

FY 2016, 4th 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. Small Business:** Looking at the USAID business forecast, is there any chance that USAID will begin to set aside for Woman Owned or Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Businesses? The forecast does not show any ED/WOSB set asides and as of July 5th USAID was only showing 2.44% of contracts awarded to WOSB firms, half of the federal goal of 5%.

USAID Response: Let me begin by saying that USAID has a strong track record related to the WOSB goal achievement. We struggled a bit in FY2015 with 3.67% achievement. But in 2013 and 2014, we accomplished 5.02% and 6.42% respectively.

Procurements are posted on USAID Business Forecast prior to conducting official market research. If the results of the market research (Sources Sought Notification, Request for Information, or other form of market research) indicate a procurement may be set aside for a Woman-Owned small business (WOSB), the Contracting Officer (CO) may do so. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization conduct Small Business Program training for the Agency's acquisition and technical staff in Washington and at the Missions. USAID COs are aware that they may sole source or set aside an award for WOSBs. As we approach September 30th, the Agency's WOSB accomplishments may fluctuate as contract awards are issued. Please also be reminded that if you see something that you believe should be set aside for WOSB, you may reach out to the contracting officer and the OSDDBU office. There must be at least two qualified, capable WOSBs for us to consider setting a requirement aside.

- 2. Trends in the Business Forecast:** It appears that the trend within USAID is to utilize more and more contracts and task orders and less cooperative agreements and grants. In looking at the current Q4 Forecast, there are well over twice as many contracts and task orders as cooperative agreements and grants. Does USAID have a preference for contracts and will this trend continue?

USAID Response: USAID has no preference for contracts versus assistance awards. USAID's selection of the appropriate instrument type is based on analysis as outlined in ADS 304.

Trends from [M/OAA's FY 2015 Progress Report](#) show an approximate 70%/30% split between assistance versus acquisitions over the past three fiscal years.

- 3. Opportunities Missing from the Forecast:** A number of opportunities we were following were dropped from the Q4 Forecast. In some cases we assume they ended up coming out as Task Orders and for others we're not sure what the reason was for being dropped. We kindly request that, if an opportunity is dropped from the Forecast, instead of just removing the entry, could USAID please indicate that it is intentionally being dropped and the rationale for it?

USAID Response: We encourage USAID A&A Plan users to list a cancelled status in the last column ("Business Forecast Status Change") on the Business Forecast for the following quarter before an action is removed from future forecasts. We will be sure to include a reminder to AOs/COs in our next call for updates on the next Business Forecast.

- 4. Use of Leader with Association Awards:** In the current Business Forecast, there appears to be a heavy reliance on IQCs/IDIQs, yet not a single LWA. Is USAID no longer using the LWA mechanism? If so, then what is the rationale for continuing to use IQCs/IDIQs?

USAID Response: USAID continues to use both LWAs and IDIQs, but they are different mechanisms related to acquisition and assistance. Historically, IDIQs have been more numerous than LWAs. IDIQs allow missions/operating units to order a range of discrete services within the scope of the contract awards. In IDIQs, limited funds are needed to execute the base awards. LWAs allow missions/operating units the ability to replicate the Leader program in whole or in part within the program description of the assistance award. In LWAs, there needs to be a funded Leader program being supported.

- 5. Use of Task Orders:** Many of the opportunities listed in the Q4 forecast are listed as task order/delivery orders (TO/DO) under different IDIQs. Two questions:
- For those entries where the award/action type is listed as a TO/DO, can USAID please provide the instrument under which the TO/DO will be issued?
 - USAID procures services under many different IDIQs. However, it is not always easy to find who the holders of those IDIQs are. Previously, USAID had put information about IDIQ holders and their subcontractors on the USAID website. In an effort to improve transparency and communication with industry, can USAID please put key information about IDIQs – including the holders of those IDIQs and their subcontractors – on the website or some other publicly available location?

USAID Response: USAID has begun adding the mechanism by which a task order will be issued. In addition, the Agency has reinstated its process of posting a list of active IDIQ holders. The list will be updated on a quarterly basis. You can access it here: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaid-partners>

- 6. Dollar Ranges on the Business Forecast:** In the Q&A to previous forecasts, USAID had committed to reviewing whether the agency could come up with narrower ranges in order

to give prospective partners more specific guidance regarding the specific size of awards. Could USAID update us on the status of that effort?

USAID Response: As we have mentioned previously, USAID is open to narrowing the dollar values. We had asked for partners to provide input on better dollar ranges, however, to date we have not received any feedback or input. If you have ideas, please let us know and we will take your suggestions into consideration.

- 7. Tracking USAID Awards:** We commend USAID in its continuous improvements to the Business Forecast. It is immensely helpful to have this information regarding the Agency's procurement pipeline. However, once a solicitation is released, it is difficult to access information on awards and ongoing projects. USAID used to have a publicly accessible list of all its projects, called the Yellow Book. The Yellow Book only contained very basic information (project name and number, country, dates of implementation, budget total, and name of implementing partner) but it was an indispensable resource. Does anything like that currently exist and, if not, would USAID consider making publicly available a master list of ongoing and completed projects much like it does for procurement opportunities?

USAID Response: Please review Foreignassistance.gov and USAspending.gov--we believe these two websites captures similar data that use to be part of the Yellow Book. Data can be downloaded and sorted.

- 8.** Recently, several RFPs have been announced where the fee was required to be fully based on deliverables under completion-type contracts (e.g. Malawi*). No base fee was allowed. Given that fee also covers expenses that cannot be covered by indirects, such as but not limited to the cost of money (interest), this practice does not reflect an understanding of the business requirements for operating in this environment where a contractor is supplying the funds to cover costs well before they are billed and paid. We note that non-profits have a different financial structure so this procedure unfairly advantages them. Is it possible to modify these kinds of incentive programs to allow at least a base fee to be paid so that contractors can cover essential business expenses not covered by indirect rates?

USAID Response: Any questions regarding the proposed fee structure in a specific solicitation should be raised to the Contracting Officer before a solicitation closes, especially if the proposed structure may unfairly advantage one type of offeror over another. The CO can then examine the issue and determine if an amendment is possible or necessary to maximize partner participation and ensure adequate competition.

- 9. Holders of IDIQs:** Could USAID provide a clear list of who's on each IDIQ and who their team members are?

USAID Response: Yes, two weeks ago the Agency has reinstated its process of posting a list of active IDIQ holders. The list will be updated on a quarterly basis. You can access it here: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaid-partners>

10. Communication with Missions: During prior forecasts and Ask the Procurement Executive sessions, OAA announced that all missions would establish email addresses for questions on planned procurements. Could USAID please update partners on the status of that effort?

USAID Response: USAID is still in the process of communicating and implementing the idea of Mission email boxes for partners to submit questions. 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.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. Africa: Does USAID have any upcoming opportunities using the TASC4 Africa mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time, OAA/Washington is not anticipating any task orders soon under the TASC4 Africa IDIQ; any determination by a Mission to use the TASC4 Africa IDIQ will be equally communicated to the IDIQ holders.

2. Asia: The award/action type for the “All Children Reading-Asia Task Order (ACR-ASIA TO) is listed as a task order/delivery order (TO/DO) under the ABE-ACR IDIQ. Can USAID please provide a list of the holders of that IDIQ?

USAID Response: A list of active IDIQ contract holders is now available at <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaid-partners>. Note that ABE-ACR is listed under its original acronym of ABE-LEARN.

3. DCHA: FFP Food Assistance Project in Liberia -- The forecast lists an anticipated award date of November 10, 2016 for this program. Can you confirm if this is still the anticipated award date and, if so, if the DCHA/FFP awards in Ethiopia and DRC under the same RFA are expected to be on a similar timeline?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the project in Liberia remains mid-November. Ethiopia and DRC are to be awarded by DCHA/FFP and not with M/OAA. Please check directly with FFP on their timeline.

4. DCHA: FEWS NET 7 draft sections C, L, and M were released for comment, due 7/30. Can USAID confirm that the updated Anticipated Solicitation Release Date remains 9/1/16?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing the FEWSNET 7 solicitation in the fourth quarter. The Forecast will be updated upon issuance of the solicitation.

5. DCHA: For the EISM Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism, could USAID clarify which types of services the mechanism will provide?

- a. Direct support to USAID Missions and other operating units;
- b. Overall management services for the project, such as issuing requests for proposals, choosing the implementing partner, and providing technical guidance to implementers; Or
- c. Direct technical assistance programming in countries.

USAID Response: EISM is intended to provide overall management services for the project, such as issuing requests for proposals, choosing implementing partners, and providing technical guidance to implementers. In select cases it may provide direct support to missions.

6. E3: Can USAID please clarify if there are any proposed WADI task orders slated for release in FY 17?

USAID Response: There are no proposed DC WADI task orders for FY17. For missions’ Task Orders refer to the Business Forecast.

7. **E3:** The entry titled “Climate Change Integration Facility” states the anticipated award solicitation release date of 07/29/2016, which is imminent. Can USAID please verify the solicitation release date or provide a revised solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The updated release date for this solicitation is 9/30/2016.

8. **E3:** For the entry titled “Scaling Up Renewable Energy” we have the following questions:

- Is this a new requirement?
- Has USAID made a determination of the award/action type? If so, could USAID communicate this decision prior to the release date?
- Will USAID issue a Request for Information (RFI), draft statement of work, or some other communication with industry prior to the release of the procurement?

USAID Response: This is a new requirement. Once this requirement is finalized USAID will update the business forecast.

9. **E3:** The Office of Economic Policy (E3/EP) has listed LEAP III (Learning, Evaluation, and Analysis Projects) as the new opportunity, designated as a Small Disadvantaged Business set-aside. Could you please confirm that the intention was to restrict this procurement to the specific category of small disadvantaged businesses as opposed to *all* small businesses regardless of the category, to include women-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, HUBZone, 8a, etc.?

USAID Response: The set-aside category has been changed to TBD as the final determination has not been made at this time. Once this requirement is finalized, USAID will update the business forecast.

10. **E3:** Can USAID please confirm the anticipated date of release for the new STARR II IDIQ? The July 15 Forecast has a July 29 release date.

USAID Response: The revised anticipated/estimated release date is 1/30/2017.

11. **Europe and Eurasia:** The forecast lists an imminent opportunity called developing regional energy markets (clean energy non-CPC IDIQ). Can USAID provide more information? Could USAID please provide specificity as to the geographic scope of the project? Will a presolicitation notice be released for adequate notice ahead of a final solicitation?

USAID Response: Developing Regional Energy Markets (D-REM) will be a four year task order competed among all seven non-CPC Clean Energy IDIQ contractors to provide technical services to all non-CPC USAID Missions in Europe and Eurasia and to the E&E Bureau. There will not be a presolicitation notice. The solicitation for the task order will be released directly to the seven IDIQ contractors.

12. **Global Health:** Regarding the GHSC-TA mechanism, we understand that many countries have decided to receive technical assistance under the GHSC-Procurement contract. Understanding that USAID created the GHSC-TA mechanism specifically to separate procurement from technical assistance, what is USAID doing to promote this mechanism to the missions?

