

FY 2016, 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

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.

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **USAID Incumbent Partner:** We note that the forecast used to name the incumbent partner. This got changed last year (now seems to refer to the new implementing partner – so is almost always tbd). Would it be possible to indicate the incumbent or add a column to indicate if the opportunity is a follow-on from an existing project or “new” – last year several people asked about this related to specific projects.

USAID Response: We agree that the column should indicate “incumbent partner” to avoid confusion. We have this change pending with the system developer.

2. **Solicitation Process:** Please explain the solicitation process. Is there a single phase or a qualifications phase followed by solicitation of a technical and cost proposal from qualified offerors?

USAID Response: We encourage partners to get in touch with the point of contact listed in the business forecast for specific questions pertaining to the specific opportunity. Also, see the guide found at: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/grant-and-contract-process>. This guide is a general guide for most of USAID competitions.

3. **Leaders with Associates (LWAs):** Are items that will be procured through LWAs not listed if it is a solely held LWA and thus not competed?

USAID Response: That is correct, activities under Leaders with Associates are not posted on the Business Forecast.

4. **Actions Under \$150,000:** The legal frame requires all procurements that small business can fulfill to be included in the business forecast. As currently implemented the forecast excludes procurement valued at less than \$150,000. While a smaller amount, we know that even with smaller awards, they give small business an opportunity to build and demonstrate a good reputation to

working with USAID. Would you consider including solicitations valued at less than 150,000 on the forecast?

USAID Response: Our current ADS policies only require actions over \$150,000 to be included on the Business Forecast. However, in our guidance to Contracting and Agreement officers we encourage all awards, regardless of the dollar amount, to be included in the Business Forecast. This is a best practice that we continue to communicate to our staff.

It is important to note that many of the actions that are under \$150,000 are done by the Agency's Executive Officers (EXOs). We are looking into how we could begin to capture their transactions in the A&A plan and what policy changes would need to be updated in order to include this information in the Business Forecast.

But more importantly, note that our EXOs are required by the FAR to put solicitations that are over \$25,000 on FedBizOpps.gov. For actions that are over \$15,000, but under \$25,000 they are required to be posted in a public place for no less than 10 days. The FAR does not provide specifics on where they must be posted. In these circumstances how they get posted can vary. They can be published in local newspapers, on the Embassy/USAID website, or on FedBizOpps.gov.

While actions that are under \$150,000 are not captured on the Business Forecast, they are still made publically available for competition.

5. **TEC Ranges:** In an earlier Business Forecast call, USAID indicated that it was considering making changes to the Business Forecast process to further narrow down the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, with the recognition that the current ranges are too wide to assist bidders in bid preparation without a realistic probable contract ceiling. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of this potential improvement to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Several changes have been made to the Business Forecast based on partner feedback. For example, additional specificity was added for awards greater than \$500M from the initial ranges used in earlier versions of the Business Forecast. We remain open to considering additional updates to TEC ranges to help partners better pursue specific opportunities. If you have suggestions, please send them to our Ombudsman at Ombudsman@usaid.gov

6. **Mission Forecast:** Some countries have a low number of forecasted procurements. How does USAID verify the mission/office has made a reasonable effort to develop a forecast and the forecast is realistic? In addition, USAID has programs in more than 80 countries, but only 57 countries are represented on the Forecast. While some missions may not have a forecast, could countries with no forecast indicate none on the forecast?

USAID Response: Each quarter we do a significant amount of outreach to our Missions to ensure that they are entering information into the A&A Planning Tool for our Business Forecast. If you have been following the Forecast for the last year or so, I think you will agree that there have been a lot of improvements in both the quality of the data as well as the consistency of information provided. While there is always room for improvement, we have made significant progress.

Each quarter, M/OAA's Foreign Operations Office reviews the information on the Forecast before it is published. Starting next quarter, this office is going to reach out to Missions missing from the first draft of the Forecast to verify that they have no new opportunities. They will also check with Missions that have a low number of actions. With this additional step, we will begin footnoting in the Mission Forecast specific Missions that have no opportunities available for the quarter.

- 7. Points of Contact at Missions:** Listed on the Mission Forecast is a point of contact. However, it is not possible to find the point of contact in USAID's staff directory. How do we get in touch with Mission points of contact?

USAID Response: You are correct. Contact information for Mission staff is not available in USAID's global directory. Previously, we have instructed partners to email our Ombudsman if they needed to get in touch with someone working overseas and did not have contact information.

During our meeting yesterday, we discussed this issue and came to what I think is a good solution. We will be asking all of Missions to set-up standard email boxes for inquiries and questions -- something along the lines of: OAAKenya@usaid.gov or OAAEthiopia@usaid.gov. We know that many missions already have these and we would like to see all of our Missions have a central place for inquiries. Once we have been able to get all of our Missions to set-up the email box, we will publish the contact information on our Business Forecast webpage for you to use.

- 8. Small Businesses:** The set aside column entry is N/A for most entries. A more appropriate entry would be: type of set aside, TBD, no, or N/A if IDIQ is entered on the forecast.

USAID Response: We agree with this statement. We are looking at updating our Acquisition and Assistance Planning tool to include each of these options. Over the last quarter we have done a significant amount of outreach to our staff on the Business Forecast. Part of our outreach has included making sure that the small business column has been properly completed. We will continue to stress this.

- 9. Award Description Column:** Can missions/office increase the content of information in the description column? In some case the information is not sufficient for an organization to determine if it wants to respond.

USAID Response: Over the last quarter we have done a significant amount of outreach to our staff on the Business Forecast. This has included updating our guidance on our intranet page, creating a one-page cheat-sheet for updating the Forecast, and conducting a webinar on how to properly update the Forecast. In all of these efforts we have stressed the importance of adding helpful information to the Forecast. We will continue to stress this.

10. Small Businesses: As USAID is aware, some businesses can graduate from small to large under a NAICS code and yet still qualify to bid under the GSA schedule if they received their schedule while still small and their schedule is still valid. Will USAID please clarify which definition of small businesses will guide USAID's approach (NAICS code classification vs GSA schedule classification)?

USAID Response: The Agency defines a small business in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations, Parts 2 and 19. USAID's approach to a requirement is often based on the procurement's complexity, urgency and other factors that may have an impact on the acquisition process. It is at the discretion of Contracting Officer to utilize U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedules. In regards to the use of GSA Schedules, a firm under a schedule, which has outgrown its small business status, may be considered for a set aside. If the requirement is an open market small business set-aside, the corresponding North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code must be used to confirm the business size status, as well as the firm's System for Award Management (SAM) data.

11. Task Orders: Once USAID has determined that an activity is to be in the form of a Task Order/Delivery Order under an IDIQ, would it be possible for USAID to specify on the Business Forecast which vehicle is being used to issue the Task Order or the Delivery Order?

USAID Response: Yes, we have issued guidance out to our staff around that world that they must include the vehicle on the Forecast if the action will come out as a task order. We will continue to stress this to our staff.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **General Washington Question:** Can you clarify on the Washington forecast column: Implementing Partner (incumbent)? The current entry is either N/A or the name of an organization. Shouldn't this either state no or the name of the organization not N/A?

USAID Response: Yes, this means “incumbent” and we are working with the system developer to make this change. N/A or blank is included to confirm there is not an incumbent.

2. **Africa Bureau:** AFR/SD/ED Research for Effective Education: Can USAID share a draft scope of work or provide any additional information on activities envisioned?

USAID Response: We do not have a draft scope at this time to share.

3. **Africa:** The current forecast does not include a follow-on project to the African Strategies for Health. Does the Bureau for Africa’s Office of Sustainable Development plan to re-bid this project upon its expiration this year?

USAID Response: No.

4. **DCHA/SIDP/The Lab:** Has USAID decided which special item number (SIN) this opportunity will be released under in the GSA PSS schedule?

USAID Response: The SIN is 874.

5. **DCHA:** Is the July 1st planned release date for the Analytical Services IV opportunity firm, or could it change?

USAID Response: Yes, July 1 issue date of the solicitation is firm.

6. **DCHA:** Will USAID put out an RFI or draft SOW for the ACES central mechanism prior to it being released as an RFP?

USAID Response: An RFI with a concept paper was issued when this requirement was known as DRAGON. Another RFI or draft SOW will not be posted. A pre-solicitation notice could be posted 15 days prior to the issuance of the final RFP.

7. **E3:** Does USAID anticipate the release of a broad-based economic growth IQC?

USAID Response: There is not a broad based economic growth IDIQ contemplated at this time.

8. **E3:** Climate Change Integration

- a. In reference to the Washington Business Forecast, the entry for E3/EI lists the Climate Change Integration activity with a small business set aside

classification of N/A. Would USAID consider the reclassification of this \$10m-\$24.99m activity as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: Market research is underway and a determination will be made at a later date.

- b. The description for the Climate Change Integration entry appears to be truncated: "The emphasis will be on providing climate information and analysis," Is there additional information USAID can provide that may be now missing?

USAID Response: There is no additional information to be provided at this point. Prior to the release of the solicitation and pre-solicitation notice will be issued that highlights the key areas of focus.

- c. The entry titled "Climate Change Integration" states the anticipated award solicitation release date of 07/15/2016 and anticipated award date of 12/16/2017. That seems to be a significant gap between release date and award date. Can USAID please provide updated information regarding the release date and the award date for this activity?

USAID Response: The award date should be 12/16/2016 instead of 12/16/2017. We will make the correction.

- 9. **E3:** Office of Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment (E3/GEWE), Strategic Communications for Gender Equality and Female Empowerment (TBD): Is there a draft scope of work or any additional information on project activities that can be shared?

USAID Response: At this time, there is no additional information available.

10. E3: DCA Institutional Support Contract -

- a. The forecast description states, "This will replace the existing task order that will expire in September 2016." However, the Implementing Partner (Incumbent) field states "N/A". Please advise the name of the incumbent.
- b. Is this procurement related to the award that was made to Visionary Consulting Partners during the summer of 2015 and will this be competed as a small business set-aside, the forecast has it listed as TBD? Will USAID conduct market research to determine the feasibility of procuring this as a Small Business set-aside?

USAID Response: The VCP award provides administrative support and the potential award will provide institutional support. This procurement will be a small business set aside.

11. E3: We note that N/A is in the "Small Business Set Aside" column for the STARR II IDIQ. Is this correct or will it be updated to "Partial Set Aside" as the original STARR IDIQ?

USAID Response: STARR II IDIQ will be a partial small business set aside.

12. E3: The Public Financial Management II IDIQ is forecast. Historically, task orders issued under the PFM IDIQ have addressed a full range of economic growth topics, at times transcending or even excluding "public financial management" (i.e., budget planning/preparation, budget execution and budget evaluation).

- a. What are some of the general areas of focus for the follow-on to the PFM II IDIQ?
- b. Could USAID/E3 Office of Economic Policy please provide a draft scope of work for the second iteration of the PFM IDIQ?
- c. Is this IDIQ envisioned to encompass economic growth/economic policy areas beyond the traditional definition of "PFM"?

USAID Response: There is no additional information to share on the PFM II at this time however given it's a follow on many of the areas of focus under PFM II will be similar.

13. E3: The April Washington Forecast indicates that the *Public Finance Management (PFM) II IDIQ* RFP will be released in September 2016. However, the current PFM IDIQ contract was extended through the end of Fiscal Year 2020. Will these two IDIQs will operate in parallel? What will happen to PFM IDIQ task orders whose period of performance overlap with the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: One PFM II is awarded, task orders that have been awarded under PFM I will continue per the terms negotiated. Once PFM II is awarded, the ordering period for PFM I will end and all new orders would be issued from PFM II.

14. Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement: Can USAID provide any information on the status of a continuation/re-issuance of the global GDA APS?

USAID Response: This GDA for 2016-2017 was released on May 16. See: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/opportunities-funding/global-development-alliance-annual-program-resources> for further details.

15. Global Health: Zika -- Does USAID anticipate future funding opportunities for the Zika outbreak in Central and South America or is the recently released APS addendum the only anticipated funding mechanism for responding?

USAID Response: The recently released APS addendum as well as the recently released BAA addendum for Combating Zika Grand Challenge are the only anticipated Zika funding mechanisms at this time.

16. Global Health: The Global Implementation Research and Research Technology/Utilization opportunity is expected, but not listed explicitly. Does this fall under the Addendum to the Global Health BAA related to HaRP 2.0?

USAID Response: Yes.

17. Global Health: The GHSC TA Central Task Order appeared in the 2nd Quarter Washington Forecast but is no longer showing in the current forecast. Has this opportunity been cancelled?

USAID Response: No, this requirement has not been cancelled.

18. Global Health: The release date for the Pharmaceutical Systems Strengthening (PSS) Opportunity is listed as 5/15/16, however we have heard it will most likely be released toward the end of the calendar year.

- a. Can you confirm the expected release date?
- b. Will a pre-solicitation notice be released for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This program is still in the design stage. RFI# AID-OAA-16-PSS was posted on April 15.

19. Global Health: *Global Health Technical Professionals (GHTP)*

- a. The Award/Action Type is currently listed as GSA Task/Delivery Order (GSA TO/DO). Can you describe the rationale behind selecting GSA as the Award/Action Type?
- b. What GSA Contract vehicle(s) are being considered?
- c. Is this the newly constituted GSA Professional Services Schedule (formerly known as MOBIS)? And if so, which SINS will be used? Does USAID intend to open this up to all vendors who hold the appropriate SIN(s), even if they have not done work previously with USAID?
- d. Will USAID please advise if USAID intends to use the Professional Services Schedule (MOBIS) to issue the Global Health Technical Professional Program (GHTP) RFP?
- e. The Award Description states that this opportunity will serve as a non-direct hire mechanism for GH Technical Professionals. Will the government consider procuring this work as a cost reimbursable type contract as opposed to a Time & Materials GSA Task/Delivery Order? A cost reimbursable type award would increase competition and not restrict companies for not holding a specific GSA Schedule.
- f. If the Global Health Technical Professional Program (GHTP) is released under a GSA Schedule, will USAID please confirm that prime applicants are eligible to include subcontractors which do not hold an active applicable Professional Services Schedule?
- g. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date is listed as 5/15/2016. Can you provide any updates on the solidity of this schedule?

- h. If GHTP is procured under a GSA Schedule, will the government allow the use of subcontractors? If so, will the subcontractors also be required to hold their own GSA Schedule?
- i. The Q&A held prior to the cancelled industry day indicated that prime offerors will be required to hold a secret facility clearance at the time of proposal submission, will subcontractors also be required to hold a facility clearance at the time of proposal submission?
- j. As USAID is aware, some businesses can graduate from small to large under a NAICS code and yet still qualify to bid under the GSA schedule if they received their schedule while still small and their schedule is still valid. In the 2nd and 3rd quarter USAID Forecasts, USAID has identified the Global Health Technical Professionals Program (GHTP) as a total small business set aside. Will USAID please clarify which definition of small businesses will guide USAID's approach (NAICS code classification vs GSA schedule classification)?

USAID Response: This requirement is still in the design stage. Unfortunately, additional details are not available at this time.

20. Global Health: The total forecasted value for the Addendum to the Global Health Broad Agency Announcement opportunity is between \$10 – 25 Million. How many individual awards is USAID anticipating to give under this opportunity? What is the anticipated level of funding for individual awards?

USAID Response: USAID has not yet determined the number of individual awards nor the anticipated level of funding for individual awards. These decisions will be made based on review of submitted concepts, results of co-creation meetings, engagement of other partners and co-funds and subject to the availability of USAID funding.

21. Global Health: Regarding the Addendum to the Global Health Broad Agency Announcement, the forecast indicates an anticipated solicitation release date of 5/31/2016. Will all addendums related to HaRP 2.0 be released simultaneously?

USAID Response: No, USAID expects to issue an addendum by 5/31/2016. Future addenda may be issued subject to availability of funds and program developments.

22. HCTM: What is the timing for the HR procurement and what contract vehicle(s) is USAID considering?

USAID Response: We hope to release the HR procurement in May or June. We are considering GSA PSS Schedule.

23. LAC: Could USAID please confirm its intent to re-compete the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) IQC?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend to re-compete the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.

24. M/CIO: What is the timing for the PRIME 3.2 recompetete (IT contract) and what contract vehicle(s) is USAID considering?

