OAA Ombudsman to properly determine the correct choice of instrument for SHERA. The result of these consultations was a change in the type of instrument from acquisition to assistance.

**57. Indonesia: New MCH Program. Is it possible to get additional information on this upcoming procurement? Will USAID release RFI before the RFA?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the preliminary planning stage. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast as progress is made with the development of this activity to ensure that the most accurate and useful information is made available in a timely fashion. USAID/Indonesia anticipates releasing an RFI on FedBizOpps and Grants.gov no later than January 2016.

**58. Jordan: What is the timing of the *Jordan EDE-Fiscal Reform III* tender? Will this opportunity be released as a RFTOP or a full and open RFP?**

**USAID Response:** This opportunity has only been very recently changed from a full and open RFP to an RFTOP. It is anticipated that the RFTOP will be issued in January 2016.

**59. Jordan: What is the new anticipated release date for the PFH – Integrated Health Service Delivery Project? (Previously noted to be released November 1, 2015)?**

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is end of November 2015.

**60. Jordan: The USAID Mission Forecast for Jordan lists a YouthPower task order but the sentence appears to be cut off. Could you please provide the complete sentence “Utilize positive youth development specifically youth participating and community assets-based approach...where?”**

**USAID Response:** Utilize positive youth development specifically youth participating and community assets-based approach “in at-risk communities in Jordan.”

**61. Jordan: We noticed that that IDIQ task orders are now being listed in the Mission Forecast such as the Jordan YouthPower mechanism. Would USAID confirm that there potentially other YouthPower task orders that are not included in the Forecast and may be forthcoming.**

**USAID Response:** No, there are no other YouthPower task orders contemplated at this point.

**62. Jordan: Could USAID provide any additional details on the Jordan program entitled “EDY -- Teaching & Community Engagement at Newly Constructed Schools” and how this program will interact with the Youth and Pre-Service Training programs also listed on the forecast?**

**USAID Response:** This project targets the 25 new schools under the USAID-funded Schools for a Knowledge Economy Project that will be constructed in the next four years. The project will provide technical support to all targeted schools, their communities and field directorates to ensure best utilization of the new school resources, improve community involvement and utilization of these schools, promote inclusion, healthy behaviors and lifestyles, and provide teacher training and school management programs. While this project is expected to coordinate with all ongoing USAID/Education programs, it does not have any direct linkages with the Youth or Pre-service Programs.

**63. Jordan: Earlier Forecasts have indicated a project called Jordan Learning Environment 2. This no longer appears—has it been replaced by the YouthPower opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Jordan Learning Environment 2 has been replaced by the YouthPower opportunity.

**64. Kenya: Will the APHIAplus (AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance) for Western, Eastern and Rift Valley regions of Kenya be listed in future forecasts and can you indicate whether they will be contracts or cooperative agreements?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kenya and East Africa is still in the design process (activities/type of instrument) for potential APHIA Plus follow-on procurement actions in the Western, Eastern and Rift Valley Regions.

**65. Kenya: As it is not currently listed in the Missions forecast, can USAID please confirm its intent to re-compete the Kenya Support Services Project (KSP) contract under the USAID/Kenya Mission?**

**USAID Response:** A determination has yet to be made regarding whether or not to re-compete the KSP project.

**66. Kenya: Is the previously forecasted opportunity in Kenya titled “DRG-Human Rights Grant Program” still expected to be openly competed? If so, could USAID provide an updated expected release date?**

**USAID Response:** At this time this work is NOT expected to be a stand-alone procurement, and will likely be added into an existing award.

**67. Kenya: USAID/Kenya “Kenya Electoral Assistance Program (KEAP)” – As the referenced opportunity was posted in the August 28, 2015 forecast, but removed from the FY16 1st Quarter forecast, can USAID please confirm if this opportunity has been cancelled or rolled into the “Civic and Voter Education for 2017”? If these opportunities are both separate and active, can USAID please provide an updated procurement timeline for both?**

**USAID Response:** 1) KEAP is still planned as a Full and Open award; target release is December 2015; 2) Civic Voter and Education – this will not be a stand-alone award; this has been rolled into KEAP.