USAID Response: The GHSC-TA IDIQ will provide a variety of technical assistance. It is anticipated it will provide such technical assistance in countries different from, or in some cases complement efforts of, the GHSC-PSM IDIQ which provides both commodities and technical assistance. The GHSC team is in frequent communication with Missions regarding the suite of GHSC awards and which instrument is most appropriate to meet Mission needs.

13. Global Health: For the proposed Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program, within OHS, can you confirm that 09/30/2016 is the planned solicitation release date given it is the last day of the government fiscal year?

USAID Response: The MTaPS program has not received all required approvals yet. We anticipate that we will be able to publish the Notification of Funding Opportunity by September 30, 2016.

14. Global Health: For the proposed Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program, within OHS --

- a. Can you provide guidance on the Award/Action Type? At Industry Day it was verbally relayed that the mechanism would be a cooperative agreement, but the Qtr4 Business Forecast lists it as To Be Determined (TBD).

USAID Response: The program will be implemented through one Cooperative agreement.

- b. Are priority countries already selected or will they be determined later based on demand from country missions?

USAID Response: The full list of Priority Country for this requirement will be published with the Notification of Funding Opportunity. During implementation, funding levels will be determined independently by each USAID/ Missions.

- c. Details on anticipated objectives and activities

USAID Response: The planned objectives/ activities are in the design phase. However, the below objectives is our current approach for this requirement:

- Objective 1: Pharmaceutical sector governance strengthened
- Objective 2: Institutional and human resource capacity for pharmaceutical management and services increased, including medicines regulation
- Objective 3: Availability and use of data for decision-making increased and the global learning agenda advanced
- Objective 4: Pharmaceutical sector financing including resource allocation and use optimized
- Objective 5: Pharmaceutical services including product availability and patient-centered care improved

15. Global Health: Addendum to the Global Health Broad Agency Announcement (1 of 3). Could USAID please confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date for this Addendum (July 31, 2016) is still valid?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date for the BAA Addendum is August 10, 2016.

16. Global Health: Currently only one Addendum to the Global Health Broad Agency Announcement (1 of 3) is on the forecast. When are the additional 2 of 3 addenda expected to be added to upcoming iterations of the forecast?

USAID Response: We expect to add additional details on the next Addenda in the next quarterly Business Forecast.

17. Global Health: For the Global Health BAA related to the Health Research Program 2.0 (HaRP 2.0) opportunity listed on the Washington Business Forecast --

a. Will applicants be allowed to submit more than one concept note for the concept note phase?

USAID Response: Yes.

b. Will applicants be expected to propose partnering arrangements and staffing at the concept note phase or will that be part of the co-creation process?

USAID Response: Please review the BAA Addendum when it is released for complete details on the requirements and evaluation criteria.

c. How many addendums to the Global Health BAA does USAID anticipate releasing related to the HaRP 2.0 program?

USAID Response: At this time, it is anticipated that there will be three (total, including the one referenced here) Addenda to the Global Health BAA related to the HaRP 2.0 program in FY2017.

d. Resulting in how many awards, e.g. is the forecasted funding amount (\$10 M - \$24.99 M) for one anticipated award or several?

USAID Response: The number of awards will depend on the outcomes of the co-creation process. It cannot be determined at this time how many, if any, awards will be funded.

e. Is the award date expected to shift now that the solicitation release has been pushed back by 2 months?

USAID Response: Yes, it is now expected that this will be awarded in the 2017 fiscal year.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID provide additional information regarding the scope for the anticipated four-year Afghanistan Business Environment Reform project (ABER)? Under which IQC does USAID anticipate releasing this RFTOP? Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation before the RFTOP is released?

USAID Response: The principal purpose of the ABER activity is to support to the Government of Afghanistan and its agencies and institutions at the national and sub-national levels to improve the business enabling environment in Afghanistan.

The goal of the ABER Activity is to achieve significant reforms leading to increased domestic and foreign investment, economic activity, exports, and job creation.

The ABER activity's goal will be achieved through three interrelated components:

- **Component 1:** Support the High Economic Council in developing and implementing business environment policies and institutional reforms;
- **Component 2:** Encourage and support private sector participation in developing the business reform agenda and implementation of reforms; and
- **Component 3:** Support the High Economic Council in information dissemination and outreach on policy reform.

Under which IQC does USAID anticipate releasing this RFTOP? [The Public Financial Management IDIQ.](#)

Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation before the RFTOP is released? **YES.**

2. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID provide additional information regarding the scope for the anticipated Energy & Natural Resources Development Support IDIQ? Is it a multi-award contract? If so, how many awards does USAID intend to make?

USAID Response: The Energy & Natural Resources Development Support activity is currently in design but is anticipated to be a single award IDIQ. A Request for Information will be posted on FedBizOpps shortly that will provide additional information regarding the scope of work.

3. **Afghanistan:** Does USAID intend to release the recently cancelled Extractives Technical Assistance Activity (ETAA) (SOL-306-16-000009 which was originally posted on November 10, 2015) as a task order under the new Energy & Natural Resources Development Support IDIQ?

USAID Response: The Energy & Natural Resource Development Support activity is currently in design. It is anticipated that certain aspects of the scope of work from the previously contemplated ETAA will be integrated into this activity.

4. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID please provide additional details regarding the scope and timing of the Capacity Building for Ministry of Public Work (MOPW) project? The last iteration of the Mission Forecast listed a solicitation release date of 1/1/2017 but the most recent iteration lists a release date of 8/1/2016.

USAID Response: The Capacity Building for the Ministry of Public Works activity is expected to be cancelled in the next business forecast.

5. **Afghanistan:** What will the NAICS code be for the anticipated Emergency O&M – Road Sustainability and Support Program?

USAID Response: The Emergency O&M – Road Sustainability and Support Program procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Local Competition Authority, and therefore be limited to local Afghan entities. The NAICS Code will be 237310.

6. **Afghanistan:** On April 20, 2016, an RFI for “Promoting Afghanistan’s Commercial Agricultural Production and Exports” was released on FedBizOpps.gov. What association, if any, does the Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI) project listed in the July 2016 Mission Forecast have with this aforementioned RFI?

USAID Response: The RFI which was sent out in April was for informational purpose only. There is no current planned activity in conjunction with this RFI. It was only to obtain data on organizations and issues with exporting Agricultural products from Afghanistan.

There is no relationship between the RFI and the Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI) project.

7. **Afghanistan:** TBD - Energy & Natural Resources Development Support IDIQ (in Afghanistan)

- a. Is this IDIQ intended as a follow-on to the Energy and Water IQC in Afghanistan?
- b. What is the anticipated scope of work for this project?
- c. Given that the IDIQ value is not very high (\$10-25) compared to the other energy-focused projects implemented in Afghanistan, does USAID intend to award this project to multiple bidders or just one firm?

USAID Response:

- a. This is not a follow-on procurement to the Energy & Water IQC in Afghanistan.
- b. The scope of work will be more fully discussed upon the release of the Request for Information on FedBizOpps, which is expected to be posted shortly.
- c. The Energy & Natural Resource Development Support activity is currently in design but is anticipated to be a single award IDIQ.

8. **Angola:** Will the Angola Health for All RFA be released using the new FedConnect platform? The USAID Business Forecast includes a release date of July 29, 2016. Does this remain the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This RFA will be posted on Grants.gov and not FedConnect. Unfortunately the RFA release will be delayed by up to two weeks.

9. **Bangladesh:** Can USAID please confirm that the Strengthening Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programming through Implementation Science Activity is the previously forecast Multi-sectoral Nutrition Activity?
- Is this a follow on to a previous project?
 - Who implemented the previous project?
 - What is the total amount of funding allocated for this opportunity?
 - When will this opportunity be released?

USAID Response:

- Yes, the “Strengthening Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programming through Implementation Science Activity” was previously titled “Multi-sectoral Nutrition Activity”.
- This is not a follow-on therefore there was no previous activity.
- The anticipated total amount of funding allocated for this opportunity is \$21.8 Million.
- The opportunity was released as forecasted on June 26, 2016 on grants.gov.

10. **Bangladesh:** Could USAID please clarify if the Bangladesh Feed the Future Nutrition Activity is replacing the previous Bangladesh Feed the Future Aquaculture and Nutrition activity?

USAID Response: No, they are separate activities.

11. **Bangladesh:** The Bangladesh Feed the Future Nutrition Activity is listed as a Cooperative Agreement. Is this the same as the Bangladesh FtF BAA from the previous Forecast?

USAID Response: No, The FtF BAA and FtF Nutrition activity are not the same. The FtF BAA forecast is withdrawn and a new FtF Nutrition project is envisioned in the FY 17 plan.

12. **Bangladesh:** For the Bangladesh “Together for Rights and Empowerment (TRE)” program,
- Please confirm that the expected solicitation release date of August 1 is still valid.
 - Is this a follow on to a previous project?
 - Who implemented the previous project?
 - Will there be an implementation science/operations research component under this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- We expect to release the solicitation in October 2016, The business forecast will be updated accordingly
- No, this is not a follow on to a previous project.
- The previous Human rights related award was implemented by Plan International, Cooperative Agreement no. AID-388-A-11-00002. The new proposed activity is NOT a follow-on of this award.

d. No, we have not included the mentioned component explicitly. We have emphasized on using GIS technology in activity level, MEL section, and GIS section; if that is considered as science/operations research. Also, at the sub-IR level we have included "Increase research to strengthen existing laws related to VAWC". The anticipated activities will involve piloting a data base. Analyses on the findings of the database will help identify the future research initiatives.

13. Bangladesh: Can USAID please confirm that the Bangladesh Human Rights solicitation previously listed on the forecast is now called Together for Rights and Empowerment?

USAID Response: Yes, The Bangladesh Human Rights solicitation is now called Together for Rights and Empowerment

14. Bangladesh: For the Bangladesh "Promoting Oversight and Democratic Space (PODS)" activity, please clarify if this is envisioned as an assistance or acquisition instrument. Can USAID please confirm if the anticipated solicitation release date still on track for October 1, 2016.

USAID Response: We expect to release the solicitation in December 2016, The business forecast will be updated accordingly

15. Bangladesh: The Bangladesh New good Governance Activity which previously appeared in the April 2016 forecast, is absent from the July forecast. Is this opportunity no longer being considered? Can USAID please confirm that the Mission is still planning to issue an RFP/RFA for this program, and if so which contract vehicle does the Mission intend to use?

USAID Response: The Bangladesh New good Governance Activity is not confirmed as a competitive award. The mission might decide use a Task Order under IDIQ or a contract instrument. The business forecast will be updated after the CO makes a determination on the choice of instrument.

16. Bangladesh: USAID recently released an RFI for the Bangladesh Strengthening Capacity of Workers' Rights Organizations. But this opportunity is currently not listed in the Forecast. Can USAID confirm if it still intends to release a solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID cannot confirm if the RFI will result in a solicitation. The responses from this RFI will be reviewed and the business forecast will be updated after the Mission makes a determination.