USAID Response: There is no follow-on planned for this award.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** For the Extractives Technical Assistance Activity (ETAA) in Afghanistan:
 - a. Is there an updated release date for this project, following the resignation of the Minister of Mines?
 - b. Will USAID release any other pre-solicitation documents?
 - c. Can USAID please provide more detail on the anticipated scope of work?

USAID Response: This activity is in the design phase and is taking into account all environmental developments in Afghanistan. The Mission is striving to meet the estimated release date of this solicitation in the A&A plan and anticipates providing a pre-solicitation notice beforehand. However, these dates are subject to change based off of changing requirements and needs for the procurement. Additional information for this item will be provided when the solicitation is released.

2. **Afghanistan:** Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Afghanistan Business Environment Reform Project (ABER)?

USAID Response: This activity is still under design. The mechanism is under discussion and will be reflected in the next quarterly business forecast release.

3. **Afghanistan:** OED Capacity Building in the Ministry of Education: The FY16 Quarter 3 Business Forecast indicates a release date of May 15, 2016; if by the time of this call, the solicitation has not been released, would USAID please provide a revised anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID now anticipates to release by June 15, 2016.

4. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID provide additional detail regarding the scope of the Capacity Building of Ministry of Public Works Project?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early design phase and additional details are unavailable.

5. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID please provide the anticipated NAICS code for the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building to the Ministry of Mining and Petroleum Activity? (In a recent pre-solicitation, the NAICS code was listed as 213112. If possible to provide additional information regarding the scope of this activity.)

USAID Response: The anticipated NAICS code is 541990.

6. **Afghanistan:** Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Road Sustainability and Support Program - Emergency O&M?

USAID Response: An IDIQ task order is not contemplated mechanism. This has been revised to a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) or a Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) award. The requirements are still being defined and the solicitation being drafted.

7. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID please provide additional information regarding the scope of Afghanistan Financial Sector Development Project (AFSD)?

USAID Response: Please refer to the RFP once released.

8. **Afghanistan:** Gender Legacy Initiatives. Gender and Development Studies Institute and Kabul University (CEGADS)

- a. Can USAID please provide additional detail regarding the scope?

USAID Response: This project is currently in design process. No additional details are available.

- b. Please confirm that USAID's Monitoring Support Project (MSP) will provide third-party monitoring and verification for the Gender and Development Studies Institute and Kabul University (CEGADS)

USAID Response: It is not anticipated that USAID's Monitoring Support Project (MSP) will provide monitoring for this project.

- c. Will the Contractor be responsible for managing grants under the contract?

USAID Response: It is not anticipated that this activity will manage grants under contract.

- d. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This project is currently in design process. It has not been determined if this activity will be a small business set aside.

9. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI)

- a. Please confirm that USAID's Monitoring Support Project (MSP) will provide third-party monitoring and verification for the Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI)

USAID Response: It is anticipated that USAID's MSP will provide third-party monitoring until the MSP contract ends in 2020.

- b. Will the Contractor be responsible for managing grants under the contract?

USAID Response: It is not anticipated that the contractor will be responsible for managing grants under the contract.

- c. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate this being a small business set-aside.

10. Afghanistan: Anti-Corruption (AMANAT):

- a. When is the RFP expected to be released?

USAID Response: June 2016.

- b. Which ministries will be involved in the AMANAT activities?

USAID Response: Please refer to the RFP once released.

- c. Will the program extend to the provinces or only at the national level? If it extends to provinces, which provinces?

USAID Response: Please refer to the RFP once released.

- d. What key positions are required to be provided by the contractor?

USAID Response: Please refer to the RFP once released.

- e. What is the contract type? (IDIQ, contract, cooperative agreement)?

USAID Response: Cost Plus Fixed-Fee (CPFF) completion type –Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract (hybrid).

- f. On page 5 of SOO, it states under objective 2 that the contractor will support government institutions with technical and financial assistance. What financial assistance would be needed to provide to ministries and where would that funding come from?

USAID Response: Please refer to the Q&A period on the front page of the RFP once released. Any questions regarding the RFP, including the SOO, will be addressed at that time.

- g. Will the contractor have access to government ministry personnel, processes, and financial documents?

USAID Response: Please refer to the Q&A period on the front page of the RFP once released. Any questions regarding the RFP will be addressed at that time.

- h. Will the Contractor be responsible for managing grants under contract?

USAID Response: Yes, the contractor will be responsible for managing grants under the contract.

- i. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate this being a small business set aside

11. Angola: Is the 5/16 release date still accurate for the Angola Supervision and Capacity Building Malaria and HIV/AIDS activity?

USAID Response: Due to additional planning requirements, this NFO is expected to be released by June.

12. Bangladesh: The Bangladesh “M&E Umbrella Contract” is no longer listed on the forecast. Does USAID plan to reissue this solicitation at a later date?

USAID Response: Mission Dhaka is unsure if or when an M&E Umbrella Contract solicitation will be issued.

13. Bangladesh: What is focus of the Bangladesh Climate Resilience BAA?

USAID Response: The focus of this BAA is to demonstrate climate change resilience using innovative approaches and enterprising solutions that ultimately benefit the wellbeing of vulnerable poor, including women. The BAA represents a partnership with other potential development partners.

14. Bangladesh: The Bangladesh “DG activity Evaluation” opportunity is no longer listed on the forecast. Does USAID plan to reissue this solicitation at a later date?

USAID Response: No. We do not intend to reissue a solicitation at a later date.

15. Bangladesh: Regarding the “New Good Governance Activity” listed for Bangladesh with an anticipated release date of July 1st -- in the previous quarter’s forecast, the good governance opportunity had an anti-corruption focus.

- a. For the current opportunity, would you kindly clarify the particular focus and/or provide more information on what aspect of good governance the program will entail?
- b. Specifically, what technical sub-areas of Governance will it entail and will it focus on specific sectors?

USAID Response: We will focus on right to information, e-governance and how to use these tools to improve service delivery. And these are also the likely technical sub sectors.

16. Bangladesh: The Award/Action Type for the Bangladesh Good Governance Activity and the Bangladesh Promoting Oversight and Democratic Space (PODS) procurements are both listed as TBD, with the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for the New Good Governance Activity listed as 7/1/2016. When does USAID expect to determine the award type for these opportunities?

USAID Response: Regarding Good Governance, the Mission is considering the use of an existing IQC. No Choice of Instrument has been signed yet. Regarding PODS, the COI is expected to be determined in mid-August, 2016.

17. Bangladesh: Does USAID still anticipate the release of the Bangladesh Multisectoral Nutrition Activity on May 31? If not, what is the new release date?

USAID Response: This activity solicitation is planned to be released on or near June 16, 2016.

18. Bangladesh: Strengthening Political Landscape (SPL). Consensus Building with Political Parties: USAID currently has an active Leader with Associate award for political party work with the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS). What are the reasons for competing this opportunity openly instead of using the existing LWA, which would be more cost and time efficient.

USAID Response: The current award is expiring. USG emphasizes the use of full and open competition. With the absence of compelling justification to have restricted eligibility, it is the Mission Dhaka preference to have a full and open competition for the next iteration.

19. Benin: The opportunities listed for Benin from the last business forecast (from Feb 2016) are no longer on the most recent forecast. Can USAID verify whether this means that the opportunities will no longer to be funded?

USAID Response: Any future planned programs would appear on the Agency's Business Forecast.

20. Benin: Benin Private Sector Service Delivery Bilateral --

- a. Is the coverage of quality, high-impact health services expected to include family planning and reproductive health services?
- b. Will an RFI be released in advance of the RFA? Is this bid open to INGO or only local organizations?
- c. Could USAID please confirm if the estimated solicitation date in the 3rd Quarter Forecast (i.e. August 2016) is still valid?
- d. Is this opportunity earmarked for local or international implementing partners?
- e. What would be the geographic scope of the intervention?

USAID Response: In response to letter c. the estimated solicitation date of August 2016 is still valid. The anticipated activity is in design phase so all other questions will be answered in the solicitation.

21. Benin: The \$1-\$4 million Benin Advancing Safe Learning Environment for Girls was on the Q2 forecast but was removed from the Q3 forecast. Do you have any status updates?

USAID Response: This activity was removed from the Business Forecast. Any future planned programs would appear on the Agency's Business Forecast.

22. Benin: In the 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated there was no plan for a follow-on project to the Accelerating the Reduction of Malaria Morbidity and Mortality (ARM3) Cooperative Agreement. Has the Mission made any decision at this point about whether there will be an ARM3 Follow-on?

USAID Response: No decision has been made about an ARM3 Follow-On. Any future planned programs would appear on the Agency's Business Forecast.

23. Bosnia-Herzegovina: In reference to the Mission Business Forecast, USAID/Bosnia-Herzegovina lists a SME activity with a small business set aside classification of N/A. Would USAID consider the reclassification of this \$4m-\$9.99m activity as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/BiH does not have any plans to classify this activity as a total small business set aside.

24. Bosnia-Herzegovina: Regarding the Bósnia-Herzegovina SME Activity: We note that the total estimated cost/amount range has shifted from \$10M-\$24.99M in the Nov. 30, 2015 Mission Forecast to \$4M-\$9.99M in the Apr. 29, 2016 Mission Forecast. Can USAID please confirm this change? Does USAID also anticipate any further changes to the Award Mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: We confirm this change. Current range for the SME activity is from \$4M-\$9.99M. USAID/BiH does not anticipate any further changes to the award mechanism.

25. Bosnia-Herzegovina: Harnessing Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Diaspora for Economic Development: USAID appears to have designated this bid a “total set aside” which is assumed to mean a “total small business set aside”. Can USAID please confirm that this project is a 100% total small business set aside?

USAID Response: Yes, this procurement is a 100% total small business set aside.

26. Brazil: The March 3rd Forecast stated that “Brazil M&E, Outreach and Communication and Community Organization Strengthening was eventually cancelled and re-issued to now include Monitoring and Evaluation and Outreach and Communication under the Agency’s M-EVAL IQC.” The April 29th Forecast listed that the Brazil Monitoring and Evaluation Activity is cancelled.

a. Are these referring to the same procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, this action includes the Monitoring & Evaluation activity but also expands the scope by adding the Outreach and Communication activity.

b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this procurement?

USAID Response: A Request for Task Order Proposal was released on March 4, 2016.

c. If so, can USAID please provide details on anticipated timing and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates to award a Task Order in early August 2016.

27. Burkina Faso: Is USAID considering having any global health projects in Burkina Faso in the near future?

USAID Response: Yes, Burkina currently gets approximately \$9 million a year in GH funds. Burkina also has an existing program called IMC that is managed out of Dakar and Burkina also buys into field support with GH funds every year as well.

28. Burma: HIV/AIDS Project

- a. What is the expected scope of the project?

USAID Response:

1. Health System governance and stewardship strengthened.
2. Public and private health services performance improved.
3. Healthy behaviors improved.

- b. Can USAID provide any further details on this project?

USAID Response: See response to question a above

- c. Would USAID consider releasing a RFI in advance of the solicitation? If so when?

USAID Response: To the extent practicable, USAID Burma will maximize use of RFIs on its new programming. The solicitation will be released mid-September 2016.

- d. The solicitation date for this has been updated to 05/16/2016. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation on this date?

USAID Response: No, this has been delayed. The solicitation will be released mid-September 2016.

- e. Is this a follow on to a previous project? Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response: Yes. Currently implemented by PSI

- f. Will the project include research or evaluation components?

USAID Response: No

29. Burma: Maternal Newborn Child Health Activity –

- a. Is it envisaged that this MNCH programme have specific funds earmarked for communicable diseases such as malaria and pneumonia as has been the case in some similar proposal designs from USAID in recent months?

USAID Response: No

- b. Could USAID confirm that the Maternal Newborn Child Health Activity is still expected to be issued on May 31, 2016?

USAID Response: No, this has been delayed. The solicitation will be released mid-August 2016.

c. What is the expected scope of the project?

USAID Response:

1. Health System governance and stewardship strengthened.
2. Public and private health services performance improved.
3. Healthy behaviors improved.

d. Is it possible to get more information on the geographic and technical focus for this call? Can USAID provide any further details on this project?

USAID Response: Not at this time. USAID will select States and Regions considering the need to maintain a geographic overlay that will preserve in the approach the geographic complexity and help the government to better achieve Universal Health coverage (UHC) goals and be pro-poor

e. Is the current forecast release date of 05/16/2016 for an RFI or a full solicitation?

USAID Response: No, this has been delayed. The solicitation will be released mid-August 2016. To the extent practicable, USAID Burma will maximize use of RFIs on its new programming.

f. Would USAID consider releasing a RFI in advance of the solicitation? If so when?

USAID Response: See response to question d above.

30. Cambodia: We note that the New FTF Activity -- Feed the Future Cambodia Horticulture Program is assigned a solicitation number in the April 29, 2016 Mission Forecast with an anticipated solicitation release date of April 29, 2016. However, we note that the RFP has not been posted on FedBizOpps as of today. Can USAID clarify the anticipated release date for this Activity?

USAID Response: The solicitation for the new Cambodia horticulture program should be released in the near future.

31. Cambodia: Please confirm that the Cambodia Land Rights opportunity, which is listed with the Business Forecast Status Change as "Cancelled" is indeed cancelled and that this procurement is no longer anticipated.

USAID Response: Correct. This procurement is no longer anticipated.

32. Cambodia: Cambodia WASH -- Cambodia WASH appeared on the November 2015 and February 2016 USAID forecasts. It was off the April 2016 forecast; could USAID please comment on the reason for this?

a. Is USAID still anticipating to fund this opportunity in September 2017?

- b. Does it have to do with this potentially coming out under WADI?
- c. Can USAID clarify if this activity has been canceled?
- d. If the activity is not canceled, can USAID provide more information on the anticipated scope of work?
- e. Can USAID clarify which office in USAID/Cambodia will manage the WASH project?
- f. Can USAID clarify when the solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: The Mission is reviewing its approach to implement the WASH earmark funding; once decisions are made, any related funding opportunities will be added to the business forecast.

- 33. Cambodia:** Cambodia FTF Horticulture: The forecast lists a release date of April 29, though the solicitation has not yet appeared. Could USAID provide updated information on timing?

USAID Response: The solicitation for the new Cambodia horticulture program should be released in the near future.

- 34. Cambodia:** The Cambodia Education Project has appeared on previous forecasts at different projected budget levels: April 29, 2016 —\$4-9.99 Million, Feb. 8, 2016— \$10-24.99 Million. June 25, 2016 \$4-9.99 million. Is the current proposed budget amount of \$4-9.99 million accurate? Given the smaller size (especially as compared to the recent \$60 million+ education projects solicited under this mechanism), is it possible to solicit this as a small business set aside TO?

USAID Response: The stated funding range is correct. All appropriate options will be duly considered.

- 35. Cambodia:** Could USAID kindly provide an updated release date for the Feed the Future Cambodia Horticulture Program?

USAID Response: The solicitation for the new Cambodia horticulture program should be released in the near future.

- 36. Cambodia:** The value of the anticipated ABE-ACR TO has been reduced significantly.
- a. Is this accurate?

USAID Response: The stated funding range is correct.

- b. With the adjustment in value to the expected ABE-ACR task order, is USAID expecting a significant shift in scope or scale of anticipated activities?

USAID Response: There is no significant shift in scope or scale of anticipated activities; however, the period of performance was shortened;

- c. Given the projected size of the procurement has or will USAID conduct market research to determine the feasibility of procuring this as a Small Business set-aside?

USAID Response: All appropriate options will be duly considered.

- 37. Central Asia:** Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Land Reform and Farm Restructuring project?

USAID Response: The RFTOP for the Feed the Future Tajikistan Land Market Development Activity (formerly referred to as the Land Reform and Farm Restructuring project) is anticipated to be released under the Strengthening Tenure And Land Resource Rights (STARR) IDIQ.

- 38. Colombia:** The Colombia Conserva, Colombia Carbono and Colombia Resiliente opportunities are all scheduled to be released within less than two weeks of one another. In our experience, there are local partners in Colombia that may have expertise relevant to all three procurements, and an interest in participating in all three but may not have sufficient capacity to work on three simultaneously. Would USAID please consider staggering the solicitation release and proposal due dates so that local partners will have the opportunity to engage meaningfully in proposal development?

USAID Response: The proposed dates are still the projected issuance dates per the Agency Business Forecast. Please continue to monitor the Agency's Business Forecast, fedbizopps.gov, the Mission's website, and the Mission's social media sites for updates regarding the solicitations.