**68. Kosovo: Under Kosovo’s opportunities, the Award Titled “TLP Citizens Corps” is listed under the Education Sector. Can USAID please provide an Award Description for this Program? Can you confirm the amount of funding (“500,000-999,999” over 5 years) is correct? Will this program be open to international implementers to bid on, or will competition be limited to local partners?**

**USAID Response:** USAID will establish the ‘Citizens Corps’ program as a five-year activity, which will assist the TLP scholarship graduates in finding appropriate volunteer opportunities for the

graduates to meet their give back requirement. In addition to facilitating the placement of TLP graduates as part-time volunteers, Citizens Corps will also monitor all TLP scholarship graduates to ensure they fulfill the two year volunteer work commitment. USAID also intends for Citizens Corps to demonstrate the positive impact of community volunteerism by profiling the volunteer activities of the returning TLP scholarship graduates, thereby helping to promote an increased spirit of volunteerism in Kosovo society.

Yes, that's correct. Total Estimated Amount is \$600,000 and the POP is 5 years. Competition will be limited only to local partners.

**69. Liberia: Will the *Liberia Revenue Generation for Growth (RG3)* tender be a RFTOP under the Public Financial Management (PFM) IDIQ?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, this will be a RFTOP under the PFM IDIQ.

**70. Malawi: The *Health SBCC* and *ONSE A Thanzi* awards in Malawi are typed as Contracts, however similar programs in terms of objectives and award size in other countries are structured as Cooperative Agreements. What are the main differences of issuing these as a Contract?**

**USAID Response:** Health office recommended acquisition for this award for the primary reason that Health Office intends to exercise a robust level of technical direction and oversight. The Health office will be actively involved in directing the awardee's performance which is not allowed under an assistance instrument.

**71. Malawi: The Malawi Performance Evaluation of Support for Service Delivery Integrated (SSDI) activities opportunity is noted to be a four to six month award valued at \$750M - \$999.99M. Is this accurate? Also, it is noted as being released as a task order. Which mechanism will it be released under?**

**USAID Response:** This is due to the wrong selection of the award value range. This has been corrected to reflect \$500,000 - \$999,999.

**72. Malawi: The "Increasing Condom Use" call in Malawi from the August forecast release is not on the newest release. Can you elaborate on whether it is now rolled into another call or simply no longer to be enacted?**

**USAID Response:** In an effort to reduce the management burden on Mission staff in managing multiple mechanisms performing similar activities and in enhancing the Mission's integration agenda, the Health office decided to roll this activity into an existing pre-competed field support mechanism.

**73. Malawi: Please confirm the release date for the Malawi ONSA A Thanzi (Organized Network of Services for Everyone's Health) opportunity. The original pre-solicitation notice alluded to a release date in early 2016; however, the current forecast now notes December 30, 2015.**

**USAID Response:** December was the anticipated date but rather ambitious considering that the procurement has to go through the AARAD process which will not be within the Mission's control when submitted to Washington. Realistically first quarter of 2016 calendar year makes sense.

**74. Malawi: Will the Malawi Health SBCC project provide SBCC activities and materials for other health projects operating in Malawi? Will other health projects in Malawi, such as ONSA A Thanzi?**

**USAID Response:** If Malawi has additional opportunities on SBCC those will be posted on the Agency Business Forecast.

**75. Mali: USAID's FY2016 1st Quarter Business Forecast indicates that the anticipated solicitation release date of the Mali Peace & Security/OTI Follow on-Counter Violence Extremism project is 10/30/2015. Since this date has passed, could USAID provide an up-to-date anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** The Forecast will be updated to reflect a December release date should this award be advertised for full and open competition.