17. Bangladesh: In the February 2016 forecast, USAID/Bangladesh listed a procurement for M&E Umbrella Evaluation Contract and listed this as being procured through a Task Order/Delivery Order (TO/DO). This procurement has not been appeared on the April or July 2016 forecasts.

- a. Is this M&E Umbrella Evaluation Contract no longer being considered by the Mission?
- b. If still anticipated, can USAID/Bangladesh state if it will be released as a full-and open procurement or under

- c. and existing contract mechanism?
- d. Can USAID also provided the anticipated release date of this procurement?

USAID Response: The M&E Umbrella Evaluation Contract is no longer being considered by the Mission for an award.

- 18. Barbados:** Can USAID please clarify the anticipated contracting mechanism for the Barbados/Eastern & Southern Caribbean M&E/PMP bid? Can you also clarify the expected release date?

USAID Response: We expect to issue a task order under the PPL EVAL-ME IDIQ.

- 19. Barbados:** Can USAID please clarify whether the Local Solution/Local Capacity Development Activity covers three separate BAAs? Additionally, it is likely that USAID will set aside the BAAs to local suppliers of services?

USAID Response: No, we will be issuing one BMA. At this point we envisioned it will not be set-aside.

- 20. Benin:** The Private Sector Service Delivery bilateral activity --

- a. Is there uncertainty concerning the award type or has a firm decision been made regarding the content of the work to ensure that the instrument of choice will be a contract?
- b. Given this is a contract, is this opportunity opened for international organizations?
- c. If the estimated solicitation date of August 15 is still valid given the change in funding mechanism?
- d. Will an RFI be released in advance of the RFP?
- e. Is the coverage of quality, high-impact health services expected to include family planning and reproductive health services?
- f. What would be the geographic scope of the intervention?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the mission believes it would be a contract.
- b. Yes it will be opened for all eligible international organizations.
- c. There is probability that solicitation date may slip to December 1, 2016.
- d. We anticipate issuing RFI before issuing RFP.
- e. Yes.
- f. We anticipate that this will be nationwide.

- 21. Benin:** Does USAID plan on releasing *Advancing Safe Learning Environments for Girls* in Benin? If so, when and will it be released with the same focus areas - Education, gender equity, policy, parent advocacy?

USAID Response: Yes. The Mission has decided to award a follow on cooperative agreement to an existing Local Organization who has been implementing similar activity for the last two years. Follow on cooperative agreement is intended to be effective on/about August 15, 2016.

22. Bosnia/Herzegovina: The Bosnia/Herzegovina Sustainable Development Activity seems new, but is not listed as a “New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted” in the July 2016 Mission Forecast, but can USAID please confirm that this is in fact a new activity in the Forecast and not a duplicate of the Bosnia/Herzegovina SME Activity? What are the anticipated objectives or results?

USAID Response: The Sustainable Development Activity is a new activity and not a duplicate of the SME Activity. In response to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP 21 objectives, the Sustainable Development Activity will address main issues spanning climate and economical development issues.

23. Brazil: Can USAID please update whether USAID Brazil still plans a Monitoring and Evaluation activity even though it has a cancellation status?

USAID Response: AA-60662 - Monitoring and Evaluation was cancelled in February 2016 and replaced with the AA-60676 - Monitoring and Evaluation and Outreach and Communications (BAME). This procurement is currently in the evaluation process.

24. Burma: Could you kindly clarify if there are any anticipated procurements for Burma? Burma did not appear in the recent Mission Forecast, but perhaps it was an accidental omission?

USAID Response: For fourth quarter of the fiscal year, the Mission does not have any new competitive actions.

25. Burma: On the previous Forecast, USAID/Burma listed a Democracy and Governance Assessment and a Mid-Term Evaluation for a Rule of Law project, but neither of these opportunities are still listed. Does USAID still plan to procure these activities?

USAID Response: The Mission will be using a regional instrument for these two actions. The forecast will be updated if there is any change in fiscal year 2017.

26. Burma: Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Activity

- a. Was the Myanmar/Burma MNCH activity intentionally and permanently dropped or is this activity still a priority for the Myanmar Mission and we should expect to see it on future forecasts?
- b. If it is still a priority, is there a projected timeline for a future iteration of this activity?
- c. What is the anticipated SoW for this opportunity?
- d. When will it be released?

USAID Response: Currently under discussion and the forecast will be updated for any future action.

27. Burma: We have noticed that the large HIV and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health opportunities previously listed for Burma are no longer listed in the latest forecast. Could USAID please confirm whether these opportunities have been cancelled or just delayed? If it is delayed, when will it be released? What is the SoW?

USAID Response: Currently under discussion and the forecast will be updated for any future action.

28. Burundi: We understand that the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Acceleration Project in Burundi received an 18-month extension in April 2016. Could USAID please inform when the Mission anticipates releasing the follow-on to this project?

USAID Response: Any PMTCT follow-on is still in the early design phase. We anticipate having more information for the next Quarter's Forecast.

29. Cambodia: For the Cambodia Climate Services, can we expect to receive a pre-solicitation prior to the release of the RFA?

USAID Response: Continue monitoring the business forecast and grants.gov for updates.

30. Cambodia: Regarding the forecasted "Decentralization Program": Can USAID please provide a scope of work for this forecasted bid?

USAID Response: Continue monitoring the business forecast for additional information.

31. Cambodia: The Cambodia WASH Earmark solicitation is not included in this most recent forecast.

- a. Could USAID clarify if this solicitation has been canceled?
- b. If it has not been canceled, could USAID provide information related to the timing and scope of work?
- c. Is there any update on the status of the Mission's WASH earmark funding?

USAID Response: As previously stated in the FY2016 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Q&A, the Mission is reviewing its approach to implement the WASH earmark funding; once decisions are made, related funding opportunities will be added to the business forecast.

32. Cambodia: New NRM Activity: Prey Land Landscapes Program: Does USAID/Cambodia intend to release a pre-sol or RFI before the RFP is released?

USAID Response: We may choose to issue an RFI and plan to issue a pre-solicitation notice. Please monitor FBO.gov for updates.

33. Cambodia: The Cambodia Education Project's anticipated release date has passed. Can USAID please provide a more accurate anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The subject RFTOP SOL-442-16-000010 (Cambodia Early Grade Reading) has been released to all IDIQ holders.

34. Cambodia: Can USAID clarify if the Cambodia FTF Population Based Survey (PBS) will be release full and open or through some other mechanism?

USAID Response: As indicated in the forecast, the award mechanism type is TBD. Accordingly, no further information is available at this time.

35. Cambodia: ABE-LEARN Cambodia - New EGR Education Program - TO under "Assistance to Basic Education: All Children Reading (ABE-ACR)" IDIQ

- a. In July, the Agency issued a regional call (RFTOP # SOL-OAA-16-000152) that includes Cambodia. Will this call replace the current call forecasted by the mission that was due to be released on 7/20/2016?
- b. The NOI released for this opportunity states that it will assist target provinces throughout, however, in the targets section states that USAID expects the EGR activity to operate only in Kampong Cham. Is this accurate?

USAID Response: The subject RFTOP SOL-442-16-000010 (Cambodia Early Grade Reading) has been released to all IDIQ holders.

36. Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan): We see in the forecast a new project in Kyrgyzstan aimed at Institutional Performance Improvement & Service Delivery. Was the Community and Municipal Governance Initiative (CAMI) ever awarded? If not, is the new project a rebid of CAMI with potential adjustments to the Scope of Work?

USAID Response: The Executive Good Governance: Institutional Performance Improvement & Service Delivery Project for USAID Kyrgyz Republic is a new requirement. It is not a rebid of the Community and Municipal Governance Initiative (CAMI). CAMI has not yet been awarded.

37. Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan): *Executive Good Governance: Institutional Performance Improvement and Service Delivery Project and the Enterprise Development Program --* Does USAID anticipate that the delays in establishing a bilateral agreement between the United States and the Kyrgyz Republic will delay the two procurements in the Kyrgyz Republic?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate a delay.

38. Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan): Can USAID provide further details on the anticipated scope of work for the Kyrgyzstan Enterprise Development Program?

USAID Response: The Enterprise Competitiveness Program will target small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) nationwide in the Kyrgyz Republic. This activity will use a demand-driven approach to solve firm-specific constraints that are impeding SME growth and will seek to leverage private capital alongside USAID project funding.

39. Colombia: Only 1 of 6 opportunities on the Colombia forecast is slated as a cooperative agreement. All others are either contracts or task orders. Can USAID kindly confirm if this will be the trend in funding opportunities from the Colombia Mission?

USAID Response: USAID/Colombia has no preference for acquisition instruments over assistance instruments or vice versa. USAID/Colombia will select each instrument on the applicable facts and circumstances at the time of selection of the instrument consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policy, in accordance with ADS 304.

40. Colombia: Are the USAID Natural Wealth Program; USAID Páramos and Forests Program; and USAID Climate Change Program, the same opportunities as the Colombia Resiliente; Colombia Conserva; and Colombia Carbono opportunities for which the Mission previously requested comments on the draft Statement of Objectives?

USAID Response: Yes they are the same.

Colombia Carbono is now Páramos y Bosques, Colombia Resiliente is now Climate Change, Colombia Conserve is now Natural Wealth.

41. Colombia: Considering that the Colombia Climate Change opportunity is slated to be released on August 15 and given its technical relevance to ongoing programs in country, could USAID please upload all project technical deliverables including annual and quarterly reports from the Colombia Clean Energy program to the DEC?

USAID Response: The referenced reports will be uploaded in the coming days.

42. Colombia: Colombia Justice for a Sustainable Peace Program -- The anticipated release date has passed. Can USAID please provide a more accurate anticipated release date?

USAID Response: o/a end of August, 2016.

43. Cuba: Can USAID please confirm the solicitation mechanism for the Cuba Monitoring and Evaluation activity?

USAID Response: This is a small business set-aside - USAID will be sending the solicitation to the companies on the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) IDIQ.

44. DRC: Given the time that has passed since the RFI was released for Feed the Future Kivu Value Chain and when the draft SOOs were released for Integrated Health Project, does USAID plan to release additional/updated RFIs/draft SOOs in advance of the official solicitations for both of these projects?

USAID Response: No, USAID/DRC does not anticipate releasing additional or updated RFIs/draft SOOs in advance of the official solicitations.

45. DRC: Does USAID anticipate any more changes to the anticipated release date for the DRC value chain solicitation?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate more changes.

46. DRC: Integrated Health Project

a. Can you confirm the anticipated solicitation date of the this project?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates the release of the solicitation on or about October 2016.

b. In the Statement of Objectives for the Integrated Health Program in DRC, which was released in August 2015, on page 11 it says that IHP-DRC will be divided into three activities by region and will have its main coordination office located in Kinshasa. Could USAID please indicate if IHP-DRC will be a single-award contract or if it will issue multiple awards?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates the release of the solicitation on or about October 2016.