- 39. Colombia:** For the USAID/Colombia Producers to Markets Alliance opportunity --

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI prior to releasing the full solicitation?

USAID Response: There will be no RFI issued for the Producers to Markets Alliance solicitation.

- b. Could USAID please confirm whether this award will be a follow-up to the current CELI projects?

USAID Response: The award is not a follow-up to the CELIs mechanisms.

- c. On May 13 USAID/Colombia released a justification and approval extending the Colombia CELI North/South project for an additional year. Does this indicate that the procurement for PMA is likely to be delayed?

USAID Response: The Producers to Markets Alliance opportunity's release date is not connected to the CELI extension in any way. Please continue to monitor [Fedbizopps.gov](https://fedbizopps.gov), the Mission's website, and the Mission's social media accounts for information regarding the release of the solicitation.

40. Colombia: In regards to the program for inclusion of Afrocolombian and Indigenous populations from the country of Colombia, we have the following questions:

- a. Can you please confirm that the release date for this solicitation remains May 31, 2016?

USAID Response: The May 31st date is still the projected Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issuance date per the Agency Business Forecast. Please monitor grants.gov, the Mission's website, and the Mission's social media sites for updates regarding the NOFO.

- b. Can the project be developed for the inclusion of children victims of sexual exploitation and their families, who belongs to these minority groups?

USAID Response: Upon issuance of the NOFO, interested applicants should carefully read the requirements of the NOFO and address what is specified. If there are any questions at that point, please comply with the deadlines for the questions and answers (Q&A) period.

- c. Do the LGBTBI groups have to belong to these minority groups in order to benefit from the project?

USAID Response: The goal is for Colombia as a whole to benefit from this program. Please await the issuance of the NOFO for programmatic details but, in the meantime, check out USAID/Colombia's Human Rights Activity or other programs that may be of interest to your cause.

- d. Can the funds be used to develop intervention programs for the victims of sexual exploitation in conflict settings, specially the ones around mining camps?

USAID Response: Please see answer b.

- e. Can the project include funds to build shelters for victims of gender based violence, human trafficking and sexual exploitation?

USAID Response: Please see answer b.

- f. As a local non profit, can we apply to this cooperative agreement without making alliances with other ngo's or government institutions?

USAID Response: The NOFO will allow for full and open competition. All US and local Colombian non-governmental organizations are allowed to apply independently or in any way that suits their business objectives but still complies with the NOFO requirements.

- g. As a non profit, what is the financial capacity that we need to show in order to apply ?

USAID Response: Upon issuance of the NOFO, interested applicants should carefully read the requirements of the NOFO and address any requirements that are specified. Per regulations, USAID/Colombia does conduct Pre-award Surveys on organizations that have never worked with USAID to assist the AO in making a responsibility determination. This is done on an individual basis and is generally only conducted on the potentially successful applicant.

- 41. DRC:** In Special Notice #OAA-660-20150819 from August 2015, it was indicated that the Integrated Health Program in DRC (IHP-DRC) would have a 5 year performance period. In the current forecast, the award length for IHP-DRC is 7 years. Can USAID provide additional information (i.e. type of contract) regarding this change in award length?

USAID Response: The Mission is considering including two option years.

- 42. DRC:** Both DRC IHAP and IHP release dates have changed frequently.
- Can USAID confirm if the current dates of 5/16 for IHAP and 7/15 for IHP are accurate?
 - The current forecast states the award length for the Integrated Health Program in DRC (IHP-DRC) is expected to be 7 years. This is a change from the 5 year award listed in previous forecasts and the SOO released in August of 2015. Would USAID please confirm it intends for a 7 year award?
 - Would USAID also please clarify if the \$200-220 million range mentioned in the SOO for an anticipated 5 year project has been increased to reflect the additional 2 years of the award?

USAID Response: This information will be updated in the next round of the business forecast. a) The more realistic date for the IHAP now is to issue the NOFO by 07/16. b) Increased to \$300 - \$499.99 million.

- 43. DRC:** Could USAID kindly confirm that the DRC "Eastern Congo Agricultural Value Chain Project" (row 66 of the February forecast) is the same as "Feed the Future DRC Kivu Value Chains" (row 55 of the May forecast)?

USAID Response: Yes, they are the same.

- 44. DRC:** Community Protection and Recovery in Areas Affected by the Lord's Resistance Army

- Will the Contractor be responsible for managing grants under the contract?

USAID Response: The Mission plans to award a cooperative agreement.

- When is the RFP expected to be released?

USAID Response: The information in the Business Forecast is correct.

c. What is the anticipated start date of this contract?

USAID Response: The information in the Business Forecast is correct.

d. Is there a mentor-protégé component to this contract?

USAID Response: This is not a planned contract.

e. Is there a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

USAID Response: TBD

f. How does USAID intend to research, evaluate, assess, and/or analyze the socio-cultural dynamics of the DRC throughout the period of performance?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the planning stage - no further information is available.

g. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This is not a planned contract action.

45. DRC: Sexual and Gender Based Violence -- This opportunity has been on the forecast for several rounds, however there is little information provided.

a. Is it possible to share a draft scope of work? Will an RFI be released in advance of the RFA?

USAID Response: The Mission may consider sharing a draft at the government point of entry.

b. Can the Mission clarify what areas of the country may be covered under this activity? Will the main focus of this activity be in Eastern DRC?

USAID Response: Updates will be made to the business forecast as we know more information

46. East Africa: In the prior forecast, the Resilience Learning Project out of USAID/East Africa was included as an opportunity. It has subsequently been removed. Could USAID please clarify the status and planning for this procurement

USAID Response: There is no planned RLP activity for this quarter. We will update the A&A plan accordingly.

47. Egypt: Several projects are projected for USAID/Egypt. It is our understanding that all new procurements are being held, pending resolution of certain political issues in Egypt regarding the treatment of NGOs and technical assistance projects. Can USAID/Egypt please confirm and/or amend projected timelines?

USAID Response: USAID Egypt will update timelines as often as possible given the available information.

48. Egypt: Could USAID/Egypt please clarify under which IQC mechanism the “Governance Decentralization and Local Administration” task order will be procured? If the TO has not yet been released, can USAID please provide an update on timing? The forecast listed it as May 1, 2016. Is it still planned to be a TO?

USAID Response: We no longer expect to rely on a task order under an IQC mechanism for this activity. If it moves forward, we expect to rely on a full and open competition.

49. Egypt: Given the current NGO registration issues in Egypt, does USAID foresee significant changes in the timing and release of the upcoming RFAs/RFPs in Egypt?

USAID Response: USAID Egypt will update timelines as often as possible given the available information.

50. Egypt: Can you please provide more information on the Literate Village (formally Adult Literacy) project in Egypt which is intended to target school age children and their mothers?

a. Will a draft SOW or RFI be released?

USAID Response: No

b. Is this a follow on to a previous project?

USAID Response: No, this is a new project

c. Who implemented the previous project

USAID Response: N/A

d. Is this meant to be implemented in schools or the community?

USAID Response: The level of detail in this question is best addressed in the RFA/NFO

e. Considering that Ramadan begins on June 5th, does USAID still anticipate the solicitation release date to be June 1, 2016? During this time, all workplaces operate on a reduced working day and many Egyptians take leave, which may result in USAID receiving fewer or poorer quality proposals.

USAID Response: Thank you for this feedback;

f. There has been significant media attention recently on donor-funded projects in Egypt. What impact, if any, does USAID expect this to have:

- i. On the expected timing of the Literate Village opportunity, and
- ii. On the scope and or scale of activity under the Literate Village opportunity

USAID Response: USAID Egypt will update timelines as well as anticipated scopes and scales of its activities as often as possible given the available information

- 51. Egypt:** We note that the Egypt Macroeconomic Reform and the Egypt Trade Facilitation projects do not appear in the latest Mission Forecast. Does USAID plan to continue developing these programs and to eventually bring them to full and open competition? Can USAID provide an update on both of these projects? Have they been cancelled or merely delayed?

USAID Response: Both are still being considered but USAID Egypt has no clear timeline for releasing them.

- 52. Egypt:** Governance Decentralization & Local Administration in Egypt
- a. Will the Contractor be responsible for managing grants under the contract?

USAID Response: Yes, most likely.

- b. When is the RFP expected to be released?

USAID Response: First or second quarter of FY 2017.

- c. What is the anticipated start date of this contract?

USAID Response: September 2017.

- d. Is there a mentor-protégé component to this contract?

USAID Response: We have not considered it but are open to it;

- e. Is there a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

USAID Response: No specific verification component required but Monitoring through a rigorous PMP would be mandatory and a draft monitoring plan a criteria for evaluation.

- f. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No.

- 53. Egypt:** APS – Cultural Heritage Tourism in Egypt

- a. What challenges has USAID encountered while supporting similar projects in Egypt?

USAID Response: The subject matter of this project -- Egyptian antiquities and tourism -- makes answering this question as a general matter impossible as each site is unique.

- b. Is there a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

USAID Response: Yes; this will not be a contract.

- c. Is there a mentor-protégé component to this contract?

USAID Response: No; this will not be a contract.

- d. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No, this will not be a contract.

- 54. El Salvador:** APS 519-15-00001 -- what awards, if any, have been made under this mechanism?

USAID Response: Awards under this solicitation are still under consideration.

- 55. El Salvador:** Democracy and Governance Annual Program Statement (APS) 2016. Can bidders apply for just one of the engagement priorities under each programmatic area, or must all engagement priorities under each programmatic area be addressed?

USAID Response: Yes, applicants may submit concept papers for more than one engagement priority under each programmatic area for which they are eligible.

- 56. El Salvador:** Regional Trade Facilitation Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide additional detail on the anticipated scope of work?
- b. Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Regional Trade Facilitation project?
- c. Can you clarify how this "new" regional trade and facilitation activity will complement the Regional Trade and Market Alliances project ending in 2018?
- d. Will USAID/El Salvador please consider procuring the "Regional Trade Facilitation" activity as a Small Business Set Aside? There are a number of qualified small businesses that could serve as implementing partners. This would also help the mission achieve its Small Business Utilization goal for FY2016.

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is in the early pre-design stage at this point. Solicitation and award are projected for FY 2017. Updates will be made to the business forecast as the activity is further developed.

- 57. El Salvador:** The April forecast included a project entitled *El Salvador Local Governance Activity* (under D&G) to be procured as a Task Order/Delivery Order.

- a. Is there any update on the timing for this?

USAID Response: Yes, we are now projecting November 15, 2017 award date.

- b. Do you have any further clarification of the mode of procurement?

USAID Response: No, not at this time.

c. Could it be issued through Making Cities Work IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes, this is a possibility.

d. Could USAID please provide a more detailed award description?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

e. This new opportunity was not previously forecasted: could USAID please confirm that the solicitation release date is still valid?

USAID Response: No, we are now projecting solicitation release date of July 15, 2016.

58. Ethiopia: Is the Strengthening the Community and Social Services System Project an HIV project? The disease not identified in the project description. Please confirm if 2017 is the correct procurement and award year.

USAID Response: Yes the project is geared towards reducing new HIV/AIDS infections in Ethiopia. Project implementation is targeted for 2017.

59. Ethiopia: Can USAID please confirm that the estimated award value of the Ethiopia "Accelerate Ethiopian Learning Skills" is \$75M-\$150M?

USAID Response: Yes

60. Ethiopia: In the Q2 Mission Forecast, the TRANSFORM: M&E Large Monitoring and Evaluation award for TRANSFORM IPs (Ethiopia) was slated to be released on 1 March 2016; however this activity is absent from the Q3 Mission Forecast. Could USAID please provide an update on this opportunity?

USAID Response: The TRANSFORM M & E was executed under an existing IQC and so no longer available under the business focus.

61. Ethiopia: Could USAID kindly confirm that the Ethiopia "Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities to Targeted PSNP Beneficiaries" (row 84 of the February forecast) is the same as "Feed the Future - Livelihood for Resilience Activity" (row 73 of the May forecast)?

USAID Response: Yes it is the same project. There was a slight change in the activity name to be in line with Branding and Marking requirements.

62. Ethiopia: We note three HIV-related opportunities in Ethiopia on the Mission Forecast: "Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS (SCHRA)" and two new additions: "Strengthening the Community and Social Services System" (MARPs-focused) and "Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcomes for OVC." Could USAID please clarify what differentiates the scopes between these three opportunities?

USAID Response:

Scope for the SCHRA project: The aim of the activity is to accelerate the ability of host government, civic society organizations and communities to more effectively plan, deliver and optimize community based prevention, care and treatment interventions for PLHIV

MARPs-focused: The goal of this project is to improve a sustainable social service delivery system in Ethiopia to contribute for 90-90-90 and sustainable epidemic control.

Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcomes for OVC: The objective of this project is to provide support to strengthening systems to deliver needed services to Highly Vulnerable children and their families in Ethiopia.

What differentiates the scopes is their FOCUS.

Ethiopia: Is USAID anticipating that the scope listed in the Mission Forecast for the “Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS (SCHRA)” opportunity will remain as it is? If not, could you please provide clarification on the scope?

USAID Response: The scope of Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS (SCRH), by and large, remains as it is.

63. Ethiopia: Is the “Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS (SCHRA)” opportunity a follow-on to the Strengthening Communities’ Responses to HIV/AIDS Task Order under the AIDSTAR mechanism?

USAID Response: No, SCRH is a new mechanism.

64. Ethiopia: We have heard that the Ethiopia “Strengthening Community Response to HIV/AIDS” may be delayed by several months and significantly rewritten to focus less on community mobilization and more on clinical outcomes (testing and treatment) as well as capacity building of the government. Can USAID please confirm or deny this information?

USAID Response: It may be delayed for some time; and it focuses on all the three aspects mentioned above.

65. Ethiopia: Per the April 2016 business forecast, the Ethiopia Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS opportunity will be released on May 15th. Please confirm if this is on schedule or will there be a change in release date?

USAID Response: The dates are revised upwards to July 15, 2016.

66. Ethiopia: Water supply for EHIP Health Centers -- will USAID provide design information for the utility connections? What are the bonding requirements?

USAID Response: The design and bonding requirements will be released at the time the solicitation is issued.

67. Ethiopia: Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcomes for OVC in Ethiopia (IWHO) -- Please confirm if the 5/15/2016 solicitation release is still accurate. If a delay is anticipated, we kindly request an update.

USAID Response: There is a slight delay and the new release date is projected to be 7/5/2016

68. Ghana: Will the Countering Violent Extremism Piloting APS for Ghana be open to international applicants? Can you provide more detail on the three-round selection process noted in the description? Does the Mission have a draft scope of work to share?

USAID Response: The notice of funding opportunity (solicitation) was published on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and contains eligibility information and application instructions.

69. Ghana: Will the Ghana "Performance Evaluation of the Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening" be procured through the M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the design phase and the exact procurement instrument has yet to be decided.

70. Guatemala: The most recent USAID forecast has listed numerous opportunities for Guatemala in the FY2016 Qtr3 Mission Forecast. Many of these opportunities have not appeared in recent forecasts, however, the current forecast lists the "Business Forecast Status Change" as "Combination of Changes." Could USAID please advise where and when the "Protecting Endangered Flora and Fauna in Guatemala", "Fomenting Agriculture Incomes and Resilience (FAIR) Project", "National Institution Building for Accountable Governance", "Creating Economic Opportunities", and "Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project" opportunities were previously forecasted?

USAID Response: With the exception of Creating Economic Opportunities which may be issued in the fourth quarter of FY 16, it is anticipated that all of the above projects will be issued in 2017. As a result, they are no longer appearing on the Forecast Report

71. Guatemala: Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project -- Could USAID provide an award description? In February, Making Cities Work IDIQ holders received an RFI for a pending Guatemalan RFOTP, which was called *Citizens for Healthy Communities Project (CHCP)*.

- a. Are these the same project?
- b. If so, is USAID still planning to issue it through the Making Cities Work IDIQ?
- c. Do you have any further updates on the timing and the mode of procurement?
- d. For Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project -- Could USAID please provide additional information on the anticipated scope of

work for this activity and clarify how it complements the anticipated Community Roots activity, the recently competed Communities Leading Development RFA, and the Community Strengthening project implemented by Mercy Corps?

USAID Response: Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project is not anticipated to be released until FY 17 and is no longer appearing on this year's Forecast Report. Moreover, it is not the same project as Citizens for Healthy Communities.

72. Guatemala: Is the Guatemala "protecting endangered flora and fauna" a continuation of previous work, or an entirely new initiative?