**76. Mali: Regarding the Mali Peace & Security/OTI Follow on-Counter Violence Extremism opportunity, what is the potential for this opportunity to be bid through an IQC?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Mali will advertise for full and open competition unless an exception to competition is granted.

**77. Mali: USAID/Mali "Civic Engagement Program" – Could USAID please verify the accuracy of the anticipated solicitation release date (11/30/2015) as the date has changed twice since its originally posting in the FY15 3rd Quarter forecast?**

**USAID Response:** The anticipated solicitation release date remains 11/30/2015.

**78. Middle East Regional Platform: Can USAID please provide an update on the Middle East Regional Platform Institutional Support Services (MERP) opportunity? At the Industry Day last April, USAID had anticipated a draft RFP to be circulated in June and a final RFP released in July. Does USAID still anticipate that this RFP will be released? Can an updated timeline be shared?**

**USAID Response:** The IDIQ is being solicited and awarded by USAID/Egypt. After award, it will be administered out of MERP, Frankfurt. USAID/Egypt plans to issue the RFP by November 29, 2015.

**79. Moldova: *Energy Harmonization (TO/DO – TBD)* -- Given the small amount and focus, would the USAID consider this opportunity to be SBSA under the Clean Energy IDIQ?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Moldova will implement this activity through an existing task order managed by USAID's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, under a Professional and Engineering Services IDIQ contract. This Moldova activity is part of USAID's Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) program.

**80. Morocco: *CEPPS mid-term evaluation* -- Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** PPL IDIQ. We have contacted the IDIQ COR and they agreed to review the draft RFTOP SOW.

**81. Morocco: *HICD Performance Evaluation* -- Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** HICD (Non-CPC Countries) IDIQ. HICD IDIQ COR has reviewed the RFTOP SOW and approves of RFTOP scope within the IDIQ scope.

**82. Mozambique: There are no Award Descriptions for the opportunities in the forecast for Mozambique's Global Health sector. Could you please elaborate on this calls?**

**USAID Response:** These will be updated in the next quarterly Business Forecast submission.

**83. Mozambique: Could USAID provide an award description of the Mozambique "Key Population Planning" opportunity as well as indicate who the incumbent may be (if applicable)?**

**USAID Response:** USAID Mozambique anticipates awarding a five year cooperative agreement to improve Health and HIV Aids outcomes among Key and Priority Populations in the Republic of Mozambique. The proposed program will support the *President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Blueprint: Creating an AIDS Free Generation*. Specifically, this program will address the action step "Increase access to and uptake of HIV services by key populations" in the Roadmap for Smart Investments. This program will build on several ongoing USAID funded activities targeting key priority populations to include: (1) ROADS II: a multi country program implemented by FHI 360 aimed to reduce most at risk populations (MARPS) through increased use of health and adoption of safer behaviors; (2) The MARP Program in Tete, implemented by

International Center for Reproductive Health, that was focused on providing facility-based and outreach community based interventions targeting key and priority populations in Moatize/Tete province.

**84. Mozambique: What is the predecessor project for Mozambique FORSSAS II? Can USAID provide any information on the scope of FORSSAS II?**

**USAID Response:** FORSSAS I is the predecessor project that is currently being implemented by Deloitte. FORSSAS II will focus heavily on health financing, with an emphasis on increasing domestic resources available for health programmes. It is currently in design phase and will likely be released in the first quarter of 2016. The mission is still evaluating all options (task order, full and open competition for bilateral RFA/contract).

**85. Mozambique: Could USAID provide an award description of the Mozambique “Comprehensive Behavior Communication Project” opportunity as well as indicate who the incumbent may be (if applicable)?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Mozambique anticipates awarding a new, \$10 million, four-year cooperative agreement for an activity titled the Communication for Improved Health Outcomes Project (CIHOP). CIHOP will complement the existing efforts by the Government of the Republic of Mozambique (GRM) and development partners to expand access and improve the quality of health services. Social and behavior change communications (SBCC) interventions are essential for garnering community support and for addressing human behaviors that are requisite for maximizing the health impact of these health system advances. CIHOP will improve Mozambique’s capacity to design, implement, and coordinate high-quality SBCC, allowing health promotion efforts to more effectively reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases.