47. DRC: *DRC Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Activity:* Could USAID kindly provide any information on the decision to advance the release date of the DRC Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Activity to 12/1/16 with the mechanism of a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date is 12/1/2016..

48. DRC: Is USAID planning to release an RFI for the Community Protection and Recovery in Areas Affected by the Lord's Resistance Army activity?

USAID Response: No decision on issuance of an RFI has been made yet.

49. East Africa: *The East Africa Regional Intergovernmental Organization (RIGO) System Strengthening* is a new opportunity that has not been previously forecasted. Is USAID considering releasing a draft scope of work to seek industry comments prior to the release of an RFP on September 1, 2016?

USAID Response: At this time no draft scope is anticipated to be released prior to the release of the RFP.

50. East Africa: In Line 54 in the July 2016 Mission Forecast for East Africa, we note that USAID is using the name of an organization (Financial Services Volunteer Corps) as the title of a project. Can USAID please provide a more accurate title for this project? And is this project being considered as full & open competition? Is it a new activity not previously forecasted?

USAID Response: This is an error and it will be removed from the business forecast. The mission is extending a current award. We apologize for any confusion.

51. Egypt: For the *Literate Village* opportunity, does USAID anticipate the solicitation date of October 1 to hold? We note that this procurement has been subject to a number of delays.

USAID Response: Thank you for your interest in this opportunity. The October 1, 2016 is still the target date for releasing the solicitation.

52. Egypt: Does USAID anticipate the release of any economic growth focused programming in Egypt in upcoming forecasts?

USAID Response: Yes, but USAID Egypt has no clear timeline for releasing them.

53. Egypt: Could USAID please provide clarification on why the Egypt Governance, Decentralization and Local Administration program was decreased in size in the latest forecast?

USAID Response: As the planning process proceeds for this opportunity, the Mission is refining its estimates of the work which is reflected in the Forecast.

54. Egypt: We note that the Egypt APS that was in the April 2016 Mission forecast is not listed in the July 2016 Mission forecast. We also note that this solicitation has not yet been released, but its last estimated release date was June 30, 2016. What is this project's current status?

USAID Response: The APS is still under consideration, but USAID Egypt has no clear timeline for releasing it.

55. Egypt: Regarding the Egypt STEM opportunity on the forecast, it appears that not all project generated deliverables (i.e., teacher training curriculum) are on the Development Experience Clearinghouse. This is often a challenge for bidders. What steps are or could the Office of A&A take to ensure that all project deliverables are posted on the DEC as they are approved and well in advance of any relevant procurement?

USAID Response: Thank you for your question. We are working with all of our implementers to ensure that appropriate documents are placed on the DEC in a timely fashion.

56. El Salvador: Despite similar funding increases, El Salvador has one procurement on the forecast, compared to Guatemala (9) and Honduras (4). Will future forecasts contain additional procurements for El Salvador?

USAID Response: El Salvador's actions for the funding increases have been spread out since FY15 through FY17.

57. El Salvador: Could OAA please give us an update on the status (possible release date and procurement mechanism) of the Central America Transboundary Biodiversity Activity (CATBA)?

USAID Response: This activity is being designed, we do not have any additional information at this time.

58. El Salvador: The El Salvador Competitive Activity is no longer on the forecast. Has this activity been postponed? If so, can USAID please provide details on anticipated timing and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity may not be on the forecast anymore because it was already competed and it is now under evaluation.

59. El Salvador: We note that the El Salvador New Regional Trade Facilitation Activity Task Order/Delivery Order, which had a previously forecasted release date of 9/27/2016, did not reappear in the July 2016 Mission Forecast. Can USAID please inform us of its current status?

USAID Response: This was done as a buy-in under a USAID/Washington IQC.

60. Ethiopia: We no longer see the Monitoring and Evaluation for Transform Activities (Bureau for Africa-Ethiopia) on the Q4 forecast. Can you provide an update on this activity?

USAID Response: TRANSFORM: Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Adapting (TRANSFORM/MELA) for estimated amount of \$7.5 with an option of additional \$2.5, is now under solicitation selection process. The solicitation is conducted through the RFTOP SOL-603-16-000015 under IQC of Accessing External Evaluation and Performance Monitoring Service. 14 IQC holders were requested for their proposal and four organizations responded with their proposals. Anticipated date of award is end of August.

61. Ethiopia: The FY 2016 Q3 Business Forecast listed the Ethiopia Strengthening Participation and Accountability for Community Engagement (SPACE) as an opportunity with an anticipated release date of August 2016. The recent FY 2016 Q4 Business Forecast no longer includes this opportunity. Could USAID please advise if this opportunity has been cancelled or if it has been postponed, and, if the latter, what is the new expected release date?

USAID Response: This activity has been postponed until FY17.

62. Ethiopia: Is it possible to get additional details on the description of the Strengthening Community Response to HIV (Ethiopia) activity? Would the mission be able to release additional information or even a RFI on the activity prior to the RFA?

USAID Response: We do not anticipate releasing an RFI before the RFA. The aim of the activity is to accelerate the ability of host government, civic society organizations and community-based prevention, care and treatment interventions for PLHIV.

63. Ethiopia: Accelerate Ethiopian Learning Skills -- Given the size of the Accelerate Ethiopian Learning Skills award, please advise if bidders can expect an update on the mechanism prior to solicitation release?

USAID Response: Yes, when the mechanism is determined, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

64. Ethiopia: Could USAID please clarify if USAID/Ethiopia SCRHA is expected to be delayed significantly beyond what is posted in the latest forecast?

USAID Response: We expect to release an RFA by Aug 26.

65. Ethiopia: The Ethiopia Feed the Future Livelihood for Resilience Activity Solicitation release date remains 5/24. Could USAID please clarify the new anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Ethiopia Feed the Future Livelihood for Resilience Activity RFA was released on www.grants.gov on 5/24 as planned.

66. Ethiopia: Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date of the Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcome for OVC in Ethiopia (IWHO) RFA, given the anticipated August 1 release of a firm fixed price contract to perform an end-line evaluation for Yekokeb Berhan? And, what is the anticipated SoW for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The release date for IWHO is anticipated by Aug 19.

67. Ethiopia: EHIP Water Supply and Management -- Can USAID clarify the nature of the changes regarding the EHIP Water Supply and Management opportunity from the previous forecast to this one, and elaborate on what "provide" now entails from the Mission's perspective?

USAID Response: This activity will include construction of water supply systems, such as wells and pumps, for 11 health centers throughout Ethiopia. Comprehensive management training

of local stakeholders (local water officials) will be a major component. “Provide” means what the activity will do.

68. Ghana: In regards to the *Performance Evaluation of the Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening* for USAID Ghana, can USAID comment on the specific IDIQ this task order will be released under?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this will be a task order under the Analytical Services III IDIQ, AID-OAA-I-10-00002.

69. Guatemala: The Q3 Business Forecast Review questions indicated that “With the exception of Creating Economic Opportunities (CEO) 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.” Several Guatemala opportunities appeared in the Q4 forecast with an early August 2016 release date. Could USAID please confirm that the RFP release dates in the Q4 forecast are accurate? Can USAID provide information about the geographic target areas?

USAID Response: The dates in the Q4 forecast were as accurate as Guatemala could make them with the information provided within the Mission. Per Guatemala’s Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) that was recently extended: “In support of the GOG’s priority geographic area with respect to food security – one of Guatemala’s primary development foci - the majority of USAID projects will be focused in five departments in the Western Highlands where poverty and child chronic malnutrition levels are highest and where opportunity for economic development is strong. Specifically, economic growth, health, education, Public Law (P.L.) 480 Title II Multi-Year Development Program (MYDP) and local governance activities will be co-located in target municipalities to take advantage of synergies and achieve improved program outcomes.” There is a public version of the CDCS available on USAID’s website.

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1862/GuatemalaCDCS_0.pdf

70. Guatemala: The Guatemala Urban Municipal Governance Program’s anticipated release date has passed. According to the Q4 Mission Forecast, the USAID/Guatemala Urban Municipal Governance Activity solicitation was expected to come out as a Task Order under the Making Cities Work IDIQ on 6/10/16. Can USAID please confirm that it has been released? If not, can USAID please provide a more accurate anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The RFTOP, under the Making Cities IDIQ, was issued on 6/10 and proposals are due on 8/1.

71. Guatemala: Does USAID/Guatemala anticipate releasing a Request for Information or draft scope of work for the Creating Economic Opportunities (CEO) Project?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the RFP will be issued in August or Sept FY 16. A draft Scope of Work was posted in fbo.gov in 7/29/2016 for comments.

72. Guatemala: After including the Guatemala FAIR project on the Q3 Mission Forecast, the Q&A announced that it had been removed and would not be released until FY 17. Now, the project is back on the Q4 forecast with a release date of August 1, 2016.

- a. Is this an error, or has FAIR's procurement been moved back into this fiscal year? [The Mission anticipates releasing the solicitation towards the end of FY 2016.](#)
- b. Will FAIR be a contract or cooperative agreement?
[We plan to issue the FAIR activity as an Assistance Cooperative Agreement, limiting the competition to Guatemalan organizations.](#)
- c. Can USAID provide information about the scope and objectives of the Guatemala FAIR project?
[The objective of FAIR is to increase agricultural incomes and improve resilience for small farmers and their families in five Departments of the Western Highlands. The four main components are: 1\) Agricultural Productive Improved and Income Generation Alternatives Diversified; 2\) Access to Market Expanded; 3\) Resilience Increased through Implementation of Climate-Smart and Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and 4\) Agriculture and Food Security Enabling Environment Strengthened.](#)
- d. Could USAID provide information about the geographic target areas of the project?
[Generally, the same area of influence under the current two Rural Value Chains Projects, but with some additional flexibility to work in adjacent areas.](#)
- e. When will a decision be made regarding the procurement type?
[See response to 74.b, above.](#)
- f. Will FAIR be for local primes only?
[See response to 74.b. above.](#)
- g. Will the release of FAIR or Creating Economic Opportunities be delayed? This would be helpful since there has been so little information about both.
[See response to 74.a, for the FAIR Project. For Creating Economic Opportunities, USAID published in fbo.gov a draft SOW for comments on July 29, 2016.](#)
- h. Which areas of the country will FAIR and Creating Economic Opportunities focus on?
[For FAIR, see 74 d., above. For CEO, the program will work in the urban area of City of Guatemala in the USAID Guatemala Mission focus of intervention in the Western Highlands, \(Quetzaltenango, Totonicapán, San Marcos, Huehuetenango and Quiché\).](#)
- i. Does USAID expect to combine the geographies for the two Rural Value Chains Projects into one activity?
[The geographic scope of the activities is the same, with the possible additions as expressed under the response to d, above. USAID anticipates making one or multiple awards so the geographic focus of the resulting awards may be decided after evaluation of applications.](#)
- j. Will a draft scope of work or an RFI be released?
[For the FAIR Project, USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft Program Description prior to releasing the RFA.](#)

- k. Can USAID please confirm the status of this project, and also whether it is a follow-on to the ongoing Rural Value Chains Project?
[See response to 74.c. above.](#)

73. Guatemala: Could USAID please confirm that the “Monitoring and Evaluation Program” will be a contract with a total set-aside, and that it will not be solicited through any contracting mechanism?