USAID Response: This Project is an entirely new activity. Please note that this solicitation is not anticipated to be released until 2017. Therefore, it is no longer appearing on this year's Forecast Report.

73. Guatemala: The Creating Economic Opportunity which was just announced on this forecast has an imminent release date (now in the past) of May 16th, 2016.

a. Will USAID consider first releasing a pre-solicitation or draft RFP ahead of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID may consider releasing a draft of the SOW. Please note that the SOW is not anticipated to be released until the fourth quarter.

b. Could you please provide an award description?

USAID Response: USAID is looking to award a contract through full and open competition.

c. What is the funding source?

USAID Response: The funding source is the US Congress and will likely comprise economic growth and democracy and governance funds.

d. Would this activity contemplate youth workforce activities?

USAID Response: Yes, the SOW contemplates youth workforce activities, among others.

e. Would any work be done related to improve competitiveness and national or local level?

USAID Response: Yes, work will be done to improve competitiveness at the national or local level.

f. Is there a possibility that this activity will include the SOW described under the Pre-solicitation for the Urban Municipal Governance program?

USAID Response: This is a separate procurement and independent from the pre-solicitation notice for the Urban Municipal Governance Program.

- g. Could USAID provide information about the scope?

USAID Response: USAID seeks to grow businesses, and increase employment and income generating opportunities for Guatemalans through a multi-pronged approach utilizing four levels of economic development - expanding access to markets, improving workforce capacity, increasing access to financial services, and strengthening the policy and enabling environment

74. Guatemala: Can USAID provide an update on the mechanism of the new Fomenting Agriculture Incomes for Resilience (FAIR) project?

- a. Is the Guatemala Fomenting Agriculture Incomes and Resilience (FAIR) Project planned to be a follow-on to one or both of the ongoing Rural Value Chains Projects?
- b. Does USAID plan to continue the use of local implementing partners for this activity?
- c. Also, can you update on where we could locate any information regarding the previous announcement of this activity (New Rural Value Chains Project) as we don't see this on previous forecasts?
- d. Could you please provide an award description?
- e. Is there an anticipated instrument forecast?
- f. Could USAID provide more details on the scope of this project?

USAID Response: This item has been removed from this year's Forecast Report and is anticipated to be released in FY 17.

75. Guatemala: On March 10th, USAID/Guatemala issued a pre-solicitation to Making Cities Work (MCW) holders for the "Urban Municipal Governance: Building Citizen-Accountable Institutions" yet this is not listed on the forecast. In contrast, the forecast refers to a "National Institution Building for Accountable Governance" scheduled to be a contract (not task order).

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether these two opportunities refer to the same project?

USAID Response: Urban Municipal Governance and National Institution Building for Accountable governance are two separate projects.

- b. Could USAID please confirm that not including MCW on the forecast is merely an oversight and that this procurement is still anticipated for release under the MCW IDIQ. Could USAID provide bidders with an anticipated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The MCW will be released as a Task Order during the coming months. We will update the Forecast with this information.

- c. Can you confirm whether the project is still slated to be released under the IDIQ?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the project will be released as a RFTOP under the MCW IDIQ.

- d. Can USAID please confirm that this solicitation is still planned and provide an update on when we can expect to receive the RFTOP?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the RFTOP will be released by mid June at the latest.

76. Guatemala: The Community Roots project:

- a. Is this a follow on to a previous project? If so, who implemented the previous project?
- b. How would this activity differ or complement the current violence prevention program being implemented by Mercy Corps? Would the geographic focus coincide with the Mercy corps implemented activity?
- c. The funding range for Community Roots remains listed in the forecast as \$24M - \$49.99M. Can USAID Guatemala provide any, more specific information, on the anticipated funding level? Can USAID confirm that CARSI funds will still be used for this project?
- d. Will there be an evaluation, research, or learning agenda for the Community Roots project?
- e. Can USAID provide updated timing on when the solicitation will be released?
- f. Is this program expected to coordinate activities with other USAID grantees in the region?
- g. Could you please provide an award description?
- h. Can USAID Guatemala provide additional information regarding geographic areas/departments prioritized in the Guatemala Community Roots RFA? Will the Western Highlands be included among the prioritized areas?
- i. Can USAID Guatemala provide additional information regarding the envisioned split between urban and rural municipalities in the Guatemala Community Roots RFA?
- j. Has USAID already prioritized a specific segment of the target population? Will livelihoods opportunities for youth be an area of emphasis in the Guatemala Community Roots RFA? To what degree will this call focus on migrant children and/or violence prevention? What geographical scope will this call cover (urban, rural, or both)?
- k. Does USAID Guatemala expect to release a draft RFA prior to the final RFA for Community Roots? Will USAID consider releasing a draft SOW and solicit comments and feedback from the community?
- l. Approximately how much time will applicants be given to respond to the Community Roots opportunity once the final RFA has been released?

m. Which office in the mission will this program be managed by?

USAID Response: Please refer to [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The NOFO was published on May 12th and applications are due July 11, 2016. Please refer to the NOFO for details surrounding this project.

77. Guatemala: The Flora and Fauna activity is described as having been formerly announced as “Combatting Wildlife Trafficking”.

- a. Can you clarify where we can find the former announcement?
- b. Also, given the change in name, can USAID clarify whether the Flora and Fauna program will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Could USAID provide additional details? Will the anticipated SOW be similar to the recent Combatting Wildlife Trafficking solicitations in Asia (RDMA, Vietnam, Philippines) and therefore be issued as a contract?

USAID Response: This item has been removed from this year’s Forecast Report and is anticipated to be released in FY 17. It is not yet known what type of instrument this procurement will be.

78. Guatemala: Could USAID/Guatemala please provide an updated award type for the Fomenting Agriculture Incomes and Resilience (FAIR) Project? Could USAID provide information on the geographic scope?

USAID Response: This item has been removed from this year’s Forecast Report and is anticipated to be released in FY 17. The geographic code will be detailed in the solicitation when it is released.

79. Guatemala: Monitoring and Evaluation Program

- a. Is this program intended to build the capacity of local organizations and government to conduct M&E?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the design phase and the specific activities have not been determined.

- b. Will it be procured through the M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: No, USAID Guatemala does not anticipate to use the M&E IDIQ.

- c. What tier of M&E support will the contractor be required to provide?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the design phase and the specific activities have not been determined.

- d. It is listed as a Total Small Business Set-Aside. Did USAID mean to list this as a Task Order under the Small-Business IDIQ EVAL-ME?

USAID Response: No, as indicated in the forecasts, USAID Guatemala plans to award a contract for this program.

- e. Will this program require the capability to research and analyze the socio-cultural dynamics (political, military, economic, social, information, and infrastructure environments)? If so, are specific methods for collection of this information envisioned or are you looking for the contractor to propose those solutions?

USAID Response: The requirements and the methods of collection will be outlined in the RFP.

- 80. Guatemala:** For the “National Institution Building for Accountable Governance” opportunity: Would this activity work closely with CICIG or follow their current agenda? Can USAID please provide additional information on the anticipated scope of work for this activity?

USAID Response: This procurement is not anticipated to be released until FY 17. Therefore, it has been removed from the procurement plan.

- 81. Guatemala:** For the “Emerging Political Leadership for a Secure Guatemala (DG/CARSI)” opportunity:
- a. Are you considering working with political parties and their badly needed reforms?
 - b. Is there any political campaign contributions accountability work expected under this activity?
 - c. Would this include youth leadership programs in the scope

USAID Response: This procurement is not anticipated to be released until FY 17. Therefore, it has been removed from the procurement plan. When the solicitation is released, the above questions will be taken into account.

- 82. Guinea:** The forecast does not include anything for Guinea. Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities involving Guinea?

USAID Response: The Mission is planning several new activities; however Associate awards under Leader with Associate will be used as implementation mechanism. One award will be given to the local organization.

- 83. Guinea:** The last forecast had new Feed the Future contract listed for Guinea but have since been removed. Was a final decision made as to whether this activity will be procured? If so, could you give an update on size, mechanism, and potential release date? Is this still planned, and will it be released under the Farmer-to-Farmer Leaders with Associates mechanism?

USAID Response: Mission plans to issue Associate awards under Farmer-to-Farmer Leader awards.

- 84. Guinea:** Can USAID kindly provide any clarification on the reason for the removal of Guinea Legislative Strengthening (previously listed on the FY16 2nd Quarter Business Forecast of February 8, 2016) from the current Mission Forecast? Could

USAID please provide an update regarding the status of the Guinea Legislative Strengthening procurement which was listed on the prior Business Forecast with an Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of 2/15/2016?

USAID Response: The Mission reconsidered the implementation mechanism for Legislative Strengthening activity for Guinea and still considering the best option to procure this activity.

85. Haiti: Could USAID confirm that the Haiti SME Investment Facilitation Activity (row 102 in the February forecast) has been removed from the May forecast? If so, could USAID kindly explain why and whether or not this solicitation will be added back to future forecasts?

USAID Response: This has been removed from the May forecast. This activity is undergoing a new design; the revised concept has not yet been approved by the Mission Director. Once the revised concept is approved and the full design timeline understood, this activity will be added to the Business Forecast if appropriate.

86. Haiti: Can USAID provided an updated estimated release date for Haiti PROJUSTICE since the April 28, 2016 date included in the forecast has already passed?

USAID Response: The RFTOP for this activity was issued on May 10, 2016.

87. Haiti: Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Construction Management for Port Civil Works project?

USAID Response: This project will be under the Global Architect-Engineer Services II Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity Contract (A&E II IDIQ)

88. Haiti: Will the USAID/Haiti “Midterm Performance Eval North-Pilot Project for Sustainable Electricity Distribution (PPSELD)” be released under EVAL-ME? Additionally, the Forecast lists the solicitation date as 4/28/2016 - a date in the past. Has the solicitation already been released? If not, when is the expected release date?

USAID Response: There has been a slight delay in the release while the Mission reconsiders initial competition decisions. Release is anticipated before the end of May 2016.

89. Haiti: For the remainder of this year, is USAID anticipating releasing any RFAs or RFPs? Currently, the forecast listed only task orders and Broad Agency Announcements (BAA).

USAID Response: There are some designs taking place at this time; these designs are still in the concept stage and thus no timelines are available at this time.

90. Honduras: Most of the opportunities are slated to be released in May 2016, which seems inaccurate. Which solicitations should we expect to be released first and

when are the anticipated release dates? Could USAID please confirm that the anticipated solicitation release dates are still valid for all Honduras projects?

USAID Response: The Building Resilience in Ecosystems & Livelihoods (BREL) Activity is still expected to be released in May, 2016 under the Restoring the Environment through Prosperity, Livelihoods And Conserving Ecosystems (REPLACE) IDIQ. Release is imminent pending final clearances.

The Justice and Security Strengthening Activity release is still expected to be released in May, 2016 under the ROL IDIQ. The title of the contract activity will be Justice, Human Rights, and Security Strengthening Activity.

The School-Based Violence Prevention Activity design team has prepared a draft Statement of Objectives that remains projected for release in May, 2016, but as a Request for Information (RFI).

Based on updated information from Planning/Design team(s), the Local Service Delivery Systems Improved Activity the anticipated solicitation release date has been recalculated to June 27, 2016, and the Basic Reading & Education Activity (BREA) is now projected for release on July 18, 2016.

91. Honduras: Will all holders of the Rule of Law IQC be able to bid on the USAID/Honduras Justice and Security Strengthening Activity? Please confirm if this Task Order be limited to small business IDIQ holders. Could USAID please confirm whether this award will be released under the ROL IQC

USAID Response: The Mission plans to implement a fair opportunity competition under the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Rule of Law (ROL) IDIQ. The Mission does not plan to limit the competition to the small business holders.

92. Honduras: Honduras BREL: The forecast lists a release date of May 10th, but the solicitation has not yet appeared. Could USAID provide updated information on timing? Under which IDIQ does USAID plan to release the Building Resilience in Ecosystems & Livelihoods (BREL) project?

USAID Response: The Mission still plans to release the RFTOP under the Restoring the Environment through Prosperity, Livelihoods And Conserving Ecosystems (REPLACE) IDIQ. Release is still scheduled for May 2016. Release is imminent.

93. Honduras: Transparency and Anti-Corruption Activity. A Transparency and Anti-Corruption activity had been included in the Mission Business Forecast back in February 2016 but the award is no longer forecasted. Is the activity being reconsidered? Will it reappear on future business forecasts? Could USAID please confirm whether a Transparency project is to be expected in the upcoming months, and if so, could USAID confirm a tentative solicitation date?

USAID Response: New and updated information will be released as it becomes available. The Mission has added a third Development Objective to its Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS).

94. Honduras: The Honduras Workforce Development Activity is no longer on the forecast.

- a. Have the workforce development components been added to another opportunity?
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this procurement?
- c. If so, can USAID please provide details on anticipated timing and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: This procurement is being set aside for small business under the Youth Power Implementation IDIQ.

95. Honduras: Local Service Delivery Systems Improved. Could USAID please provide a more detailed award description? According to FY2016Qtr2 Business Forecast Review Conf Call Questions, this award was planned to be released as a RFTOP under the Making Cities Work IDIQ contract. Could USAID please confirm that this is still the case? Will this award be a follow-up to the current NEXOS project?

USAID Response: The activity will promote responsive governance and assistance to service providers to improve service delivery. Service providers include, but are not limited to, municipal governments and councils, as well as civil society, grassroots, and non- governmental local actors and stakeholders. Civil society participation in local decision-making will also be supported. This activity will foster local institutional strengthening and promote governance as a key cornerstone for sustainability. Although the Activity has included lessons learned from the implementation of other activities in Honduras, including NEXOS, the procurement has been planned as a new award, and not as a “follow-on”. USAID/Honduras still plans to release the RFTOP under the Making Cities Work IDIQ.

96. Honduras: There are two school-based violence prevention/citizen security efforts listed for Honduras. Please confirm these are two different opportunities and what the focus is for each of them. Could USAID please confirm the award type?

USAID Response: Yes. The Basic Reading & Education Activity (BREA) is separate from the School-Based Violence Prevention Activity. New and updated information will be released as it becomes available.

97. Honduras: The April forecast for Honduras included a project entitled *Community and Municipal Development for Citizen Security* (under D&G).

- a. Do you have any update on the timing and the mode of procurement?
- b. Can USAID please provide an updated on the anticipated mechanism - TO, contract, or cooperative agreement?
- c. Could it be issued through Making Cities Work IDIQ?

USAID Response: New and updated information will be released as it becomes available.

98. Honduras: In the responses to the FY 2016, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, additional information was provided for “Basic Reading and Education Activity (BREA)” and the TBD school based violence prevention activity”, but the information has not been incorporated into the forecast.

a. Are those award descriptions still valid?

USAID Response: Yes. New and updated information will be released as it becomes available.

b. Are there any amendments or updates to the award descriptions for “Basic Reading and Education Activity (BREA)” and the TBD school based violence prevention activity”? How do they differ?

USAID Response: New and updated information will be released as it becomes available.

c. Also, can the award description be included in the spreadsheet of the next Business Forecast?

USAID Response: We will attempt to incorporate the information.

d. Could USAID please provide a more detailed award description?

USAID Response: With respect to BREA, the purpose of this activity to improve early grade reading skills for Honduran students in grades one to six in the target regions. It is expected that by the conclusion of this five (5) year contract, there will be no less than a 20 percentage point increase in the percentage of sixth graders able to read at grade level in targeted schools. Building on USAID’s prior national level investments in improving curriculum, teaching practices and the evaluation system, interventions will be explicitly targeted to the school level. These interventions will include but not be limited to providing support for improving teacher effectiveness; strengthening existing student assessment at the school level; increasing the quality, availability and use of reading materials; and strengthening classroom and school management. The Contractor will be required to improve instruction by strengthening host country education systems and other delivery mechanisms to improve instructional approaches, train and support teachers, and provide other services required to improve student reading, including monitoring and evaluation and applied research. In addition, the Contractor will be tasked with increasing parent, community and private sector support for early grade reading. The emphasis of this activity is to build the capacity of Honduran partners to develop locally-grounded solutions to improve primary school reading outcomes.

- e. Could USAID please provide further insight on the expected procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: New and updated information will be released as it becomes available.

- 99. India:** Could you provide a specific update on the status of the India Partnership Programs (APS2.0)?