**86. Mozambique: Could USAID clarify the anticipated solicitation release date and/or the expected award date of the Mozambique “Integrated Malaria Program” opportunity? There seems to be a discrepancy between both dates.**

**USAID Response:** a) USAID/ Mozambique plans to design a new competitive bilateral agreement, the purpose of the new mechanism is to contribute to PMI’s and GRM goals to reduce malaria mortality in Mozambique through the improvement of service delivery of malaria in pregnancy, case management, BCC, Monitoring & Evaluation and Capacity Building at provincial, district and facility level support. The proposed program will support this objective by developing national and local capacity to scale up high impact and cost-effective interventions to reduce mortality due to malaria.

b) USAID/IHO is currently working on the Program description for this activity. The PD is expected to be ready in December 2015, and the RFA is expected to be posted in March 2016.

**87. Nepal: Can USAID please advise on a timeline of release for the Public Financial Management in Nepal?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal solicitation for the Public Financial Management was posted in the FBO on 11/17/2015. This was 10 days later than the A&A Plan estimated release date due to local holidays.

**88. Nepal: Are there WASH opportunities will be available in the future?**

**USAID Response:** Over the past four years, Nepal Mission has supported activities in water resource management and in drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) improvement. For example, WASH components are currently incorporated in large integrated nutrition and/or food security activities, with local NGOs implementing those activities under INGO primes. USAID/Nepal also directly supports local NGOs to implement WASH activities, one of which is focused on Community-Led Total Sanitation, while another addresses rehabilitation of water supply systems damaged in the earthquake.

Currently under procurement are two new activities: (a) a large water resource management activity called PANI (task order award estimated February 2016) that will conserve biodiversity, mitigate the effects of climate change, and conserve water resources, and (b) an integrated Health and Hygiene Activity (non-competed assistance award to local organization in earthquake zone) that improves WASH at health facilities and surrounding communities.

It is important to have Government of Nepal endorse and champion USAID activities, which are always designed in compliance with government plans and policies, strengthen government institutions, and sometimes require cost share. It is not particularly helpful beyond that to have political patrons, although involvement of celebrities can be helpful in hygiene behavior change communication activities.

In the immediate future, USAID/Nepal funds for water resource management and WASH will be invested in the above activities, however, additional resources for new water and WASH projects may be possible in the coming years.

**89. Nigeria: Will USAID consider including a small business set aside for the Nigeria Strengthening Delivery of Malaria Case Management IDIQ. Currently the forecasts notes that a small business set aside is N/A.**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nigeria is currently evaluating the best utilization of Small Business through this award.

**90. Nigeria: The Nigeria Strengthening Delivery of Malaria Case Management has an estimated release date of November, 30 2015 but unlike other forecasted opportunities,**

**there has not been a pre-solicitation or bidders conference. Can you please confirm if this estimate release date is still accurate?**

**USAID Response:** The estimated release date for the solicitation has been pushed to December/January time-frame.

**91. Nigeria: Similarly, will USAID including a small business set aside for the *Nigeria Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) Activity IDIQ*. Currently, Currently the forecasts notes that a small business set aside is N/A.**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nigeria is currently evaluating the best utilization of Small Business through this award.

**92. Philippines: We noted that Philippines opportunities were missing from both the FY15Q4 and FY16Q1 forecasts. Please clarify if this was intentional.**

**USAID Response:** We will try to correct this issue next week when the Mission reopens. However, what we did input was the following:

Office of Education, Early Grade Reading Program and Technical Support, 5 years, Range \$25 - \$49.99M. Type of Award is TBD. Type of Instrument is TBD. Could be broken up into smaller components as well. This is TBD.