USAID Response: [Yes, this contract will be total set-aside for small businesses.](#)

74. Guatemala: *In the Q&A for the April 29, 2016 forecast Questions 79(b) and 79(d) referenced procurement for the Guatemala Monitoring and Evaluation Program:* Question #79(b): Will it be procured through the M&E IDIQ? [**USAID Response:** No, USAID Guatemala does not anticipate using the M&E IDIQ.] Question #79(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.]

- a. In the July 15, 2016 forecast, this opportunity is still listed as a “total set-aside”, despite USAID’s previous statement that this would not be a total set-aside but potentially full-and-open. Would USAID/Guatemala please clarify the type if this procurement will be full-and open, or procured either under an existing IDIQ or via a total small-business set-aside?

USAID Response: [USAID/Guatemala will not use the M&E IDIQ. This contract will be set-aside for small businesses.](#)

75. Guatemala: Monitoring and Evaluation Program will provide continued performance monitoring, verification, and impact evaluation of program results of USAID Guatemala projects. 1. Any potential conflict of interest for implementers of health programs in country? 2. Release is 11/15/16 and award 9/30/17; with nearly a year from award after submission, is there a particular cause for delay? 3. Also, can you clarify what is meant by “total set aside”?

USAID Response: [1\) Yes, program implementers may have a potential conflict of interest. Please refer to the USAID Evaluation Policy; USAID Contract Information Bulletin 99-17; and Federal Acquisition Regulations \(FAR\) Part 9.5, Organizational Conflicts of Interest. 2\) This is not a delay, the time frame has been established in accordance with the procurement lead times of ADS 300. 3\) Total set aside means that this solicitation will be opened only for Small Businesses.](#)

76. Guatemala: Can USAID provide information about the scope and objectives of the Guatemala Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation project?

USAID Response: [No. These details will be provided in the solicitation.](#)

77. Guatemala: According to the Q4 Mission Forecast, the USAID/Guatemala Creating Economic Opportunity solicitation is anticipated to be released on 8/8/16. Is that still the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Please see the response to question 73.

78. Guatemala: “Harnessing Emerging Political Leadership for a Secure and Accountable Guatemala Project”: USAID currently has an active Leader with Associate award for political party work with the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS). This LWA award focuses mainly on institutionalizing processes that mitigate risks of political violence and illicit financing of electoral campaigns. Within this, CEPPS is working to strengthen interagency coordination across all levels of government on violence prevention efforts; strengthen the country’s electoral bodies to better regulate campaign financing; promote collaboration between the Congress, elected officials and civil society on key congressional reforms; and increasing the political participation of marginalized groups. Does USAID Guatemala intend to use this LWA for this solicitation?

USAID Response: No. This procurement will be full and open competition.

79. Haiti: Does USAID anticipate any more health procurements for Haiti in 2016, and if so, will they be listed in the next forecast?

USAID Response: No additional health procurements are anticipated for FY2016. New procurements will be added to the A&A Plan around the time that activity concepts are approved by Mission management.

80. Haiti: The Haiti Room to Learn activity’s anticipated release date has passed. Can USAID please provide a more accurate anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Room to Learn activity was released in March 2016 as a Request for Task Order Proposals. The submission date for this activity has closed.

81. Honduras: Three opportunities listed previously for Honduras are no longer on the Mission Forecast: Building Resilience in Ecosystems and Livelihoods, Justice and Security Strengthening, and Local Service Delivery Systems Improved. Since these were expected to come out as Task Orders, are we correct in assuming that they have already been released?

USAID Response: Yes.

82. Honduras: *Public Financial Management & Public Accountability Activity* - As a newly forecasted activity, could USAID please provide additional detail on the anticipated scope of work of this bid?

USAID Response: The activity is in design and projections are subject to change. Additional information will be released when available.

83. Honduras: Community and Municipal Development for Citizen Security – With a revised anticipated solicitation release date of 12/15/16, does USAID still anticipate the award date will be 12/31/16? What are the correct dates? Also, does USAID know yet if it will be a cooperative agreement or a contract?

USAID Response: This activity is still in design. A rough estimate of the timeframe for award is June/July 2017.

84. Honduras: According to the Q4 Mission Forecast, the solicitations for both the USAID/Honduras School-based Violence Prevention Activity and the Reading Improvement for Development Activity are expected out around 8/31/16. Is that still correct? Also, since Reading Improvement for Development will likely be a contract, will School-based Violence Prevention be a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: These activities are still in design.

85. Honduras: The Honduras Improvement for Reading activity

- a. The Forecast states that “the Procurement plan is subject to change”, can USAID please elaborate on what this means?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast is a snapshot of activities and programs that the Mission is in the process of designing, and for this reason, the information is subject to change. USAID’s Business Forecast process is explained in greater detail at the agency’s Business Forecast website, located here: <https://www.usaid.gov/business-forecast>. More information on USAID’s planning and design processes

- b. Is the notice likely to be released prior to the new forecasted date of August 31st?

USAID Response: We hope to achieve this goal! The Activities are still in design.

- c. What will the role of the CRB be in reviewing the call?

USAID Response: This solicitation is expected to be subject to review by the Contract Review Board (CRB). The role of the CRB is explained explained in ADS Chapter 302 and associated mandatory reference 302mao, *Contract Review Board Guidelines*, located here: <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/302mao.pdf>

- d. What are the possible intervention areas (will it cover both of the objectives from the USAID Honduras Development Strategy: D01 and D02?)

USAID Response: Additional information will be released when available.

- e. What focus on violence prevention will the call have, and what will the relation be to the School-Based Violence Prevention call?

USAID Response: Additional information will be released when available.

- f. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated release date for the USAID/Honduras “Reading Improvement for Development” opportunity?

USAID Response: Additional information will be released when available.

- g. Could USAID please clarify if the target region for the USAID/Honduras opportunity, is expected to include the major urban areas of the country?”

USAID Response: Additional information will be released when available.

- h. Is USAID planning to incorporate a grants component in the new reading project?

USAID Response: Additional information will be released when available.

- 86. Honduras:** The mission forecast indicates that the “Public Financial Management & Public Accountability Activity” is a new opportunity not previously forecasted. Could USAID please clarify whether this is the “Transparency and Anti-Corruption Activity” that was included in the Mission Business Forecast in February 2016 but not in April 2016.

USAID Response: The activity is in design and projections are subject to change. Additional information will be released when available.

- 87. Honduras:** Please clarify the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date for Honduras Community and Municipal Development for Citizen Security. As of now, the two dates are two weeks apart.

USAID Response: This activity is still in design. The desired award date is June or July of 2017 and the expected type of implementing instrument is a contract.

- 88. Honduras:** What is the anticipated mechanism for the school-based violence prevention activity?

USAID Response: At present, Mission planning efforts are to conduct a full and open competition leading to award of a cost plus fixed fee completion type contract to be implemented over five years.

- 89. Honduras:** Does USAID have any updates on the mechanism for the Honduras Tertiary Violence Prevention program?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

- 90. Honduras:** The School-Based Violence Prevention Activity is listed as four years in length, with the award/action type as TBD. Is the 4-year length an indication that this will be a task order (TO/DO)? If so, what IDIQ is planned?

USAID Response: At present, Mission planning efforts are to conduct a full and open competition leading to award of a cost plus fixed fee completion type contract to be implemented over five years.

- 91. Honduras:** The “New Good Governance Activity” was listed in the previous quarter’s Mission Business Forecast and the Q&A revealed that the Mission was considering the use of an existing IQC. However, the activity is not listed in the 4th quarter Mission Business Forecast. Could USAID please clarify the following:

- a. Why has the activity disappeared from the business forecast?
- b. Will it re-appear in future business forecasts?
- c. If it will re-appear, will it be issued under a contracting mechanism, and if so, which one?

USAID Response: This activity has been re-named as the Local Governance Activity. A request for task order proposals was issued to the Making Cities Work IDIQ holders on July 7, 2016.

92. Indonesia: Will there be a health focus included as part of the Indonesia BUKA activity?
USAID Response: There is no specific field focus for BUKA, as it focuses on the evidence-to-policy process in general.

93. Indonesia: In the July 14, 2016 Mission forecast, the anticipated Award/Action type listed for BUKA (Bukti Untuk Kebijakan dan Advokasi or Evidence for Policy and Advocacy) is listed as NA.

- a. Has USAID made a decision as to whether this will be issued via an acquisition (RFP) or assistance (RFA)?
- b. Does USAID/Indonesia also anticipate issuing a draft RFP/RFA for community comment?

USAID Response:

- a. BUKA is still in the design phase. No determination has been made on mechanism.
- b. BUKA RFI was posted both in www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov on May 18, 2016 for community feedback and comment. Mission does not anticipate issuing a draft RFP or RFA for additional comment.

94. Jordan: Will USAID please confirm that August 31 is the most up-to-date release date for the Jordan YouthPower Implementation Task Order?

USAID Response: Jordan Youthpower will be released at the end of the fourth quarter (Q4) of this fiscal year.

95. Jordan: Could USAID please explain the removal of the focus on "positive youth development" approaches from the description of the Jordan EDY - Youth Power TO description?

USAID Response: YouthPower/Jordan will support a positive youth development approach.

96. Jordan: The "Teaching and Community Engagement at Newly Constructed Schools" opportunity under USAID Jordan has not appeared in the April or July forecasts. Is the USAID Jordan mission no longer planning for this activity?

USAID Response: This is no longer a planned activity for this fiscal year.

97. Jordan: Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for the Jordan Pre-service teacher training program for grades 4-12? If so, when and what type of mechanism is anticipated (CA vs. Contract)?

USAID Response: This is no longer a planned activity for this fiscal year. The mission anticipates releasing an RFP in the first quarter (Q1) of fiscal 2017.

98. Jordan: The Jordan WRE-Water Innovation Technologies Activities was listed as a "Contract" in the April 2016 Mission Forecast, and is now listed as a "Cooperative Agreement" in the July 2016 Mission Forecast. Can USAID please confirm the funding mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Jordan hereby confirms that the funding mechanism for the USAID/Jordan Water Innovation Technology Activities will be a Cooperative Agreement.

99. Kenya: Will the two Kenya OVC activities still be released on 8/22 if the current APHIAplus programs receive the possible extension?

USAID Response: The RFA will be released in the 4th quarter of 2016.

100. Kenya: OVC

- a. Please advise which provinces will be covered under each of the two awards?
- b. Please advise if applicants should expect a 30-day proposal development window, as with the recent RFAs in March.

USAID Response: The geographical coverage of each award is still to be defined and will be stated in the RFA. Approximately a 30 day proposal development period should be anticipated.

101. Kenya: HIV Service Delivery Support Activity -- In the July 15, 2016 mission business forecast, the Kenya HIV Service Delivery Support Activity (HSDSA) is listed as containing a partial set-aside for small businesses. Could USAID/Kenya please clarify which clusters will be set aside for small business primes?