USAID Response: This APS was issued March 31, 2016, and can be found in its entirety on Grants.gov: www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=APS-386-16-000001

- 100. Indonesia:** This question concerns the Indonesia Workforce Development Technical Assistance Tender. Late 2015, USAID started a collaborative design process for a US\$50m fund for Inclusive Workforce Development. This is a long exercise where USAID first seek 4 page concept notes, have a workshop for all potential bidders who work on short-listing this into 10 proposals and at the same time building consortia. Now, in parallel, we see (in the procurement forecast) a Workforce Development Technical Assistance tender upcoming (Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 16.05.2016). Question: how these are related?

USAID Response: Inclusive Workforce Development (IWD) is issued under BAA IWD since last year. This Workforce Development Technical Assistance RFTOP is a separate procurement with the BAA IWD. USAID/Indonesia intends to issue a Task Order to support the work with workforce development stakeholders.

- 101. Indonesia:** BUKA -- Does USAID/Indonesia intend to release a pre-sol or RFI before the RFP is released?

USAID Response: BUKA is still under design. USAID Indonesia is planning on releasing an RFI, which will be posted on FBO and Grants.gov

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

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia posted an RFI for New MNH program in www.fbo.gov on January 25, 2016 and www.grants.gov on February 1, 2016, which closed on February 12, 2016. The Mission is currently working on the solicitation.

- 103. Iraq:** The Iraq Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) is not listed on the updated business forecast. Is the project still under consideration?

USAID Response: The listed Iraq Governance and Performance Accountability Project has replaced the RRM.

- 104. Iraq:** Iraq Governance and Performance Accountability Project

- a. Does the Mission anticipate releasing the pre-solicitation notice/synopsis this fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes

b. Will there be a presolicitation notice?

USAID Response: Yes

c. Please confirm that this project will be a multi-award IDIQ.

USAID Response: The contract will likely be a hybrid cost plus fixed fee completion-IDIQ (for supplemental technical assistance) contract. USAID/Iraq anticipates giving one contract but reserves the right to award multiple or no awards.

d. Does USAID anticipate any portion of this IDIQ being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: The contract will be a full and open competition.

e. Please confirm that this project will function as a hybrid contract made up of both Firm-Fixed Price and Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee components.

USAID Response: See answer to c.

f. How does USAID intend to evaluate the impact of this project?

USAID Response: The Mission is still in development of its full monitoring and evaluation plans for the future.

g. Will this program require the capability to research and analyze the socio-cultural dynamics (political, military, economic, social, information, and infrastructure environments)? If so, are specific methods for collection of this information envisioned or are you looking for the contractor to propose those solutions?

USAID Response: Please see the upcoming pre-solicitation notice and solicitation for details on the specifics of the requirement.

105.Jordan: Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for a Jordan Preservice teacher training program?

USAID Response: Yes

106.Jordan: When does the mission anticipate awarding the Health Finance and Governance Activity?

USAID Response: Anticipate issue an award during the fourth quarter of FY 2016.

107.Jordan: When does the mission anticipate releasing the Youth Power RFTOP?

USAID Response: Expected RFTOP release date is fourth quarter of FY 2016.

108.Jordan: WRE-Water Innovation Technologies: The narrative here describes the opportunity as a cooperative agreement, whereas the mechanism column indicates this will be a contract. Can USAID please clarify whether it intends to issue an RFA or RFP for this activity?

USAID Response: The Mission intends to issue an RFA.

109.Jordan: In the last round of business forecast questions to USAID, it was stated that the EDY-Youth Power opportunity for Jordan was on hold and would not appear on this forecast; given that it is on the Q3 forecast, can USAID confirm if this opportunity is still on hold or if the Mission has decided to move forward with this opportunity?

USAID Response: Expected RFTOP release date is fourth quarter of FY 2016.

110.Jordan: Will the upcoming USAID/Jordan YouthPower activity cover youth activities within a formal, school setting? Since the last procurement call stated that this procurement replaces the Learning Environment 2/Vulnerable Youth bid we would like to know if USAID intends to use this activity to continue its efforts to improve learning environments and student retention. Please confirm the budget range for this opportunity.

USAID Response: YouthPower will support a positive youth development approach, which promotes the building of assets of young people and communities in order to achieve positive youth outcomes. The anticipated budget range is \$10M - \$24.99M.

111.Jordan: The two education-focused awards in Jordan are no longer on the forecast. Does USAID still anticipate releasing these procurements? If so, can USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: The RFTOP for Youth Power is anticipated to be released in the fourth quarter of FY 2016. The RFP for Pre-service Teacher Training is anticipated to be released in the first quarter of FY2017.

112.Kenya: For the Kenya OVC opportunity(ies)

- a. The Q&A from the previous forecast call indicated that there would be up to two awards for the Kenya OVC opportunity, based on geographic focus. Does USAID still anticipate making up to two awards related to this opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes we do

- b. If so, will the division of the two awards be reflected on future forecasts?

USAID Response: Yes

- c. Does USAID still anticipate the imminent release of this Cooperative Agreement? How many awards will be made and how will they be divided geographically?

USAID Response: The RFA will be issued within the next couple of months

- d. Will each award be valued at \$75 to \$149 million, or is this the total amount for all of the awards combined?

USAID Response: This is the total amount of all the awards combined

- e. Currently there are six provinces listed but just three awards, so how will these be combined?

USAID Response: This is still be discussed and will be clearly delineated in the RFA once released.

- f. Also, is the release date still expected for 5/16 or shortly thereafter or will it be delayed several months?

USAID Response: The RFA will be released in the June/July timeframe

- g. Please advise if the full procurement value is open to applications from both local and international groups.

USAID Response: Yes, a full and open competition is expected

113. Kenya: The current forecast does not include a follow-on activity to the Kenya Support Services Project. Do USAID/Kenya or USAID/East Africa envision a follow-on activity - if so, could USAID please provide further information such as estimated solicitation date, value, and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: The current activity does not end until September 2017, and the mission will update the business forecast once it has made a decision on the way forward.

114. Kenya: According to the forecast, the Kenya HIV Service Delivery Support Activity (HSDSA) is scheduled to be released in July 2016 and awarded in March 2017. Is USAID planning to have an overlap with the current AIPHIA projects and this new solicitation? The USAID/Kenya HIV Service Delivery Support Activity (HSDSA) expression of interest did not include one county: Siaya county. Could USAID please confirm that Siaya county is intentionally being excluded from the project?

USAID Response: The award is currently in design. We cannot assure there will be an overlap with the current projects. At this time we cannot state whether the Siaya county will be included. There is no intentional exclusion, but there is no guarantee that this county will be included either.

115. Kenya: The FY16 Q2 Mission Business Forecast listed a new opportunity, a 5-year Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) in Kenya, which was estimated at \$25M - \$49.99M, was anticipated to be released by 09/1/2016, and contracted by

12/30/2016. This was identified as a "New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted". The FY16 Q3 Mission Business Forecast makes no mention of this opportunity. Could you please clarify the status of this initiative?

USAID Response: This opportunity has been renamed the Kenya Investment Mechanism. This is anticipated to be a full and open acquisition instrument to be released later in the fiscal year.

116. Kenya: Kenya Investment Mechanism

- a. Is the Kenya Investment Mechanism the same opportunity as the USAID/Kenya and East Africa Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) Activity for which an RFI was released in early February?

USAID Response: Yes

- b. Is the anticipated scope of the KIM opportunity still in line with the RFI that USAID released for PSDI in January?

USAID Response: There may be changes which will be addressed in the RFP when released

- c. The Kenya Investment Mechanism (KIM) is listed as TBD mechanism on this forecast. Would it be possible to update on the potential mechanism at this time?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID anticipates an acquisition instrument

- d. If the Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) in Kenya is still an active opportunity, does the mission foresee a set-aside for small businesses for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Agency anticipates a full and open competition, and highly encourages small business to apply;

- e. The sector column states that this opportunity is Agribusiness and Food Security. Could USAID clarify if the "small businesses" and "entrepreneurs" that will be targeted as stated in the Award Description column for this opportunity will solely relate to the agriculture and food security? If not, could USAID provide details on the other sectors that this opportunity will cover?

USAID Response: The sectors covered include agriculture and food security as well as financial resources to assist development of these sectors

- f. Will the work focus on the three sectors of agriculture, WASH, and energy?

USAID Response: The RFP will fully identify these sectors and any others to be covered

117. Kenya: Kenya CVE Activity: Under which IDIQ will the USAID/Kenya CVE Activity be released? Has a final decision been made on whether USAID will use the PEACE IDIQ mechanism for this activity? Is there any further information to share in terms of geographic coverage and/or scope of work

USAID Response: The PEACE IDIQ is being used for the new CVE Activity. The CVE Activity RFTOP was released and the A&A Plan has been updated accordingly.

118. Kosovo: Can USAID clarify under which IDIQ it plans to release the Kosovo C-Support Clean Energy activity?

USAID Response: That determination has not been made.

119. Kosovo: Can USAID confirm that the Transparent, Effective and Accountability Municipalities (TEAM) program in Kosovo is replacing the previously listed Accountable Governance opportunity, which is no longer on the forecast?

USAID Response: Confirmed.

120. Kosovo: Workforce Readiness

- a. Can USAID confirm that the funding amount for the Kosovo workforce readiness opportunity is correct?

USAID Response: The funding on the forecast is incorrect and it is between \$1-\$5 million.

- b. Can the Mission provide any further details on the anticipated scope of work?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

- c. Can USAID please indicate which mechanism is anticipated?

USAID Response: An assistance mechanism is anticipated.

- d. Could this be released as a task order under the Youth Power Implementation IDIQ for example?

USAID Response: No.

121. Kosovo: In reference to the Mission Business Forecast, USAID/Kosovo lists a Transparent, Effective and Accountable Municipalities (TEAM) activity with a small business set aside classification of N/A. Would USAID consider the reclassification of this \$10m-\$24.99m activity as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

122. Liberia: Is the Local Roads Construction IDIQ intended to be a procurement for local firms only? What is the forecast amount of the construction work to be subcontracted out?

USAID Response: Local Roads Construction IDIQ is a procurement restricted to local firms. The forecasted amount for subcontracting is TBD.

123. Liberia: Baggage Handling for Monrovia Airport -- is the scope of work to purchase and install both? Is there a bonding requirement for this project?

USAID Response: This is a procurement for equipment only. There is no bonding requirement.

124. Liberia: The anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity is listed as 4/25 which was 4 days prior to the release of the forecast on 4/29. Can USAID confirm if this opportunity is still pending, and if so, is it expected to be issued as a task order under WADI, or will it be another IDIQ contract vehicle?

USAID Response: The LMWP II RFTOP was released under the A&E II IDIQ on May 2, 2016.

125. Liberia: Can USAID kindly provide any clarification on the reason for the removal of the Liberia Governance in Education Opportunity (previously listed on the FY16 1st Quarter Business Forecast of November 2, 2015) from the two most recent Mission Forecasts?

USAID Response: For the removal of the Liberia Governance in Education Opportunity, it was decided to expand the requirements of other planned activities to incorporate the objectives of the Liberia Governance in Education opportunity.

126. Madagascar: The forecast for Madagascar includes only two contracts related to Health Outcome Monitoring Surveys, however two RFIs on natural resource management and biodiversity were recently published. These RFIs also refer to an upcoming WASH opportunity. Can USAID provide further details on these three opportunities or advise when the forecast for Madagascar will be updated?

USAID Response: The WASH activity is currently in the planning stages; USAID anticipates releasing an NFO for this activity in the next quarter.

127. Madagascar: Last year's forecast (3rd Quarter 2015) showed two expected opportunities for Madagascar, on Environment and WASH, but have not appeared on the list since. Should we be expecting these opportunities to show in the current FY 2016? If so, what are the expected funding mechanisms?

USAID Response: 2 RFPs are anticipated for Environment and Biodiversity activities based on the RFIs that were released last quarter. See answer above for WASH activity.

128. Madagascar: In the 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Q&A (Question 111), USAID indicated that the request for soliciting the Collection of Health Outcome Monitoring Survey data activities via small business set aside contracts would be considered. Could USAID share an update on whether a decision has been made regarding this request?

USAID Response: This has not yet been determined.

129. Madagascar: On March 4th USAID released two RFI's under the Conservation and Communities Project in Madagascar. These activities haven't been on the previous two iterations of the business forecasts. Would it be possible to give an update on sizes, mechanisms, and potential release dates of the two opportunities?

USAID Response: Requirements have not significantly changed since the release of the RFIs.

130. Madagascar: The 2 climate change opportunities, one focused on policy and the other on site based conservation, have been removed from the Forecast. Can you please provide a reason for this omission?

USAID Response: This was a mistake as these two activities should remain on the Forecast.

131. Malawi: A number of previously forecast opportunities have been removed (Health BCC, HIV Treatment). Can USAID clarify if these are no longer planned?

USAID Response: The Health SBCC opportunity was competed full and open through an RFP. The Mission has decided to use an existing USAID Washington instrument for the HIV Treatment activity.

132. Malawi: ASPIRE Mid-term Performance Evaluation: Please confirm if this evaluation will be released through the USAID PPL-LER EVAL-ME IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes, this evaluation will be sourced under the USAID PPL-LER EVAL-ME IDIQ.

Malawi: With reference to the 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, in November 2015, it was indicated that USAID intended to 'include planned task orders and the title of the IDIQ in the description of the planned action.' That said, could USAID please advise under which IDIQ the ASPIRE Mid-term Performance Evaluation Task Order be released under?

USAID Response: The evaluation services will be sourced under the USAID PPL-LER EVAL-ME IDIQ.

133. Malawi: Yesani Ophunzira 'Assess the Learners' Activity

- a. Please clarify under which IDIQ this opportunity is expected to be released.

USAID Response: PPL-LER Monitoring and Evaluation IDIQ

- b. Can the Mission share the draft scope of work for this activity and/or provide additional details on the activities envisioned?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently finalizing the scope of work and anticipates issuing the RFTOP in the June 2016 timeframe.

- c. Can USAID please clarify a more targeted potential ceiling for this activity since the \$10-24M range is so large?

USAID Response: The activity is still in development. This is the range we can provide at this time.

- 134. Malawi:** HIV Treatment -- Did USAID decide to use an existing mechanism, or can we expect this to reappear on a future Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, this activity was removed from the forecast, the mission decided to use an existing USAID Washington instrument.

- 135. Mali:** The All Children Reading Program was not released as was predicted in the last forecast and it did not appear in this forecast. Are there plans for a later release date or has this opportunity been cancelled?

USAID Response: The USAID Mali Education team is still at the design step.

- 136. Mali:** The opportunities originally listed for Mali from the last business forecast (from Feb 2016) are no longer on the most recent forecast. Can USAID verify whether this means that the opportunities will no longer to be funded?

USAID Response: Most of the actions removed from last plan are either cancelled or under design (delays due to circumstances in Mali, including delays in receiving the funds).

- 137. Mali:** On previous forecasts we noted a Girls' Leadership and Empowerment through Education (GLEE) program planned for Mali, with an anticipated release date of 3/31/16 for between \$12-\$24 million.

- a. Does USAID have any information about when or if the Girl's Leadership Empowerment through Education (GLEE) solicitation, which has been dropped from the Forecast, might come out?

USAID Response: This activity is still at the design phase. There are ongoing discussions within the Mission regarding the total amount to be awarded. The forecast will be updated as soon the final decision is made.

- b. Can you please confirm whether this program is still planned and if so, the new anticipated release date? Or is it cancelled?

USAID Response: The action is not cancelled. We do not have dates at this time.

- c. If it is still planned, can USAID provide information regarding the anticipated award mechanism? Will USAID consider releasing this as a RFA?

USAID Response: The anticipated mechanism will be Acquisition with full & open competition, however please note that the decision is not final.

138. Middle East Regional Platform (MERP): All opportunities for MERP have been removed since the previous forecast. Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for MERP being added to upcoming forecasts?

USAID Response: All MERP actions have been awarded. It's likely that new opportunities will come up in the near future. Please also see information for Tunisia, Libya and Syria.

139. Mexico: The Q3 Mission forecast lists a \$1-4M opportunity in Mexico for "technical assistance to transparency anticorruption law/systems," expected to be released o/a July 1, 2016.

- a. Is this the same ROL and anticorruption program expected under the Rule of Law IQC that will (1) support the GOM's implementation of its transparency and anti-corruption initiatives at federal and sub-national level in targeted states/municipalities; (2) replicate best practices in accountability and transparency; and (3) increase individual and civil society organizations participation in GOM accountability and transparency?