Office of Environment, Pacific Islands, Pacific Adaptation Program (READY), 5 years, Range \$10 - \$24.99M. Type of Award is Contract and TBD for Full and Open or IDIQ REPLACE.

Currently we have released a solicitation: RFTOP No. SOL-492-15-000010, Protect Wildlife Project under the REPLACE IDIQ. Contract amount range is \$20.5 to \$22.5M. REPLACE IDIQ is titled Restoring the Environment through Prosperity, Livelihoods and Conserving Ecosystems. This RFTOP is now under solicitation and earlier was a Draft RFTOP.

**93. Rwanda: We noted that the “Integrated Nutrition and WASH Activity (INWA),” which was listed in the June Mission forecast, seems to have been dropped. Can USAID shed any light on this?**

**USAID Response:** The agreement was awarded on November 10, 2015.

**94. Rwanda: Regarding the entry marked “HICD Performance Evaluation (row 139)” could USAID kindly clarify if this opportunity is a part of the PPL- Global Monitoring and Evaluation IDIQ?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission's current plan is to make an award under the Global Monitoring and Evaluation IDIQ.

**95. Rwanda: *LEARN Impact Evaluation* – Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission's current plan is to make an award under the Global Monitoring and Evaluation IDIQ.

**96. Rwanda: *HICD Performance Evaluation* – Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** The Mission's current plan is to make an award under the Global Monitoring and Evaluation IDIQ.

**97. Rwanda: In the 2015 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Review conference call summary document, USAID provided an estimate that the Rwanda Water and Sanitation Infrastructure and Capacity Building Activity would be released for competition in FY 2016 Q1, tentatively as an RFP. Is this activity still being planned for release in Q1, and if so, what mechanism will USAID be using?**

**USAID Response:** The project design has been re-evaluated and the release date(s) for any solicitation(s) has been delayed.

**98. Southern Africa: The June 2015 Business Forecast had an opportunity listed for Institutional Support to Power Africa out of the South Africa Mission as a small business set-aside. This procurement is no longer on the forecast, could you please clarify if this has been competed/awarded already or if this opportunity has been cancelled.**

**USAID Response:** At this time, USAID/Southern Africa has reconsidered the need for this proposed opportunity as a part of its greater acquisition strategy for Power Africa's expansion. USAID/Southern Africa has neither solicited for these services nor completely canceled them.

**99. Southern Africa: With regard to the South Africa, Expansion of Power Africa Activities opportunity, the RFP release date has been significantly delayed. Could USAID provide insight into the cause of the delay? Will USAID provide more information on the Power Africa Expansion in South Africa, especially more detail on the award description?**

**USAID Response:** At this time, USAID's technical experts continue to develop the requirement for which USAID will solicit services to meet a complex development need across sub-Saharan Africa. USAID/Southern Africa anticipates publishing a draft RFP at some point in December 2015 where industry will have the opportunity to provide comment and questions. Prospective

offerors may contact the Power Africa CO, Justin DiVenanzo ([jdivenanzo@usaid.gov](mailto:jdivenanzo@usaid.gov)), if they have additional questions concerning this business opportunity

**100. South Sudan: Could USAID provide an update on the South Sudan Rural Wash Program (SSRWASH)? SSRWASH was removed after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY2015 Forecast and is also not present on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2016 Forecast. Could USAID please confirm if the opportunity is cancelled or if in future quarters it will be re-listed and released as a free and open procurement?**

**USAID Response:** This procurement is cancelled and removed from the Business Forecast.

**101. South Sudan: The South Sudan MAGIC procurement has been on the forecast for roughly two years since the release of the draft scope of work in 2013. The current anticipated release date is December 1, 2015. Does USAID intend to issue a Request for Information or Pre-solicitation Announcement prior to the release of the solicitation?**