USAID Response: USAID/KEA is still in the planning phase to determine the particular work that will be set-aside for small business primes.

102. Kenya: Earlier versions of the forecast showed a Regional Resilience Learning Project with Tufts University as the incumbent. This procurement no longer appears on the July 2016 forecast.

- a. Has this procurement been cancelled or delayed? If so, which?
- b. The earlier procurement forecasts also state it will be procured via a Task Order/Delivery Order? Is this still the anticipated way these services will be procured? If not, can USAID state if it will be full-and-open or what they anticipate?
- c. Can USAID also state when this procurement might be released for response?

USAID Response: This procurement has been cancelled.

103. Kenya: From the last Q&A round (re April 2016 Mission Forecast), USAID referred to the Kenya Investment Mechanism Activity as an "RFP."

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the funding mechanism for this opportunity will be a full and open RFP, or is USAID considering bringing it on an IQC under an IDIQ, or turning it into an RFA?
- b. Is the Kenya Investment Mechanism a follow-on to an existing project?

USAID Response:

- a. The Kenya Investment Mechanism is expected to be an acquisition instrument.
- b. The Kenya Investment Mechanism is not a follow-on award to any existing project.

104. Kosovo: Could USAID please provide more information on the anticipated activities of the USAID/Kosovo Regional Program Support IDIQ? Could USAID please provide more

information about the anticipated scope of this award and what the program will seek to accomplish? Can USAID please clarify what technical areas of institutional support this opportunity will focus on?

USAID Response: USAID is still finalizing the RFP which will be released shortly. The activities are things such as various evaluation and assessment services, data management services, design services, support services, etc. There will be a minimum of two awards available for international organizations to provide services to the entire Balkans region, and a minimum of two local awards per each country.

105. Kosovo: *Municipal Competitiveness Index* -- Does USAID anticipate that the Municipal Competitiveness Index from USAID/Kosovo will be restricted to local organizations?

USAID Response: Undecided at this time.

106. Kosovo: There was an item on the earlier forecast regarding a Kosovo workforce readiness/development opportunity. Is this opportunity still under consideration? Can USAID please provide an update?

USAID Response: There are two workforce readiness components. One was accidentally removed during the update but will be put back on the plan shortly.

107. Kosovo: The April 29 mission business forecast had a Kosovo Clean Support clean energy program, which is no longer part of the July 15 forecast. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this program by August 30, 2016?

USAID Response: We apologize, this was mistakenly removed. The program is still on, but will likely be released in Q1 of FY 2017.

108. Kosovo: The Kosovo C-Support entry appears to have been removed from this version of the forecast. Could USAID please clarify the status?

USAID Response: Please see answer 109.

109. Kosovo: Mission forecast row 101 Kosovo program support - regional IDIQ:

- a. Will an RFI with a draft PWS be issued before the solicitation?
- b. Which countries are included in the region?
- c. Will it be a single-holder or multi-holder IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. No as the required services are relatively straightforward.
- b. Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia, and potentially others.
- c. Multiple holder. See answer 106.

110. Laos: Is it possible to get additional information on the upcoming Laos "Basic Education" solicitation? Does USAID intend to release a pre-sol or RFI before the RFP is released? Does USAID anticipate it will be released on August 15, 2016?

USAID Response: This action is still under planning stage. The most recent information available indicates that a solicitation will not be released until September. We certainly will consider sharing information as early as possible.

111. Liberia: Does USAID intend to continue programing in Agriculture and Food Security in Liberia after the Food and Enterprise Development Program ends in 2016?

USAID Response: Liberia Agribusiness Development Activity (LADA) is the program that continues the Agriculture and Food Security in Liberia. This is a five-year program with an effective date of December 9, 2015.

112. Liberia: Could USAID please provide an explanation for the drop in funding on the READ Liberia! opportunity?

USAID Response: As USAID has better defined the scope of the anticipated activity, it was determined that estimated budget for such an activity would be less than initially anticipated.

113. Liberia: The anticipated solicitation release date has already passed for the Accelerated Quality Education for Liberian Children task order, is there an updated estimate for when this solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: This has been updated to reflect an updated estimate of August 22.

114. Madagascar: USAID had previously mentioned that it intended to release a solicitation for a Madagascar WASH program.

- a. Does USAID/Madagascar still intend to procure this activity?
- b. If so, could USAID/Madagascar please provide an update on timing of release and anticipated choice of mechanism?
- c. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity is still expected to be released as a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID/Madagascar intends to procure this activity.
- b. USAID/Madagascar anticipates releasing a NOFO for award of one Cooperative Agreement on/about August 15, 2016
- c. Yes.

115. Madagascar: *Biodiversity and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene* -- For Madagascar, the 2 climate change and biodiversity opportunities, one focused on policy and the other on site based conservation, have been removed from the Forecast. Can USAID please confirm if it still intends to release solicitations for these opportunities? Would USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date for the three projects, as well as the anticipated mechanism for the WASH activity?

USAID Response: The two climate change and biodiversity activities mentioned above are still included in USAID/Madagascar A&A Plan for FY-2016. NOFOs for all of the above activities including WASH shall be released before the end of this Fiscal Year. WASH is anticipated to be a Cooperative Agreement.

116. Madagascar: The Madagascar Environment and Biodiversity procurement, which appeared in previous versions of the forecast, is no longer listed. Neither are the two separate activities "Mikajy" and "Hay Tao" as defined in the RFIs previously released on

Fed Biz Opps? Could USAID/Madagascar please provide an update on timing of release and anticipated choice of mechanism for any related activities expected in Madagascar?

USAID Response: Following is the anticipated timing and choice of mechanism related to USAID/Madagascar activities that are planned for release in FY-2016:

1. WASH (RANO-WASH) - NOFO for award of one Cooperative Agreement is expected to be released in grants.gov on/about August 15, 2016
2. Hay Tao - RFP is expected to be released on/about August 26, 2016
3. Mikajy - RFP is expected to be released on/about September 26, 2016

117. Malawi: The latest USAID mission forecast has the release of the Yesani Ophunzira Assess the Learners (YESA) Activity in Malawi as July 29th, 2016. Could USAID please this confirm release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi anticipates to release the Solicitation document for Yesani Ophunzira Assess the Learners (YESA) Activity by August 31,2016.

118. Malawi: Malawi ASPIRE Mid-term Performance Evaluation -- Will this IDIQ be released through TASC IV or the Women in Development IDIQ? Can USAID comment on the specific IDIQ this task order will be released under?

USAID Response: The task order will be released under the Policy, Planning and Learning, Office of Learning, Evaluation and research (PPL/LER) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) small business set-aside IDIQ.

119. Mali: The Mali Girls Leadership Empowerment through Education (GLEE) opportunity has been missing from the last 2 forecasts.

- a. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity still exists, and provide an update on the possible timeline and amount for the solicitation release?
- b. Is there any new information on this opportunity?
- c. Funding mechanism?
- d. Award amount?

USAID Response: This opportunity still exists, however it remains in the design phase. There is no new information on this opportunity and it will be forecasted on the FY 17 Business Forecast.

120. Mali: Will any education solicitations be coming out for Mali this year?

USAID Response: USAID Mali anticipates releasing shortly an Annual Program Statement for a Blind and Deaf children in Education program. The Forecast will be updated however, awards are not anticipated until FY17.

121. Mexico: The April 29, 2016 forecast listed the Mexico M&E Platform opportunity as an upcoming procurement. This particular procurement no longer exists on the Forecast.

- a. Would USAID confirm is this was an oversight and the procurement is still anticipated to be issued, and if so, when?

- b. If the procurement has been cancelled or will be issued under an existing contract mechanism, and if so, which one and what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

a) This was not an oversight. Upon further review USAID/Mexico has decided to wait until the mission is able to hire an M&E Expert who will do market research to determine the best method to procure M&E services. The mission does not have a date for when these tasks will be completed.

b) The procurement has been cancelled until further notice.

122. Moldova: The Rule of Law Activity -- Could USAID clarify which IDIQ this task order will be or whether the procurement will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: We are sure we are using ROL IQC and yes it will be a small business set-aside.

123. Moldova: Could USAID provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Moldova Structural Reform Program, as the previously forecasted date has passed?

USAID Response: The solicitation will be released before the end of the fiscal year.

124. Moldova: Per the latest forecast, the Moldova local government procurement has shifted to March 2017, and the scope has changed slightly to include energy:

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the current project will be extended?
- b. Will USAID be conducting an assessment prior to the bid being released?

USAID Response: a) The current project ended in February 2016 and will not be extended; b) An internal assessment was carried out in May 2015 during the initial design phase and was used for internal strategic decision-making purposes.

125. Morocco: Question on “Support to ‘Label Commune Citoyenne’ Initiative” forecast for Morocco – A&A specialist Najia Mesfioui. Does USAID expect the applicant to propose potential communes freely (based on certain criteria), select them from a list provided, or will the specific targeted communes be provided in the full grant application?

USAID Response: The idea is to have the recipient select the target communes after award through a competitive process.

126. Morocco: In regards to the *Civil Society Strengthening Program (CSSP) Mid-Term Evaluation* for USAID Morocco, can USAID comment on the specific IDIQ this task order will be released under?

USAID Response: USAID/Morocco has not yet selected the IDIQ for this action.

127. Mozambique: Can USAID please provide an update on the award of the Mozambique M&E bid released last year?

USAID Response: Currently, the proposals received are under technical evaluation.

128. Mozambique: Several new Mozambique opportunities in the July 2016 Mission Forecast have a “TBD” funding mechanism. Would USAID be able to at least indicate if they are considered as full & open or IDIQ competition?

USAID Response: At this time we are not able to indicate what type of procurement these will be, as they are in the very early stages of design and/or no Choice of Instrument determination has been made. As soon as we have the information we will provide an update.

129. Mozambique: Integrated Malaria Project

- a. Does the Integrated Malaria Project include a community component?
- b. The USAID Business Forecast includes a release date of August 29, 2016. Does this remain the anticipated release date?
- c. With regards to the Integrated Malaria Project forecasted in Mozambique, the award date is listed as 6/26/2017, which has been moved back 7 months from the previous forecast (listed as 2/28/2017). Can you please clarify the length of time between release and submission versus implementation?

USAID Response: a.) The integrated malaria project (IMaP) includes strengthening of malaria prevention and case management activities both at health facilities and community level. The IMaP will include support to the community-health worker program (commonly known in Mozambique as the APE program) and on SBCC activities, but this community work will be integrated into various components of the award.

b.) The Mission is currently working to release the Solicitation on/about Aug. 29, 2016.

c.) We intend to start implementation of activities at the time of the award. Based on an August 29, 2016 solicitation date and the Procurement Action Lead Time, the time of award and implementation is estimated to begin on February 28, 2017, which includes the time to put the solicitation on the street, receipt and evaluation of proposals and the issuance of the award.