USAID Response: That is a possibility and we are still finalizing internal documents to confirm.

- b. If not, (1) which DCHA-led IQC will this opportunity come out under and (2) when is the Mexico ROL and anticorruption program under the Rule of Law IQC expected?

USAID Response: It is expected to be released in July 2016 as already stated.

- c. This activity potentially has a large scope, so can USAID please clarify why the estimated cost range has changed?

USAID Response: Estimated cost range of \$1-4 million has not changed.

140. Mexico: The Q3 Mission forecast states that the USAID/Mexico Civil Society Strengthening Activity Umbrella will be issued as a task order under an IQC. Under which IQC will this opportunity be issued? Is USAID planning to release it as an Associate Award under the Strengthening Civil Society Global Leader with Associates Award?

USAID Response: We are still finalizing internal documents to confirm which IDIQ to use, so we are not at liberty to say at this time. We would not issue this task order under an IDIQ and an LWA at the same time.

141. Mexico: On the February 8, 2016 USAID Mission forecast the CSSA choice of instrument was listed as a Cooperative Agreement. Now it is labeled Task Order/Acquisition with an estimated release date of April 28, the exact same day

the revised procurement forecast was released, thus providing no opportunity for discussion with the OAA office. Why was this changed?

USAID Response: USAID is researching the history of this activity, reviewing the ADS 304 revised update in April 2016, and the plan is to make sure the proper instrument type has been chosen. The release date is not April 28th, that is an error. The release date is on/about June 2016.

142. Moldova: The Mission Business Forecast includes several USAID/Moldova activities in the \$10m to \$24.99m range. Would USAID consider the reclassification of these future contracts as total small business set asides?

USAID Response: USAID plans to set aside Rule of Activity (ROLA) for small business only.

143. Moldova: The previously forecasted Elections and Political Processes Program for Moldova, with an anticipated solicitation release date 4/1/2016, does not appear in the current forecast. Does this mean it was cancelled?

USAID Response: USAID decided that Elections and Political Processes Program for Moldova will be implemented through an Associate Award under the Global Elections and Political Transitions Leader with Associates Award (Global EPT LWA), implemented by the Consortium for Elections and Political Processes Strengthening (CEPPS). As indicated in the Q&A accompanying the 2016 Q2 Forecast, unlike IDIQ awards, LWA awards are not considered to be competitive.

144. Moldova: The April forecast for Moldova shifted the solicitation release date for the upcoming *Moldova Local Governance Program* to 3/19/2017 from the February forecast of 4/19/2016.

a. Can USAID confirm the postponement of this procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID confirms that *Moldova Local Governance Program* will be postponed until FY 2017.

b. Could USAID please kindly provide information on the reasons for this delay?

USAID Response: USAID is not able to provide information on the reasons for this delay.

c. Can any more information be provided on the scope of the project?

USAID Response: USAID is still working on the scope of the project and no final information could be provided at the moment.

145. Mozambique: The Q3 Mission Forecast includes two new planned activities from USAID/Mozambique -- "Feed the Future Value Chain" and "Climate Smart Agriculture," both cooperative agreements. As agribusiness development and value chain work in particular is better suited to a contract mechanism rather than a

cooperative agreement, consistent with the decision USAID/Mozambique made in releasing the original SAFRA as an RFP, could USAID explain and justify the rationale for releasing these programs as cooperative agreements?

USAID Response: USAID is using a variety of mechanisms throughout the world to develop value chains, and each activity needs to be tailored to the particular needs of the country and program in question. In this case, the mission has closely analyzed the projects' needs and requirements, taking into consideration both Feed the Future mandates and the President's Executive Order on Climate Resilient International Development. The mission has evaluated work already being done by NGOs in Mozambique and noted that many of the proposed activities are already taking place in Mozambique through international NGOs. Given the existing expertise, USAID does not intend to exercise a considerable amount of operational control, but rather intends to support and expand work already underway thereby allowing USAID to take advantage of the technical expertise provided by these organizations. Therefore, the mission believes the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates award is the most appropriate mechanism. The technical areas of focus are different under the new awards than was envisioned under the SAFRA procurement. The new activities will focus on direct activities with farmers to improve their farming practices in light of the anticipated effects of climate change and there will be no nutrition activities. Many international NGOs, including the organizations within the Farmer to Farmer LWA, have decades of experience with providing direct assistance to farmers and successfully developing robust market linkages.

146. Mozambique: Could USAID clarify if the new Feed the Future Value Chain activity or the Climate Smart Agriculture activity in Mozambique are related to the canceled SAFRA procurement? Can you provide new details about both opportunities?

USAID Response: The FTF Value Chain Activity is the same project as the Climate Smart Agriculture project. The mission intends to award this combined value chain and climate smart agriculture activities under the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates. These activities will use some of the same funding that was intended for the SAFRA procurement. The mission cancelled the SAFRA procurement because it no longer met the needs of the agency, in particular SAFRA did not address climate change in any substantive way. These new activities will address the President's Executive Order on Climate Resilient International Development. Furthermore, SAFRA contained nutrition activities that are not suited to a farmer-to-farmer project and have been removed from the new award.

147. Mozambique: Is there any update on the anticipated SoW for the Feed the Future Value Chain activity?

USAID Response: The mission intends to award to value chain and climate smart agriculture activities under the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates. The SoW is currently under development.

148. Mozambique: Integrated Malaria Program -- We note that the solicitation date has been amended in the last forecast, is the solicitation likely to be on this date and will it be an RFI or an RFA? Given the next forecast may not be released until Q4, is it possible to get an update on this for planning purposes?

USAID Response: The Integrated Malaria Program will be issued under an RFP and we anticipate having the solicitation ready in August 2016. The requisition package is currently in circulation.

149. Mozambique: Climate Smart Agriculture -- Is this a follow on to any existing opportunity

USAID Response: This is not a follow on activity; it will be part of the FTF Value Chain activity.

150. Nepal: Under the entry marked "CTIP II" the award/action type is listed as a "leader with associates (LWA)"

a. Will this be under an existing LWA mechanism?

USAID Response: This is to be determined. The LWA mechanism still hasn't been awarded, but the RFI is found here:
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId%3D281446>

b. If so, which one?

USAID Response: Please see the answer with regards to the upcoming Asia CTIP LWA and RDMA and the link provided above for more information.

c. Will USAID please confirm that this amount is only for the leader award and not the ceiling for the entire LWA?

USAID Response: Nepal cannot confirm the leader amount as this will be awarded in RDMA.

d. Please also confirm the solicitation release date, which is currently listed as May 15, 2016.

USAID Response: The solicitation release date will depend on the LWA and the decision to go with the LWA per the award outcome.

151. Nepal: Nepal Community Reconstruction Program:

a. The sources sought issued by USAID/Nepal (RFI-367-16-0001) was titled Nepal Community Reconstruction Program. In the Qtr 3 Business Forecast, there are two Community Reconstruction Program entries: "Nepal Community Reconstruction Program" and "A&E for Nepal Community Reconstruction Program".

i. How do these two contracts relate to the sources sought and each other?

USAID Response: The Nepal Community Reconstruction Program (NCRP) is a design-bid-build program. It will be implemented via two contracts: 1) a Task Order under the A-E II IDIQ for A-E and construction management services; and 2) a multi holder IDIQ for firm fixed price construction services. Sources sought notices will inform USAID on the design of the program. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.

- ii. Given the current situation of programs in Nepal and the urgent need for funding, can USAID confirm the dates of both?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing the solicitations for both contracts in Q3 FY 2016.

- iii. Does USAID envision a scenario where one contractor could implement both contracts?

USAID Response: No.

- b. Please clarify if the reconstruction is related to rebuilding post-earthquake.

USAID Response: Yes, the reconstruction program is related to rebuilding post-earthquake.

- c. Has the scope increased from more than simple public health facilities to larger works and other sectors of services (e.g., water, transportation, environmental, etc.)? Is there any update on the anticipated SoW for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The scope remains the reconstruction of public infrastructure, such as but not limited to, health clinics and schools, that were damaged or destroyed in the 2015 earthquakes. Ancillary work, such as water systems and road access, may be included as needed to complete fully functional facilities.

- d. We understand that at the June 25, 2015 International Conference on Nepal 's Reconstruction, the USG committed a total of \$130M to support reconstruction efforts. The latest Mission forecast shows a value for the Nepal Reconstruction Program construction contract (multiple holder IDIQ) in a range of \$150-299.99M, and the A&E contract in a range of \$25M - \$49.99M. Could USAID explain the change in the funding for this project?

USAID Response: The 130M figure included relief and early recovery activities not included in the NCRP. For the NCRP, anticipated funding ranges are as follows: NCRP IDIQ=\$150-299.99M and NCRP A-E Task Order= \$10-24.99M. Changes are due to changes in program design and available funds.

- e. The Qtr 3 Business Forecast lists the Nepal Community Reconstruction Program as leveraging 2017 funding. Please confirm that with a June 15, 2016 RFP, award won't be until May 17, 2017 (a typo?) and that 2017 funding will be used. This is longer than typical for similar USAID procurements.

USAID Response: Funding is dependent on appropriations from congress and subject to availability. Award dates are based on average Procurement Action Lead Times (PALT) and are estimates.

- f. Because this is an A&E IDIQ, can USAID confirm that the contract procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Brooks Act?

USAID Response: The mission will not be creating a separate IDIQ for A-E. A-E services will be provided through the A-E II IDIQ and in accordance with the Brooks Act.

- g. Does USAID intend to use the recently awarded A&E II IDIQ contract for the A&E for Nepal Community Reconstruction Program listed in the Qtr 3 Business Forecast? Or will this be a stand-alone contract? Will task orders issued under the reconstruction IDIQ use design-build or design-bid-build delivery

USAID Response: Please see response to point 151 a.i above.

- h. Will this work require bonding?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates that construction task orders under the NCRP IDIQ will require bonding.

- i. Will there be design-build involved or will the work mainly consist just construction management activities?

USAID Response: See response to point 151 a.i above.

- j. Will the IDIQ contain multiple awards or a single award? If multiple awards, how many firms will be chosen?

USAID Response: The NCRP IDIQ will be multiple award. USAID/Nepal anticipates 4 - 6 awards.

- k. What is the difference between construction-manager at risk and construction management at risk?

USAID Response: Not applicable. NCRP is now a design bid build activity, comprising the two contracts mentioned in point 151 a.i above.

- l. Will the A&E for Nepal Community Reconstruction Program IDIQ have a partial small business set aside?

USAID Response: See response to point 151 a.i above.

152. Nepal: Can USAID confirm that the Nepal SPPELP II program will be competed openly and not under the EPT LWA? Can you confirm that this solicitation will still be released on 5/15/2016?

USAID Response: We can confirm that this solicitation will not be released on 5/15/2016. A full and open competition will be confirmed at a later date.

153. Nigeria: Please confirm whether USAID is planning a new HIV prevention, care, and treatment program in Nigeria. If so, can USAID provide the total estimated cost/amount range and anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Yes. However, the activity is still in design phase and USAID has not finalized budget estimates on this activity.

154. Nigeria: Is Nigeria "New HIV/AIDS-TB Monitoring and Evaluation Activity" (row 164) of the May forecast different from "Nigerian Monitoring and Evaluation Management Services" (row 190) on the February forecast? If so, could USAID explain why the Nigerian Monitoring and Evaluation Management Services contract was removed?

USAID Response: The two are different. Nigerian Monitoring and Evaluation Management Services which later became USAID/Nigeria Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Program was removed because the RFTOP solicitation closed on 04/15/2016, and therefore no longer available as an opportunity. Please note that all the two activities are proposed as task orders under the existing PPL/LER IDIQ.

155. Nigeria: In the FY16 Quarter 2 Business Forecast conference call, USAID/Nigeria noted that it is in the process of designing a new activity on local government/decentralization. Would USAID/Nigeria provide updated information on the anticipated release date and amount? Can USAID/Nigeria elaborate on the proposed scope of work?

USAID Response: This project is still under design. Therefore, no information is available for sharing with industry at this time.

156. Nigeria: Can USAID confirm if any Youth Power IDIQ task orders will be released in the next quarter in Nigeria?

USAID Response: No. Currently, the Mission has no plans to issue any Task Order under the Youth Power IDIQ.

157. Nigeria: In the 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, USAID indicated that USAID/Nigeria intends to procure a Water and Development IDIQ (WADI) task order with further information to be provided at a later date. This opportunity is still not listed on the current Business Forecast. Would USAID be able to provide an update at this time?

USAID Response: This activity may be listed on the Business Forecast by 4th Quarter of FY 2016.

158. Pakistan: Pakistan Mission proposes to release an A&E IDIQ on June 1, 2016, for broad technical support and advice. It has some construction supervision but heavily hits on capacity building, legal, regulatory and financial. The award date is anticipated as March 1, 2017 (roughly a ten month interval). It is a five year contract worth \$50 - \$75 million. The scope of work that is summarized in the forecast is a very different scope of work than the one shown in the Pre-Solicitation Notice, published on May 6.

- a. Could USAID please explain this, and advise whether the supporting services that are referenced in the forecast notice (such as policy, legal, regulatory, financial reform, human resource development, training, private sector participation) will be forming a major part of the work under this A&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: The forecast description is broader than the more in-depth description provided in the May 6th, 2016 synopsis posted to the Federal Business Opportunities page, however the services requested are the same. To avoid any confusion, the forecast description has been updated to better reflect the description provided in the synopsis. Please be aware it may take some time for the new description to appear on the business forecast. The exact requirements for the work and support services will be described in RFQ. USAID/Pakistan encourages prospective offerors to regularly check the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps) website at www.FedBizOpps.gov for issuance of RFQ.

- b. Are these the same project?

USAID Response: Yes.

- c. Will the forecast A&E project be different and released on June 1?

USAID Response: This is the same project.

- d. Could USAID advise if the Pakistan A&E IDIQ will be a single or a multiple award IDIQ?

USAID Response: Multiple award IDIQ.

- e. Will the Pakistan A&E IDIQ have a partial small business set aside?

USAID Response: There will not be a partial small business set aside.

- f. It is our understanding that the execution of this IQC is to be enhanced by utilizing local subcontractors. Can USAID please clarify and/or provide comment?

USAID Response: Each Offeror will have to decide on the merit of using local Pakistani subcontractors and or US small businesses by taking guidance from the evaluation criteria and full Statement of Work when they are published along with the RFQ.

159. Pakistan: *Let Girls Learn* -- Can you please answer the following questions:

a. Type of award mechanism?

USAID Response: Type of mechanism is TBD as Mission has not yet completed design phase.

b. Anticipated award Length?

USAID Response: To be determined, current working assumption 36 months.

c. Geographic focus?

USAID Response: Potential to involve all Pakistani provinces.

d. Is this a follow on to a previous project?

USAID Response: No, this is a new project arising from LGL WH announcement in 2015.

e. Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response: N/A

f. Could this opportunity be a full and open RFA?

USAID Response: The instrument and competition are still to be determined.

160. Pakistan: *Community Stabilization Program* --

a. Can a description of the types of services envisioned be provided/expanded upon?

b. Is there a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

c. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

d. Updated release date?

e. Can USAID/Pakistan elaborate on the proposed scope of work?

f. Geographic focus?

USAID Response: Planning is in Pre-Concept paper stage.

161. Pakistan: Elections and Political Stabilization Program

a. Can a description of the types of services envisioned be provided/expanded upon?

b. Will there be a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

c. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

d. Is there a proposed NAICS code for this work?

e. Is there a monitoring and verification component to this contract?

- f. Will this program require the capability to research and analyze the socio-cultural dynamics (political, military, economic, social, information, and infrastructure environments)? If so, are specific methods for collection of this information envisioned or are you looking for the contractor to propose those solutions?
- g. What are the reasons for competing this opportunity openly instead of using the existing LWA, which would be more cost and time efficient.

USAID Response: Planning is in Pre-Concept paper stage, these questions will be included in our review and we will update the plan in the next quarter.

162. Peru: There are currently no opportunities listed for the Peru mission. On March 7th, the Peru mission issued a Request for Information (RFI) titled “Securing Water Supply in the Context of Climate Change” (AID-RFI-527-16-000001).

- a. Could USAID please inform industry about the status of any procurements to come out of that RFI?