**USAID Response:** This procurement is on hold for now.

**102. South Sudan: The South Sudan, Markets for Agricultural Incomes and Competitiveness (MAGIC) opportunity has been listed on the forecast for an extended period, more than a year. Could USAID please provide insight into the delay for this opportunity?**

**USAID Response:** This procurement is on hold for now.

**103. Tanzania: The previous FY15 Quarter 4 forecast listed the Tanzania *Ag Landscapes* procurement but is not listed on the FY16 Quarter 1 forecast. Has that procurement been canceled entirely?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, this procurement has been cancelled.

**104. Tanzania: To what extent, if any, will the Tanzania *Youth Entrepreneurship Project* have some element of agriculture in them?**

**USAID Response:** The focus of this activity is roughly 80-90% agriculture and primarily Feed the Future funded. The activity is still in the design phase but the main purpose is to increase economic opportunities for youth in the agriculture value chains / sector related field in order to increase their incomes thru entrepreneurship, employability, leadership life skills and workforce readiness obtained through formal and non-formal education and training organizations.

**105. Tanzania: Are the dollar amount and award length in the listing for Tanzania Social Marketing correct?**

**USAID Response:** The range for the dollar amount has been updated to \$10 Million to \$24.99 Million and the award length is 5 years.

**106. Tanzania: Why is the item Feed the Future Tanzania Horticulture Activity - MBOGA NA MATUNDA labeled as a New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted, when it appear in the August 28<sup>th</sup> Forecast and its deadline for proposals submissions had already passed at the time of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Forecast's release.**

**USAID Responses:** We apologize for the error on the business forecast. Proposals are currently being evaluated.

**107. Tanzania: Will the Quarter 1, FY 2016 forecast descriptions of the Facility Based Services tenders be updated to reflect the recently released Request for Information encapsulating the tenders?**

**USAID Response:** Yes. However, the title is changed to reflect Comprehensive Health Services Delivery.

**108. Tanzania: Will one organization be allowed to prime on more than one of the Facility-Based Services cooperative agreements (#1, #2 and/or #3)?**

**USAID Response:** Yes, one prime will be allowed to apply for more than one Cooperative Agreement.

**109. Tanzania: Can USAID provide an A&A Specialist point of contact for the Tanzania procurements listed on the November forecast?**

**USAID Response:** The A&A Specialist point of contact is Jose Zenteno ([jzenteno@usaid.gov](mailto:jzenteno@usaid.gov)).

**110. Tanzania: The August 28, 2015 Forecast listed a procurement for Tanzania titled "AG Landscapes." Is this activity still being planned? If so, does USAID anticipate awarding this program as a contract or cooperative agreement?**

**USAID Response:** This procurement has been cancelled.

**111. Thailand: *Sustainable Mekong Energy Initiative* -- Given that the Award/Action type is listed as TBD, are there any updates to the award type or anticipated solicitation date?**

**USAID Response:** The Activity is envisioned to be a contract solicited through a full-and-open competition. We aim to release the solicitation early December. We expect to change the title of the Activity to USAID Clean Power Asia.

**112. Thailand: Could USAID/RDMA please confirm if there will be a new “Urban Resilience” program that appeared in previous versions of the new business forecast but not in the November version?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/RDMA is in the early design stages of new Adaptation/Urban Resilience activity/activities which will not be awarded before Fiscal Year 2017. More information will be provided when available.

**113. Uganda: A number of other Uganda opportunities have dropped off since the May 2015 forecast. Does this mean that USAID/Uganda is no longer considering these procurements?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda is currently working on a new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and has undergone several changes in requirements due to multiple initiatives. As such, old procurements are cancelled and/or will be revitalized to adapt to these changes. The A&A Plan will be updated when Mission has finalized its strategic determinations.