130. Mozambique: The April 29, 2016 version of the Mission Forecast listed two agriculture and food security projects for Mozambique as cooperative agreements. The FY 2016, Quarter 3 question and answer clarified that the projects would be released through the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates (LWA) mechanism. As the July 15, 2016 version of the Mission Forecast now lists three separate Feed the Future projects with TBD mechanisms, would USAID kindly confirm that these programs are still anticipated to be released through the LWA mechanism, or if USAID is now considering designing one or more of these projects as contracts?

USAID Response: USAID/Mozambique is still exploring the best combination of mechanisms to achieve the expected results under the Feed the Future Initiative. The Mission anticipates being able to provide greater clarity in the next business forecast.

131. Mozambique: It is our understanding, from the last Q&A round (re April 2016 Mission Forecast), that the FTF Value Chain Activity is the same project as the Climate Smart Agriculture project, and that the Mission intends to award this combined value chain and

climate smart agriculture activities under the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates. Would the Mission provide an update on what it considers to be the most appropriate mechanism for these awards? And will the awards remain combined?

USAID Response: USAID/Mozambique is still exploring the best combination of mechanisms to achieve the expected results under the Feed the Future Initiative. The Mission anticipates being able to provide greater clarity in the next business forecast.

132. Mozambique. There are currently three opportunities listed: *Climate Smart Agriculture Nacala Corridor*, *Feed the Future Value Chain*, and *Climate Smart Agriculture Beira Corridor*. As part of the Q3 Q&A, USAID stated that “the mission believes the Farmer to Farmer Leader with Associates award is the most appropriate mechanism;” and that “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.” Given that this is now listed as three separate activities of \$10-24.99M each, with differing anticipated release and award dates, and the Award/Action Type is listed as TBD. Could the mission please clarify its intended course of action and in particular --

- a. Whether these will in fact be three separate actions? And,
- b. Whether the mission still intends to award any or all of these under Farmer-to-Farmer LWA vs. openly competed contracts or cooperative agreements?

USAID Response to both a. and b. (above): USAID/Mozambique is still exploring the best combination of mechanisms to achieve the expected results under the Feed the Future Initiative. The Mission anticipates being able to provide greater clarity in the next business forecast.

133. Nepal: Is there going to be a second phase for the Nepal EGRP? Why or Why not? When can we expect the solicitation to be issued?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet determined on the second phase for Nepal EGRP.

134. Nepal: Nepal A&EII IDIQ -- How many IDIQ holders are expected, and what will be the selection method for this procurement? Also, will there be a small business set aside for this IDIQ?

USAID Response:

a. USAID/Nepal is not creating a separate IDIQ for A-E services. USAID/Nepal anticipates issuing a RFTOP under the existing Global Architect-Engineering Services II IDIQ. There are a total of nine IDIQ holders.

b. Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) will follow the ordering and selection procedures outlined in the Global Architect-Engineering Services II IDIQ contracts.

c. All IDIQ Holders will be given a fair opportunity for competition.

135. Nepal: Can USAID disclose whether they intend to release a “Feed the Future” initiative in Nepal and what type of competition this solicitation may be issued?

USAID Response: The KISAN II Activity is for Nepal’s Feed the Future (FTF) program. The solicitation will be completed through full and open competition.

136. Nepal: Nepal Community Reconstruction Program Construction IDIQ –

- a. What is the number of anticipated awardees of this IDIQ?

USAID Response: The IDIQ was designed with anticipation of award to between four and six qualified contractors. The actual number of awardees will depend on number of offerors, quality of proposals, and availability of project funding.

- b. Can USAID share more information about the different areas that this project will focus on?

USAID Response:

Type of facilities: Public vertical structures such as schools, health clinics and public health centers etc.

Location: The majority of construction activities will be implemented in the 14 most affected districts; however, it is anticipated that additional facilities damaged during the earthquake and located outside of these districts may be identified for reconstruction.

- c. Can USAID also confirm that it will be released in FY17?

USAID Response: Dependent on the availability of the funds, it will be released in FY17.

- d. Can USAID define the 60% self-performance requirement of this IDIQ?

USAID Response: Interested firms or joint ventures should be able to self-perform a minimum of 60% of the work by total value of each Task Order. To self-perform, a contractor or joint-venture must provide its own equipment, labor, and management, as opposed to subcontracting all work.

- e. We understand a separate contract will be issued for Construction Management and Design (under the Global A&E IDIQ). Typically construction contractors need their own engineers and constructions managers on site in order to perform effectively. What role does USAID envision for the A&E contractor during construction? Is this more of a third-party monitoring type arrangement?

USAID Response:

The A&E contractor will be in place to accomplish all architectural and engineering design work, monitor all construction activities, provide 3rd party quality assurance, and advise/assist USAID to ensure “adequate Government oversight” of all construction activities. The A-E Contractor will facilitate all required inspections, documentation, and other requirements for handover. Also support USAID as required during the one year Defects Liability Period for each completed facility.

- f. Does Geographic Code 937 allow Indian firms to bid?

USAID Response: Yes, Indian firms are eligible to bid for the new Nepal Community Reconstruction Program IDIQ. The source/nationality country code for this procurement will be 935. (The business forecast will be revised to correct the code from 937 to 935.) This is required/allowed under ADS 221.)

137. Nepal: With reference to the Nepal Community Reconstruction Program A&E Services Program, also shown in the Mission forecast, this project is now listed with a significantly later Solicitation Release Date (1/16/2017) and Anticipated Award Date (6/26/2017) than was shown in the Q3 forecast. (The same is true for the Nepal Community Reconstruction Program Construction IDIQ, which lists similar dates in 2017 for solicitation release and award.)

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the dates listed represent the correct estimated dates for solicitation release and award of the Nepal Community Reconstruction A&E Services Program?

USAID Response: The dates represented represent estimated dates. The dates for solicitation of both IDIQs will depend upon receipt of program funding from USAID/W.

- b. Can USAID confirm that this solicitation differs from the Community Reconstruction IDIQ?

USAID Response:

The Nepal Community Reconstruction Program (NRCP) 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.

The dates for solicitation of both IDIQs will depend on receipt of program funding from USAID/W. It is anticipated that the A-E RFTOP will be issued before the Construction IDIQ solicitation.

138. Nepal: Nepal CTIP II was linked to the regional CTIP LWA in the previous forecast. Can you confirm that Nepal CTIP II is now a standalone cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: Yes.

139. Nepal: While the Nepal KISAN II Activity is not listed as a “New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted,” it does appear to be a new activity. However, its description is similar to that of the Nepal Hariyo Ban II Activity from the April 2016 Mission Forecast.

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity is in fact a new activity or is it the Nepal Hariyo Ban II Activity renamed?

USAID Response: This is a new Feed the Future (FTF) activity (Note: Hariyo Ban II has already been awarded).

- b. Is it a follow-on to the current KISAN project?
USAID Response: The KISAN II activity will continue USAID/Nepal's FTF program implementation, but is not conceptualized by the Mission as a "follow-on".
- c. The anticipated release date of September 30, 2016 and award date of March 1, 2017. Is this information accurate given the time remaining in Kisan I?
USAID Response: The current Mission plan release date is in that time frame; anticipated award date is now April 2017.
- d. What is the end date of the current contract?
USAID Response: The current KISAN Project is scheduled to be completed in August 2017.
- e. Can USAID provide the award length?
USAID Response: Planned award length will be five years, subject to availability of funds.

140. Nepal: Regarding the SPPELP II program -- can USAID please provide an update on the Mission's plan to either route this through the Leader with Associate award held by the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS) or to openly compete this bid?

USAID Response: Openly compete through Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO).

141. Nigeria: Previous forecast call notes indicated that USAID/Nigeria was anticipating the release of a new task order under the Water and Development IDIQ (WADI). Could USAID/Nigeria please provide an update on timing of release for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Quarter 1 of FY17 is the new anticipated release date for this opportunity.

142. Nigeria: Could USAID/Nigeria please provide an update on a potential follow on to MARKETS II project (awarded for a five-year period in 2012) or related Feed the Future procurements?

USAID Response: The only update at the moment is that a 4-months costed extension from April 2017 to August 2017 is being proposed for MARKETS II project.

143. Nigeria: Previous forecast call notes indicated that USAID/Nigeria was anticipating the release of a new local government/decentralization activity. Could USAID/Nigeria please provide an update on timing of release and the anticipated choice of mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in design phase. Anticipated release date is Quarter 2 of FY17

144. Nigeria: Nigeria Strategic HIV and AIDS Response Program (SHARP) Nigeria -- Is this a follow on to a previous project? Who implemented the previous project?

USAID Response: SHARP serves as the follow-on project to USAID Nigeria's currently existing five care and treatment projects: Strengthening Integrated Delivery of HIV/AIDS Services (SIDHAS) implemented by FHI360; Prevention Organizational Systems AIDS Care & Treatment (PRO-ACT) implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH); Evidence to Action (E2A) implemented by Pathfinder International; Integrated MARPs HIV Prevention Project (IMHIPP) implemented by Heartland Alliance; and Strengthening HIV Prevention Services for Most at Risk Populations (SHIPS) implemented by Society for Family Health (SFH).

145. Nigeria: In the Q3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that a WASH activity under the WADI IDIQ may be listed on the business forecast by Q4 of FY16. Given that the activity is not on the Q4 forecast --

- a. Can USAID provide any update as to the status of this procurement?
- b. Is it still planned as a WADI Task Order?
- c. Could USAID please provide an estimated release date?

USAID Response: Quarter 1 of FY17 is the new anticipated release date for this WADI Task Order opportunity.

146. Pakistan: A&A Services IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please provide updated information for this opportunity including the anticipated solicitation release date, type of contract, and how many contracts will be awarded?

This opportunity was released on July 27, 2016 to the Federal Business Opportunities page. Please see the following link for all relevant information regarding this opportunity:

https://www.fbo.gov/spg/AID/OM/PAK/Presolicitation_Notice_IDIQ_A_and_E_Services_Pakistan/listing.html

USAID/Pakistan plans on being able to award multiple contract types under the IDIQ depending on the nature of the work. USAID/Pakistan plans on awarding up to nine (9) separate IDIQ contracts.

- b. Is USAID able to provide more insight into which levels of government (federal, provincial, local) and which institutions are expected to be partners/beneficiaries of policy, regulatory reform, capacity building etc.?

Please refer to the solicitation at the link above for more detailed information on stakeholders and beneficiaries. Very detailed information on stakeholders and beneficiaries will only be available at the Task Order level once defined statements of work have been prepared.

- c. The May 6 Pre-solicitation Notice suggests that contractors may form joint ventures with international firms. Can USAID confirm that this applies to international firms based in developed countries?

Please refer to the solicitation for specific eligibility criteria.