USAID Response: USAID/Peru is working with the information received in response to the RFI in order to finalize our concept for the Climate Change Program. The procurement is still at the activity and concept development phase and will be further defined for procurement release later in the year.

- b. Is the mission still expecting to release a solicitation for this activity?

USAID Response: Yes.

- c. If so, has the award type been determined yet?

USAID Response: No. Once the concept is finalized, USAID/Peru will be able to determine the type of instrument(s).

- d. Is there an anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: A planned solicitation date will be determined once the program’s concept has been approved.

163. Peru: We note there are no opportunities listed for the Peru Mission.

- a. On March 7, 2016 USAID/Peru posted a Request for Information (AID-RFI-527-16-000001) on “Securing Water Supply in the Context of Climate Change.” Please advise on the status of this prospective project.

USAID Response: USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

- b. USAID’s answers to questions received with regard to the FY16 Q2 Forecast included the following response: “USAID/Peru’s project designs have been delayed. Therefore, we are not yet able to accurately anticipate any of the new actions that will arise as a result of these

project designs. USAID/Peru will update the Business Forecast with information regarding upcoming activities as soon as practicable.” Could USAID please confirm that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country?

USAID Response: USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

164. Philippines: The Philippines Evaluation of Community-based Activities and the Midterm Performance Evaluation of EDGE projects are both listed as IDIQ contracts. Can USAID confirm whether these projects will be procured as IDIQs or Task Orders under a current IDIQ? Will this be coming out under EVAL-ME?

USAID Response: This action will be a task order under an IDIQ issued by RDMA/Thailand, USAID Asia Learning and M&E Support Project.

165. Philippines: Under which IDIQ will the USAID/Philippines “CDCS Mid-course Stocktaking Analytical Support” be released?

USAID Response: To be determined.

166. Philippines: The \$25-\$50 million Philippines Office of Education, Early Grade Reading Program and Technical Support was on the Q2 forecast but was removed from the Q3 forecast. On the last call, we received notice that the PAD was delayed due to staffing shortages.

a. Do you have any status updates?

USAID Response: The PAD (Project Appraisal Document) is still in process. It is delayed due to the Philippine elections, and to obtain buy-in from the incoming administration.

b. Could USAID provide any feedback on when this opportunity is scheduled to be released and under what mechanism?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this(these) would be competitively awarded/fair opportunity, whether assistance or acquisition. Such opportunity/ies could be released as early as the 2017 calendar year.

c. Are there any updates on the size and number of procurements, which was noted, in the past response from USAID, may change?

USAID Response: No updates at this time. The number of procurements will be based on the Basic Education PAD. Nevertheless, a total estimate of \$25 to \$50 million is reasonable for all Early Grade Reading Program activities.

167. RDMA: Thailand: Regional Innovation Mechanism. This has been relisted as an IDIQ. Will this be a single holder IDIQ or will the IDIQ be awarded to more than one holder/consortium?

USAID Response: Final design decisions have not yet been made.

168. RDMA: Could USAID provide any further details on the “Laos Basic Education” opportunity, such as mechanism and scope. Why is this under Thailand and not Laos?

USAID Response: This potential opportunity is still in the design phase and the choice of instrument has not been finalized. RDMA is responsible for all procurement actions related to Laos.

169. RDMA: The transcript to the November 20th 2015 forecast call contains the following information: “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.” Is information available? Is the mission still expecting to release a solicitation for this activity/these activities? If so, has the award type been determined yet? If so, what type of award is anticipated? Is there an anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA is still expecting to release a solicitation for an Adaptation/Urban Resilience activity. The type of instrument has not yet been determined. At this point, no estimate is provided for a solicitation release date.

170. RDMA: February 2016 forecast carried an award titled *USAID/Thailand: Investment for Sustainable Landscapes in the Asia Region*. The April 2016 forecast lists *USAID/Thailand: Invest Asia (Sustainable Landscapes)* in place of the same program. Can USAID clarify the rationale behind the change in award title?

USAID Response: These working titles represent some of the concepts that are expected to be covered by the activity. However, additional discussions will be required for a finalized title. The final name of the Activity will follow the requirements of the recently published [USAID Graphic Standards Manual and Partner Co-Branding Guide](#).

171. RDMA: Thailand Countering Trafficking in Persons in Asia:

- a. USAID/RDMA released a Request for Information for the "Counter Trafficking in Persons in Thailand, however this opportunity does not appear on the recent forecast. Could USAID please provide insight to the updated timing of solicitation release?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA is now focusing on a regional counter trafficking in persons program (CTIP - Asia) with a planned solicitation release in June, 2016.

- b. For the USAID/RDMA CTIPs Asia activity can you please clarify whether this will be a Cooperative Agreement or a contract?

USAID Response: The Choice of Instrument has not yet been finalized.

- c. Does USAID/RDMA intend to release a pre-sol before the RFP is released?

USAID Response: This depends on the mechanism selected.

- d. Was USAID/RDMA not on the forecast because the CTIP activities for Thailand and Asia are merged together into one regional activity or will

the Thailand activity be released at a later date? If so, will the solicitation date be on June 15 or later?

USAID Response: Currently, USAID/RDMA is focused on Regional CTIP activities (CTIP - Asia). The solicitation is planned to be released in June 2016 wherein the scope of the program and proposed activities will be highlighted within.

172. Rwanda: The Rwanda Sustainable Partnerships for Education and Economic Development (SPEED) program is still listed as a “new opportunity not previously forecasted,” although it was included on the February 8 forecast. Can USAID confirm whether the opportunity is still planned as a cooperative agreement and provide an update to the solicitation’s anticipated award date (currently listed as May 16, 2016)?

USAID Response: We have changed the status of the opportunity in our internal A&A Plan, which will be noted on the next Business Forecast. The type of instrument, listed as a cooperative agreement, has not changed at this point in time. The anticipated award date is not determined as of yet, but it will be no earlier than September 1, 2016.

173. Rwanda: What sort of instrument will be utilized for the Rwanda FtF Project? Could USAID provide more details on the scope of this project?

USAID Response: We anticipate awarding a contract. Please see RFI-696-16-000001 for additional information regarding the scope of the project.

174. Senegal: Can USAID please comment on a timeline for procurement for the projected USAID/Senegal *SENWASH* activity from the Ministry of Water and Sanitation since it is currently absent from the tracker?

USAID Response: Senegal did not have an award titled "SENWASH". However there was one titled "WASH" that was listed in the previous quarter that was a task order award.

175. Serbia: Can USAID confirm that the Serbia “Rule of Law Transition Initiative” will remain as a free and open competed contract, or is there the possibility that it could come out as a task order under the Rule of Law IQC?

USAID Response: The final determination has not been made, though it will likely be full and open to promote maximum competition and innovative ideas.

176. Sierra Leone: The last forecast had new Feed the Future contract listed for Sierra Leone but have since been removed. Was a final decision made as to whether this activity will be procured? If so, could you give an update on size, mechanism, and potential release date?

USAID Response: Mission plans to negotiate Associate awards under Farmer-to-Farmer Leader with Associate award.

177. Sierra Leone: Is USAID considering having any global health projects in Sierra Leone in the near future?

USAID Response: While there are many planned global health activities in Sierra Leone none of them will be procured directly by the Mission.

178.Somalia: Does the USAID Mission in Somalia still plan to issue one award for the New Education Activity? Can the mission provide further details on the expected scope of work?

USAID Response: The education activity is still in the design stage. The intention is to issue one award. The expected statement of work will be released with the RFP, or if time permits, an RFI.

179.Somalia: New Education Activity

- a. Please advise if an RFI will be released in advance on the RFP, and if so, when that RFI is anticipated.

USAID Response: An RFI will be released if time permits.

- b. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of the anticipated RFP?

USAID Response: The new solicitation release date is summer, 2016.

- c. Can any more information be provided on the scope of the project?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design stage, and the statement of work will be released with the RFP, or an RFI if time permits.

- d. Will this be one or several projects?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design stage. The intention is to issue one award.

- e. Does USAID plan to release an RFI in advance of the RFP?

USAID Response: An RFI will be released if time permits.

- f. Finally, is it possible that this will be released under the ABE ACCESS IDIQ?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design stage, and the exact contract type has not yet been determined, so it is possible the mission may decide to use an IDIQ.

180.South Africa: For the “South Africa Mission Support” activity, can USAID please confirm that this will be open to all small businesses and not procured through an existing IDIQ?

- a. Will USAID release a pre-solicitation for the “South Africa Mission Support” activity?

USAID Response: The requirement will be competed as a small business set-aside, and will be synopsisized and posted on www.fbo.gov. The anticipated release date is in Q3 of FY16.

b. Also, could USAID/South Africa please expand on the scope of work?

USAID Response: The purpose of the Southern Africa Mission Support (SAMS) contract is to provide program, administrative, financial management and acquisition and assistance support services to USAID's Mission and offices in the Southern Africa region.

c. Is there an incumbent partner for this contract?

USAID Response: This is a new requirement. There is no incumbent contractor.

181.South Africa: Support for Monitoring and Evaluation for Health -- There is little information posted in the description.

a. Does the Mission have a draft scope of work to share or further detail on activities envisioned?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to post a draft statement of work for this requirement.

b. Please confirm if this will be released through the USAID PPL-LER EVAL-ME IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID intends to compete this task order under a multiple award IQC that USAID/Southern Africa has with local organizations.

c. The "Support for Monitoring and Evaluation for Health" for South Africa entry shows that the award will be made as a Task Order/Delivery Order (TO/DO). Under which vehicle will this TO/DO be released?

USAID Response: This is intended to be released under a multiple award IQC that USAID/Southern Africa has with local organizations.

d. Is there a revised anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID intends to release this solicitation in Q3 of FY16.

182.South Africa: For the South Africa "Single Holder IDIQ Education Evaluation Mechanism", (REED) can USAID please clarify if this opportunity is exclusively open to local firms? Will international firms be eligible to compete?

USAID Response: The Single Holder IDIQ Education Evaluation Mechanism will be exclusively open to local firms only. International firms are not eligible to compete for the award.

183.South Africa: South Africa Energy Program

- a. The South Africa Energy Program (SAEP) is listed as TBD under mechanism. Would it be possible to update on the potential mechanism at this time, given the solicitation is due out tomorrow, May 20th?

USAID Response: TBD for mechanism is an error, SAEP will be a contract that is anticipated to be advertised in June due to unforeseen delays.

- b. Please explain the difference between the South Africa Energy Expansion of Power Africa Activities IDIQ and the Power Africa IDIQ.

USAID Response: There is only one IDIQ, the Expansion of Power Africa Activities. SAEP is a separate stand alone contract for the Southern Africa region.

- c. Does USAID anticipate that live periods for both Power Africa Expansion IDIQ and Southern Africa Energy Program would overlap? Given that a similar pool of bidders is likely to bid for both opportunities, we respectfully request that USAID consider staggering the procurements, so that response times do not overlap.

USAID Response: It is anticipated SAEP will be advertised first. However, both mechanisms have released RFIs which should help offerors to prepare their responses earlier and both are high priorities for both operating units (Southern Africa and Power Africa). Therefore, while it is not anticipated they will overlap, there may be some overlap in timing depending on when the RFPs are ready.

184. Southern Africa: The February 8, 2016 version of the Mission Forecast listed the Southern Africa Energy Program as a contract. The April 29, 2016 forecast lists the procurement vehicle as ‘to be determined’. Can you USAID confirm the planned procurement mechanism given the planned release date is May 20, 2016?

USAID Response: SAEP is a contract.

185. Southern Africa: The Southern Africa Energy Program is not listed on the updated business forecast. Is the project still under consideration?

USAID Response: Yes, it is still on the business forecast.

186. Southern Africa: The current entry for the Southern Africa Energy Program contains references to “REED”—can USAID please clarify the anticipated impact of the REED designation on the entry?

USAID Response: There is no impact, SAEP is still a Southern Africa Mission procurement. REED is the technical office within the Mission by which the procurement will be managed.

187. Southern Africa: Does USAID have an indication yet as to when/if the regional M&E IQC will be released?

USAID Response: There are no updates on the regional M&E IDIQ requirement at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

188. South Sudan: The Conserving Biodiversity program in South Sudan was not previously forecasted, but it has a solicitation release date of March 2016. When will this be released? Is there any more information available about the scope of this project?

USAID Response: The Conserving Biodiversity Annual Program Statement (APS) Number APS-668-16-000001 has been posted on www.grants.gov on March 23, 2016. The APS can be found at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282448>

189. Tanzania: Comprehensive Health Services Delivery:

USAID Response: These activities are not follow-on. However, these activities are a consolidation of several activities under the Health Portfolio. The following list shows the project implementers for each region.

- a. Comprehensive Health Services Delivery 1-Lake/Western Regional Grouping: is this a follow on to a previous project? Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response:

Lake zone

Malaria

Implementer: John Hopkins University (JHU)- vector works in Simiyu, Kagera, Mwanza, Mara, Geita, Kigoma;

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)-Malaria care works in Simiyu, Kagera, Mwanza, Mara, Geita, Shinyanga

Family Planning

Implementer: Engender Health-RESPOND (All regions but in selected districts)

Maternal Child Health (MCH) JHPIEGO- MCSP: Mara, Kagera,

- b. Comprehensive Health Services Delivery 2- North/Central Regional Grouping: is this a follow on to a previous project? Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response:

Northern/central zone

HIV Care and Treatment (ART), Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), Home Base Care (HBC), HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT), Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Implementer:

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids foundation EGPAF-LIFE works in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tabora; Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha and part of Manyara

Deloitte "TUNAJALI" in Singida, Dodoma)

Family Planning

Engender Health-RESPOND (All regions but in selected districts)

- c. Comprehensive Health Services Delivery 3-Southern Regional Grouping: is this a follow on to a previous project? Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response:

Southern zone

Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), HIV Care and Treatment (ART), Home Base Care (HBC), Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Implementer:

Deloitte-TUNAJALI works in Njombe, Morogoro, Iringa

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids foundation EGPAF-LIFE in Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) work in Lindi and Mtwara

Family Planning

Implementer:

Engender Health-RESPOND (All regions but in selected districts)

Malaria

Implementer:

PATH-Malaria Care works in Morogoro (also in DSM and Coast but these are not in CHSD regions).

190. Tanzania: This activity is no longer listed in the FY16 Quarter 3 Business Forecast.

Please clarify the status of this opportunity.

USAID Response: There are two activities that are no longer listed in the FY16 Quarter.

1) Tanzania Social Marketing that was scaled down and will be procured under a Leader with Associates Award. 2) The Tanzania Youth Entrepreneurship Program that is still in design phase.

191. Tanzania: *Tanzania Social Marketing* – We see that this has fallen off the latest USAID forecast. Could USAID indicate whether they plan to issue a solicitation for this opportunity this year or has it been integrated into another USAID procurement in the country?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania has decided to scale down and procure this activity under a Leader with associate award.

192. Tanzania: *Tanzania CPICI* – The current release date of this solicitation recently changed to May 2nd after being pushed back several times in the past. Since May 2nd has passed, can USAID confirm a release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: We anticipate that the Solicitation will be released before the end of the month.

193. Tanzania: The Tanzania Youth Entrepreneurship Program has been removed from the forecast.

- a. Has this opportunity been canceled by USAID/Tanzania?

- b. Does USAID anticipate issuing this procurement under full and open competition at a later date?
- c. If so, what is the expected date of release and mechanism for this procurement?
- d. Will this be coming under YouthPower instead?

USAID Response: This activity has not been canceled. This activity is in the early design phase and is subject to the final statement of work, which is currently still being finalized. In addition, it is anticipated that this activity will be solicited in late 2016 and awarded in 2017.

194. Timor-Leste: Could USAID/Timor-Leste please indicate if the Tourism Capacity Building program will be procured under an IDIQ mechanism (eligible to all types of bidders or set-aside) or if it will be a full and open contract

USAID Response: USAID anticipates soliciting this requirement as a full and open request for proposal (RFP).

195. Timor-Leste: Timor-Leste Tourism: Can USAID comment on the contracting mechanism for this procurement? In past forecasts it was listed as a TO and now as a contract. Can USAID clarify the procurement mechanism, including which IDIQ if it will be a task order?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates awarding this as a contract.

196. Tunisia: We note the opportunity for Tunisia called, “Provides entrepreneurship training and firm-level assistance to build the capacity of SMEs in the interior.” Can you please confirm whether this opportunity will be open to other applicants or whether UNIDO is the selected recipient?