**114. Uganda: Will RFA-617-15-000008 (USAID/Uganda Sanitation Program) be reissued in FY16? If yes, will it be issued as Contract or CoAg?**

**USAID Response:** RFA-617-15-000008 (USAID/Uganda Sanitation Program) was cancelled. It will not be reissued. USAID/Uganda is re-evaluating its Sanitation strategy. In all likelihood some form of a Sanitation Program will be reissued in FY16.

**115. Uganda: We noted that the Uganda SI Tech Support opportunity dropped off the forecast after the June 25, 2015 forecast. Could you please clarify if USAID/Uganda has removed this from the pipeline or if they are still considering this? If this procurement is still under consideration, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda is currently working on a new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and has undergone several changes in requirements due to multiple initiatives. As such, old procurements are cancelled and/or will be revitalized to adapt to these changes. The A&A Plan will be updated when Mission has finalized its strategic determinations.

**116. Uganda: In the Quarter 3, FY 2015 mission forecast, USAID Uganda announced a tender on ‘Expanding Access to long Term Family Planning Methods’. The tender was withdrawn from the Quarter 4, FY 2015 mission forecast, and is not included in the Quarter 1, FY 2016 mission forecast. Has USAID Uganda cancelled the tender or is the intention to include the ‘Expanding Access to long Term Family Planning Methods’ tender in a future FY 2016 forecast?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda is currently working on a new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and has undergone several changes in requirements due to multiple initiatives. As such, old procurements are cancelled and/or will be revitalized to adapt to these changes. The A&A Plan will be updated when Mission has finalized its strategic determinations.

**117. Ukraine: Could USAID/Ukraine please confirm if there are plans for new agriculture and/or access to finance programs in the future? If so, could USAID please add these items to the forecast?**

**USAID Response:** Please see list below from USAID/Ukraine:

*OEG: Financial Stability Sector.* Award Description: The purpose of this activity is to achieve broad-based, resilient economic growth as a means to sustaining Ukrainian democracy by stabilizing and revitalizing economic activity in financial sector. Sector: Economic Growth & Trade. Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range: \$25M-49.99M. Award/Action Type: TBD. Anticipated Award Date: 6/30/2016. Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 3/1/2016. Award Length: 5 years.

*OEG: Agriculture Development.* Award Description: The purpose of this activity is to promote land reform, access to finance, export promotion and institution building. Sector: Economic Growth & Trade. Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range: \$25M-\$49.99M. Award/Action Type: Contract. Anticipated Award Date: 5/30/2016. Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 2/1/2016. Award Length: 5 years.

*OEG: Energy Efficiency.* Award Description: The purpose of this activity is to promote energy efficiency and alternative energy policies at National and municipal levels. Sector: Economic Growth & Trade. Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range: \$25M-\$49.99M. Award/Action Type: Contract. Anticipated Award Date: 6/30/2016. Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 3/1/2016. Award Length: 5 years.

*OEG: Energy Investments.* Award Description: The purpose of this activity is to promote enabling environment, privatization and investment in private sector. Sector: Economic Growth & Trade. Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range: \$25M-\$49.99M. Award/Action Type: Contract. Anticipated Award Date: 6/30/2016. Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 3/1/2016. Award Length: 5 years.

**118. Ukraine: Could USAID please confirm whether the anticipated dates for the Ukraine Mission solicitations ODG: Decentralization Delivering Results for Ukraine (DDRU) Local Governance Activity (anticipated to be released on 11/20/2015) and ODG: Anti-**

**Corruption E-governance (to be released on 12/15/2015) are still accurate or whether these solicitations will be delayed?**

**USAID Response:** Given the current circumstances, the anticipated release dates for both activities were revised as follows (already reflected on the A&A Plan):

- a. ODG: Decentralization Delivering Results for Ukraine (DDRU) Local Governance Activity - 12/15/2015.
- b. ODG: Anti-Corruption E-governance - 01/15/2016.

**119. Ukraine: Does USAID Ukraine plan to release the ODG: Anti-Corruption E-governance solicitation as a full and open competition or will the eligibility requirement limit participation to local organizations only, as was done with several previous solicitations?**

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ukraine has issued a Request for Information (RFI-121-16-000001) on [fbo.gov](http://fbo.gov) and [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) that provides an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to offer insights and suggestions for implementation of the E-governance activity. As of this writing, USAID/Ukraine does not anticipate restricting eligibility.

**120. Ukraine: Can USAID provide any clarity on the relative weight between anti-corruption and e-governance activities envisioned?**

**USAID Response:** The planned E-governance activity is part of a larger anti-corruption project. As one of four components envisioned under the larger project, the e-governance activity represents approximately 25% of the planned effort and resources.

**121. Ukraine: Is the e-governance component expected to coordinate with the DFID e-governance investments taking place in Ukraine?**

**USAID Response:** Donor coordination in the area of E-governance is ongoing, including with DfID. As new activities begin, this coordination will become even more important.

**122. Zambia: On the mission forecast, Zambia has the AGIS opportunity listed twice. What is the difference between the two opportunities and why do they have different anticipated solicitation release dates?**

**USAID Response:** This was an oversight and has been corrected since then. There should be only one entry for this opportunity.

**123. Zambia: For the Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact opportunity, is it a follow-on to an existing project or is it a new project with no incumbent?**

**USAID Response:** This is a new requirement with no incumbent.

**124. Zambia: Can USAID confirm the intent of Award/Action type for the Expanding agricultural opportunities in Eastern Province in Zambia?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design stage, and the mission is considering a public private partnership arrangement with a substantial leverage requirement.

**125. Zambia: *Evaluate for Improved Impact* -- Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design stage and the acquisition team is conducting market research.

**126. Zambia: *USAID/Zambia CDCS Performance Evaluation* -- Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** The anticipated vehicle for this activity is the PPL-LER M&E Activity IQC.

**127. Zambia: The name and anticipated release date of the Zambia AGIS procurement have been changed on several forecasts since 2014.**

- a. This opportunity is listed twice in the FY 16 1st Quarter forecast however it has two different anticipated solicitation release dates – 4/29/2016 and 12/15/2016. Could USAID please confirm which date is accurate?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated solicitation release date is 12/15/2016.

- b. Could USAID please clarify how AGIS relates to the USAID/Zambia “Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-Based Monitoring”? Will these two opportunities definitely be procured separately?

**USAID Response:** AGIS is improving the Government of the Republic of Zambia’s accountability and transparency while delivering services and Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-Based Monitoring is the demand-side activity addressing improved governance systems in Zambia. Yes, they will be procured separately.

**128. Zambia: It is understood from the description of the Zambia “expanding agricultural opportunities in Eastern Province” item that this activity is a follow-on to the commercial agribusiness for sustainable horticulture partnership. Is this line item in the forecast in fact a follow-on or is it a separate project?**

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design phase. It is not conceived as a follow-on to the commercial agribusiness for sustainable horticulture partnership but as a separate, new Feed the Future activity.

**129. Zimbabwe: *Performance Evaluation of USAID/Zimbabwe's Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Projects* – Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** Unfortunately we have not yet made the decision about which IQC we want to use. We are still only reviewing all available IQCs and cannot provide additional details at this time. Our target award dates are 3/31/2016 and 6/30/2016 respectively so by the time the Quarter 2 update is due, we should be able to provide the additional information.

**130. Zimbabwe: *Performance Evaluation of USAID/Zimbabwe's PMTCT and OVC projects* - Under which vehicle can this opportunity be anticipated?**

**USAID Response:** Unfortunately we have not yet made the decision about which IQC we want to use. We are still only reviewing all available IQCs and cannot provide additional details at this time. Our target award dates are 3/31/2016 and 6/30/2016 respectively so by the time the Quarter 2 update is due, we should be able to provide the additional information.