USAID Response: The implementing partner will be UNIDO, a PIO.

197. Tunisia: Through which IDIQ or contracting mechanism does USAID/Tunisia intend to procure the “Public Financial Management and Policy” activity?

USAID Response: The contracting method has yet to be determined.

198. Uganda: *RHITES N Lango and RHITES N Acholi --*

- a. Since RHITES EC was a CA, can we confirm these will be contracts?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that RHITES N Lango and RHITES N Acholi will be acquisition instruments.

- b. It is not explicit in both solicitations whether malaria and ICCM will clearly be part. In one they mention child health while in the other two only integrated health services.

USAID Response: RHITES N Lango and RHITES N Acholi are integrated programs that may include but not be limited to family planning and reproductive health,

maternal, newborn and hygiene, malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, water, sanitation and hygiene and nutrition services.

- c. For the Uganda Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services (RHITES) opportunities, RHITES-N-Acholi and RHITES N-Lango are noted as contracts but RHITES-Eastern Uganda is noted as a cooperative agreement. Does USAID intend to issue the awards under different mechanisms? If so, could USAID elaborate on why these opportunities are being bid as different mechanisms considering the scopes of work are similar?

USAID Response: Yes, the awards will be made under different mechanisms. This is due to the differing nature of the designs and lessons learned working in the post conflict Northern environment.

199. Uganda: Will USAID be adding the Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability (SDS) and Communication for Health Communities (CHC) projects to the forecast for Uganda?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate adding these activities in FY16.

200. Uganda: USAID/Uganda mentioned during a meeting with the economic growth team, a possible procurement focusing on refugee support. Could USAID please clarify if they anticipate an additional funding opportunity in FY'16 focusing on refugees?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate any funding activities in FY16 focusing on refugees.

201. Uganda: In the Quarter 3, FY 2015 Mission Forecast, USAID/Uganda announced a tender called 'Expanding Access to Long Term Family Planning Methods'. The tender was withdrawn and has not reappeared in the quarterly forecasts since that time. In Quarter 1, FY 2016, we submitted a question asking if the tender had been cancelled, to which the Office of Acquisition & Assistance responded by saying "USAID/Uganda is currently working on a new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and ...the A&A Plan will be updated when Mission has finalized its strategic determinations."

- a. Could you please provide us with further information about whether or not this opportunity will be added back into the forecast? If so, could USAID please provide an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Uganda does not anticipate this activity in FY16.

- b. Could USAID please confirm that the previously-announced opportunity entitled 'Expanding Access to Long Term Family Planning Methods' is still meant to follow USAID and DFID's current project entitled 'Accelerating the Rise in Contraceptive Prevalence Program in Uganda'?

USAID Response: No.

202. Uganda: Does USAID plan on releasing an FP/RH solicitation for Uganda this year?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate a follow on in FY16.

203. Uganda: The current forecast does not include a follow-on activity to the Uganda Learning Program. Does USAID/Uganda envision a follow-on activity - if so, could USAID please provide further information such as estimated solicitation date, value, and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate a follow on in FY16.

204. Uganda: Power Africa/Uganda --

- a. Can USAID please clarify whether the Power Africa/Uganda project will be a task order under the Power Africa expansion IDIQ?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the early design phase.

- b. If not, can USAID please clarify what is different about the activity that would preclude its inclusion within the IDIQ?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the early design phase.

- c. Aside from the upcoming IDIQ, are there any small business prime contracting opportunities under Power Africa?

USAID Response: No opportunities are anticipated in FY16. Please continue to monitor the business forecast, grants.gov and fedbizopps for future opportunities.

- d. Has market research been conducted to see if Power Africa/Uganda can be set-aside for a small business?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the early design phase.

205. Ukraine: Does USAID/Ukraine still intend to release the Pravosuddya Program through the ROL IQC, which was listed on the previous forecast?

USAID Response: Yes.

206. Ukraine: Does USAID/Ukraine anticipate issuing a solicitation for continuing support of independent media in Ukraine?

USAID Response: No. Existing U-Media program plans to be extended.

207. Ukraine: Please let us know if an IQC/IDIQ will be used for the following *ODG: Anti-Corruption Support to AC Champions (SACCI) Activity*. Can USAID please confirm the current release date of May 31, 2016?

USAID Response: No, IQC/IDIQ mechanism will not be used for SACCI Activity. USAID/Ukraine intends to issue an RFP later in June 2016. RFP date will be updated in business forecast.

208. Ukraine: Can USAID please indicate the anticipated mechanism? Please let us know if an IQC/IDIQ will be used for the *OEG: Trade and Competitiveness Initiative*.

USAID Response: USAID is still determining what procurement mechanism will be utilized.

209. Ukraine: In reference to the Mission Business Forecast, USAID/Ukraine lists an Anti-Corruption Support to AC Champions Activity with a small business classification of N/A. Would USAID consider the reclassification of this \$10m-\$24.99m activity as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: USAID does not consider the reclassification of this activity as a small business set aside only. All qualified organizations are welcome, including small business.

210. Ukraine: The April forecast for Ukraine included a project entitled *Competitive Energy Markets (U-CEM) Project*. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of the anticipated RFP? Can any more information be provided on the scope of the project?

USAID Response: USAID currently anticipates the project to be released closer to the end of the calendar year.

211. Vietnam: A number of previously forecast opportunities have been removed, including Climate Change and Biodiversity, Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Can USAID clarify if these are no longer planned? Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Vietnam being added to upcoming forecasts?

USAID Response: The current business forecast (Q3) reflects the Mission's current A&A plan for competitive procurement actions. Combating Wildlife Trafficking was already released via full and open competition per the business forecast and that opportunity is now closed. The Climate Change and Biodiversity opportunity will not be released as a full and open opportunity. The business forecast will be updated should new opportunities arise. USAID/Vietnam encourages you to continuously monitor the business forecast, fbo.gov, and grants.gov for current and future opportunities.

212. Vietnam: In Vietnam, the SHIFT Project (Sustainable HIV Response From Technical Assistance) was not released as was predicted in the last forecast and it did not appear in this forecast. Are there plans for a later release date or has this opportunity been cancelled?

USAID Response: The solicitation for this action was released November 6, 2015 and closed January 12, 2016. Therefore it is no longer listed or available under FY 2016

business forecast. Please continue to monitor fbo.gov and grants.gov for future opportunities.

213. West Africa: Through the Moderate Voices program, USAID/West Africa seems to be expanding the radio networks and programming that took place under Peace through Development II (PDev II). Does USAID/West Africa intend to continue other components of the PDev II program, including youth empowerment, civil society strengthening, and capacity building of local governance institutions? If so, what is the anticipated release date? Will these components be combined in a single scope of work, or will they be released as separate solicitations?

USAID Response: The notice of funding opportunity (solicitation) for the Moderate Voices published on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 contains details of the program.

214. West Bank/Gaza: Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for a West Bank Pre-service teacher training program? This program was listed on the previous forecast for release in May 2016.

USAID Response: The Mission does intend to issue a solicitation for this project for this Fiscal Year. Please check FY17 Business Forecast when it is available.

215. West Bank & Gaza: There are a number of opportunities listed as coming under Task Orders. Can USAID please clarify which IDIQ is intended for each?

USAID Response:

All infrastructure Task Orders listed below will be issued under Mission-based IQCs:

Gaza Reservoirs and Networks – INP II IQC

Jericho Collection System Expansion – LCP IQC

Gaza desalination plant expansion – INP II IQC

Hebron N/S Access Road – INP II IQC

Jaba Nuba Water Project – LCP IQC

Al Jalameh Road – INP II IQC

Community Resilience and Municipal Development Program (now called “Communities Thrive”) - “Making Cities Work (MCW) IDIQ

Clean Energy Program (now called “Palestinian Renewable Energy Project PREP”): Clean Energy (CE) IDIQ

216. West Bank & Gaza: Could USAID please provide more information on the scopes of work and the intended separation between the West Bank and Gaza A&E Project and the new opportunity, Building Foundations, an IDIQ for Construction Services in West Bank and Gaza?

USAID Response: Please refer to the Building Foundations Statement of Work for a detailed description of the requirement, once the RFP is issued. The West Bank and Gaza A&E Services IDIQ RFQ has a detailed description of the expected requirements for that IDIQ. Generally speaking, the Building Foundations IDIQ will be for construction

services and the A&E Services IDIQ will be for design and construction management services.

217. West Bank & Gaza: Can USAID confirm whether the West Bank/Gaza “Youth Assessment” will take place in both Gaza and the West Bank? Which IQC is USAID considering using for the West Bank/Gaza “Youth Assessment” task order?

USAID Response: At this time, the youth assessment is only anticipated to be performed in the West Bank. USAID intends to issue a solicitation under the Youth Power (Evidence & Evaluation) IQC.

218. West Bank/Gaza: Building Foundations – What are the bonding requirements for the small business set aside component? Will the projects be of the same magnitude forecast for the IDIQ?

USAID Response: Bonding requirements, if any, will be detailed in the Building Foundations Statement of Work. Under the Mission’s current Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity contracts, there are no bonding requirements for construction work. The Mission does require a guaranty in the amount of 10% of the value of the construction task order, reducing to 5% for the one year after the date of the last work accepted by the Government. This requirement is the same for all IDIQ holders regardless of whether they are small businesses or large businesses.

219. Zambia: The Zambia Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Data (READ) solicitation is anticipated in June 2016, but the fiscal year of action says 2017.

- a. Can USAID please clarify whether it is anticipated to be awarded in 2016 or 2017?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates this activity will be awarded in FY 2017.

- b. In the FY16 Quarter 2 Business Forecast Questions and Responses, one of the questions asked (in reference to SEED 2, which we assume has been replaced by READ) that USAID confirm the scope of SEED 2 as encompassing “...the following tasks: 1) Assist the Ministry of General Education to institutionalize learners performance assessment at the school, zone, district and provincial levels, and 2) Conduct baselines, midlines, end-line assessments, and impact as well as performance evaluations of education interventions.” USAID’s response was that “...SEED 2 activity encompasses the referenced tasks *except the impact and performance evaluations of education interventions*” (italics added for emphasis). The FY16 Quarter 3 Business Forecast contains the same description for READ as the FY16 Quarter 2 Forecast did of SEED 2, and has not struck out the phrase “impact and performance evaluations of education interventions.”

USAID Response: Noted, a correction has been made to strike out that phrase.

- c. Please confirm that READ will not include impact and performance evaluations of education interventions as stated in the Q&A from the FY16 Quarter 2 Business Forecast Questions and Responses.

USAID Response: Confirmed

220. Zambia: Please confirm that the *Zambia AGIS Project* will be released as a full and open solicitation instead of as an IDIQ TO (as indicated in past forecasts). Also, does USAID still anticipate releasing the solicitation at the end of May?

USAID Response: Confirmed, AGIS will be a full and open solicitation. The anticipated solicitation release is still the end of May. If the date is changed, it will be reflected through the business forecast.

221. Zambia: Can USAID please clarify what the award value range will be for Zambia SEED? The current forecast indicates \$50M-\$75M and the RFI indicated \$65M-\$75M, but the previous forecast only indicated \$25M-\$50M. In addition, on previous forecasts, there have been two SEED opportunities listed. Have the previous two opportunities been combined into one? Is this envisioned to be released as a free and open competition or will it be released through an existing USAID IQC mechanism?

USAID Response: The award value range is \$65M - \$75M. There are still 2 planned activities: SEED and READ (formerly, SEED 2). The second SEED opportunity has been renamed as “Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Data” Activity (READ). We anticipate both activities will be full and open competition. If a suitable IQC for the READ activity is identified in the future, that will be notified through subsequent updates to the business forecast.

222. Zambia: The Zambia Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition, and Water and Sanitation Project is listed as TBD under mechanism.

- a. Would it be possible to update on the potential mechanism at this time? If not, could USAID please provide an estimate as to when the decision will be made?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no mechanism determination has been proposed or made. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

- b. Also, will this likely be one large award or split geographically?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no mechanism determination has been proposed or made. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

- c. Is the anticipated solicitation release date (8/15/16) still accurate?

USAID Response: That is still the estimated date. If that changes, we will update it through the business forecast.

- d. Are there any updates on whether this will be one activity or multiple activities?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not have updates regarding the number of activities.

- e. What sort of instrument will be utilized?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no mechanism determination has been proposed or made. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

223. Zambia: Will the Zambia Increasing Citizens Demand opportunity be released as a full and open competition?

USAID Response: At this time USAID has to complete its market research before determining the acquisition strategy for this opportunity.

224. Zambia: Will there be any eligibility restrictions for the Zambia Increasing Citizens Demand opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time USAID does not anticipate eligibility restrictions for this opportunity.

225. Zambia: Regarding the *Zambia Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project* opportunity, in the Q2 Q&A, USAID noted that “Recently, the Mission is revisiting the integrated strategy and it is not clear whether this will be one integrated activity or multiple activities that are closely coordinated.

- a. Can USAID provide any update on this?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no determination has been made in that regard. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

- b. Is the Mission still revisiting this approach and considering a switch to multiple activities?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no determination has been made in that regard. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

- c. Could USAID advise on the award mechanism for the Zambia Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition, and Water and Sanitation Project?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and no determination has been made in that regard. We will update the business forecast with any relevant information as soon as we have it.

226. Zambia: Evaluate for Improved Impact

- a. Is this program intended to build the capacity of local organizations and government to conduct M&E?

USAID Response: No.

- b. What tier of M&E support will the contractor be required to provide?

USAID Response: This question is unclear as written. The contractor will not be required to conduct performance evaluations. Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to the POC on the business forecast or the health team leader at USAID/Zambia.

- c. Does USAID anticipate this being a small business set aside?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID is conducting market research and has not finalized an acquisition strategy.

- d. Will this program require the capability to research and analyze the socio-cultural dynamics (political, military, economic, social, information, and infrastructure environments)? If so, are specific methods for collection of this information envisioned or are you looking for the contractor to propose those solutions?

USAID Response: This question will best be answered once the solicitation is developed. Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to the POC on the business forecast or the health team leader at USAID/Zambia.

227. Zimbabwe: The current forecast does not include a follow-on activity for the Zimbabwe Strategic Economic Research and Analysis (SERA) program. Does USAID/Zimbabwe envision a follow-on activity - if so, could USAID please provide further information such as estimated solicitation date, value, and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: A follow-on to SERA program is listed on the current Business Forecast with an award title *Good Governance Policy Project* (please note that the name of the new project has been changed to *USAID Governance and Growth*). Estimated solicitation date and value are included in the Business Forecast. The Mission plans to use the Public Financial Management (PFM) IQC.

228. Zimbabwe: The forecast Good Governance Policy Project indicated that it will be a task order under an IDIQ.

- a. Will the *Zimbabwe Good Governance Policy Project* be released as a TO under the PFM IDIQ or a TO under the Making Cities Work IDIQ?
- b. If not, which one?
- c. Can USAID confirm which mechanism it will be released under?
- d. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the solicitation at the end of May?

e. Could USAID please elaborate on the activity description?

USAID Response: Please note that the Mission decided to change the name of this activity from *Good Governance Policy Project* to *USAID Governance and Growth*. This change is not reflected in the current Business Forecast. USAID/Zimbabwe plans to use the Public Financial Management (PFM) IQC and compete this activity among all the IQC holders. The release of the solicitation is still scheduled for the end of May. More details on the activity description:

USAID Governance and Growth will contribute to more equitable economic growth through stronger public policies. The activity will improve the business enabling environment and the investment climate through strengthened advocacy capabilities of non-government entities, stronger evidence-based policy dialogue between the Government and citizens, and implementation of reforms that will promote more inclusive and broad-based socio-economic growth. The activity will also encourage increased transparency and accountability of the Government of Zimbabwe (GOZ) and more effective economic governance.

229.Zimbabwe: Under which IDIQs will the Task Orders of both the End of project performance evaluation of USAID/Zimbabwe's Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning projects, as well as the End of project performance evaluation of USAID/Zimbabwe's PMTCT and OVC projects – be released?

USAID Response: There has been a recent change. Only one Task Order will be issued to conduct evaluations of three USAID/Zimbabwe programs: Maternal and Child Health Program, Family Planning Program, and Families and Communities for the Elimination of HIV in Zimbabwe. The Mission plans to use the PPL/LER M&E IDIQ and the estimated release of the solicitation is May 24, 2016.