147. Pakistan: With respect to Pakistan's anticipated solicitations, it appears that two Democracy & Governance opportunities previously listed in the FY16Q3 forecast have been dropped, namely the 'Community Stabilization Program' (due out 6/30/16) and 'Elections and Political Stabilization Program' (due out 9/15/16). Would USAID confirm that these opportunities have been cancelled, or just temporarily dropped pending status updates and thus, may potentially be re-listed in future forecasts? Or if cancelled, would USAID clarify the reason for cancellation of these large programs?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan confirms that the 'Elections and Political Stabilization Program' has been cancelled. Part of the work under this program will be completed by a Public International Organization. USAID/Pakistan also confirms that the 'Community Stabilization Program' was temporarily dropped and may be added at a later time.

148. Pakistan: Pakistan Community Stabilization Program -- Does USAID intend to include this program in future updates to the business forecast? Can USAID please confirm that the Mission is still planning to issue an RFP/RFA for this program, and if so, what the choice of instrument is?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan confirms that the details of this program are still being discussed at the Mission and a choice of instrument has yet to be determined.

149. Pakistan: Pakistan Elections and Political Stabilization Program -- Does USAID intend to include this program in future updates to the business forecast?

USAID Response: As mentioned in response to question 148, USAID/Pakistan confirms that the 'Elections and Political Stabilization Program' has been cancelled. Part of the work under this program will be completed by a Public International Organization.

150. Pakistan: Let Girls Learn --

- a. Is there any further information on the geographic focus?
- b. Type of award mechanism?
- c. Anticipated award Length?
- d. Could this opportunity be a full and open RFA?

USAID Response:

- (a) No further information on the geographic focus at this time.
- (b) New project is still in the design phase, and no determination has been made on mechanism
- (c) TBD
- (d) USAID/Pakistan has made no determination yet on whether or not competition will be restricted.

151. Peru: An RFI for the Peru Securing Water Supply in the Context of Climate Change activity was released in March 2016. This opportunity is not listed on the forecast. Could USAID/Peru please provide an update on timing of release and anticipated choice of mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase. USAID/Peru confirms that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country. USAID/Peru intends to issue

procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

152. Peru: USAID has announced that it is in the design phase of a new Amazon Regional Environment Strategy, which builds on the successes and lessons learned from the Initiative for the Conservation of the Andean Amazon (ICAA) program (announcement attached). The announcement instructs “please wait until the design process is complete and USAID issues formal solicitation(s) and/or Funding Opportunities through www.fbo.gov and/or www.grants.gov before preparing or submitting questions, request for meetings, proposals and/or applications.” Given that there are no related items in the FY16 Qtr 4 Business Forecast, what would be the earliest to potentially anticipate a solicitation relating to this Amazon Regional Environmental Strategy?

USAID Response: USAID/Peru confirms that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country. USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

153. Peru: 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: This activity is still in the design phase. USAID/Peru confirms that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country. USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

154. Peru: There are no opportunities listed for the Peru Mission. USAID’s answers to questions received with regard to the FY16 Q3 Forecast included the following response: “USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.” Could USAID please confirm that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country?

USAID Response: USAID/Peru confirms that no opportunities are currently forecasted for the country. USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

155. Philippines: For the Philippines’ *‘CDCS Mid-course Stocktaking Analytical Support’* solicitation to be released as a task order under an RDMA IDIQ, would USAID clarify which IDIQ this is? Also, would the implementer of this task order then be ineligible to bid for future USAID/Manila opportunities due to conflict of interest?

USAID Response: The IDIQ name is "USAID Asia Learning and M&E Support Project" and is implemented by Social Impact. For the second question, we are unable to provide an answer at this time because there is insufficient information available to determine whether such scenario would constitute an organizational conflict of interest.

156. Philippines: It is indicated that Philippines EGRA has been delayed. Is there an update to the actual specifics to that delay? When can we expect it?

USAID Response: There are no further updates at this time. There are several variables that are still unknown which are contingent on the anticipated Basic Education strategy for USAID/Philippines, which is still being developed by the Mission. 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.

157.RDMA (Thailand): Regional Innovation Mechanism has an anticipated solicitation release date of 15/11/2016. What level of confidence does USAID have in this release date?

USAID Response: This is our best guesstimate at this time.

158.RDMA (Thailand): In the two previous forecasts, USAID has listed a \$4M-\$9.99M Sustainable Landscapes program out of RDMA. This does not appear on the current forecast; can USAID comment on why this is?

USAID Response: This record was removed from the Business Forecast in error and will be included in the next Forecast. We currently expect that the solicitation for this activity will be posted in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2017.

159.RDMA (Thailand): In the 2016 Q3 Mission Forecast, USAID had forecasted “Invest Asia.” This is no longer on the Forecast. Is USAID still planning this procurement?

USAID Response: See above answer.

160.RDMA (Thailand): The RDMA CTIP-Asia opportunity changed from a predicted contract mechanism to LWA.

- a. Can USAID verify that this procurement will be open to all competitors and not restricted to non-profits?
- b. Would USAID clarify which countries in Asia will be covered under the regional activity at the leader level?
- c. Please provide further clarity on the scope of the Asia CTIP opportunity, will this LWA deal with all forms of trafficking or be limited to certain areas?

USAID Response: Eligibility requirements, scope and geographic coverage are still being defined but will be clearly identified in the RFA.

161.RDMA (Thailand): With regard to the ‘Urban Adaptation Financing Activity’ out of RDMA:

- a. Can USAID advise if this will be coming out as Full and Open procurement or under an IDIQ mechanism (and if so, which IDIQ)?

USAID Response: Selection of the type of instrument has not been finalized for this activity.

- b. Will USAID issue a Request for Information (RFI), draft SOW or some other communication with industry prior to the release of the procurement?

USAID Response: Yes.

- c. Has USAID made a determination of the award/action type? If so, could USAID communicate this decision prior to the release date?

USAID Response: See above answer.

- d. Can USAID confirm that the RDMA Urban Adaptation Financing Program is replacing the previously listed Urban Resilience program? Or have the scopes of the two programs been combined?

USAID Response: This activity is the same as the previously listed Urban Resilience activity, with a different working title. This new activity will focus on helping secondary cities in Asia to connect to financing for their climate resilience initiatives.

- e. Will this be a regional grant or contract? Or will the bidding be country-specific and competitive?

USAID Response: This will be a regional activity.

- f. Will RDMA make one large grant or contract to a managing partner or multiple smaller grants/contracts to various implementing partners?

USAID Response: At present, one award is anticipated.

- g. Will there be any specific focus or focuses, for example, on energy, transport, water, housing, or other?

USAID Response: The activity design is yet to be finalized.

- h. With regard to the focus on 'secondary cities,' in small island states such as Timor-Leste, would RDMA also consider 'medium-sized' cities (between 250k and 1-3 million people) even if they are not technically 'secondary cities' by common definition?

USAID Response: The activity design is yet to be finalized.

162. Rwanda: Can USAID kindly confirm that the Sustainable Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition (SFAN) activity is anticipated to be released on August 1st, 2016 as forecasted?

USAID Response: SFAN (new name Hinga Weze) RFP is expected to be released on/about September 16, 2016

163. Senegal: Would USAID please update the release date of the Senegal ISD-HB opportunity?

USAID Response: The release date of August 22, 2016 as listed in the business forecast, still stands. However, the status of the action has been updated to preparing award documents.

164. Somalia: New Education Activity

- a. Please confirm if this will be a free and open competition or if a decision is pending on IDIQ use.
- b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI in advance of the RFP?

USAID Response:

- a. The activity is still in the design stage and a final decision has not yet been made.
- b. The activity is still in the design stage, and we will release an RFI if time permits.

165. South Africa: The entry marked “ENV: RESILIM Mid-Term Evaluation” is listed as a cooperative agreement. Typically, evaluations are procured under acquisition instruments, as the information from evaluations are used by USAID to assess and improve its own program delivery, and not supporting the mission or programs of another organization. Will USAID consider awarding the evaluation under an acquisition instrument? Can USAID please confirm that information is accurate?

USAID Response: This was a mistake. This activity is task order under the USAID Evaluation IDIQ.

166. South Africa: South Africa Mission Support (Mission/Overseas Forecast) - What types of services (e.g., acquisition and assistance) will be required in this opportunity? SOW? Will an RFI be released prior to issuance of the solicitation? In addition, will it require establishing an office in South Africa?

USAID Response: It is anticipated this will be an acquisition mechanism that is a set aside to U.S. Small Businesses. The requirement is being finalized and it is not anticipated that the Mission will issue an RFI. It is not anticipated that a South Africa office will be required. Please note that this opportunity will be posted through FedConnect.

167. South Africa: Regional Political Party Strengthening -- What types of organizations will be eligible to bid on this opportunity? Will international NGOs be eligible?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this will be set aside for local and regional NGOs.

168. South Sudan: Given recent events in South Sudan, would USAID kindly provide updated information on the status of ongoing and planned procurements in South Sudan?

USAID Response: Due to the recent evacuation, USAID is in the process of evaluating the impact of the current situation on ongoing and planned procurements. South Sudan is working directly with existing partners and will be conducting additional outreach on upcoming opportunities.

169. Sri Lanka: With regard to USAID’s Mission in Sri Lanka, we have heard in Colombo in the past few months of two anticipated RFAs, one on rule of law and the other on civil society. These have not been listed so far in USAID’s business forecasts. Would USAID clarify whether there are plans for these solicitations to be posted, and if so, in which future quarterly forecast?

USAID Response:

1. Rule of Law (CORE Justice) Program is listed in Agency A&A plan and the ID # is AA-115552. The anticipated award date is in Jan 2017. Action type is IDIQ.
2. Civil Society Program is listed in Agency A&A plan and the ID # is AA-115559. The anticipated award date is in Mar 2017. Action type is not finalized.

170. Syria: For the Syrian Livelihoods Activity, can USAID provide the Award/Action Type (currently TBD) and the A&A Specialist (also currently TBD)? Could USAID provide additional information on the Syrian Livelihoods Activity?

USAID Response: Funding opportunities under this activity will be solicited through an APS (annual program statement). Types of award may include a direct grant, fixed amount award, or cooperative agreement.

171. Syria: Has an A&A Specialist been named for the “Syrian Livelihoods Activity” and can this information be shared with implementing partners? What office under USAID will release the activity?

USAID Response: The Office of Acquisition & Assistance for the Middle East Regional Platform located in Frankfurt will issue the APS. The name of the A&A specialist has been added.

172. Tanzania: There is just one opportunity showing for Tanzania. Is this the completely updated forecast for Tanzania or can we expect any further opportunities? If so, please provide the forecast information for those opportunities.

USAID Response: Please see the updated forecast which reflects the addition of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program.

173. Tanzania: The Tanzania Youth Entrepreneurship/Workforce Development Project that USAID included on the previous New Business Forecast is not listed on the current version. Can USAID please clarify the status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Youth Entrepreneurship Program (note the name will change) is in the final design stages. The design team anticipates finalizing the required procurement documents in September 2016.

The activity will support young entrepreneurs in rural cities by providing business skills development/training, developing leadership skills, promoting gender inclusion, and conducting outreach to youth on health, nutrition, and family planning

174. Tanzania: Does USAID intend to continue programming in Food Security in Tanzania when the Support for Food Security Activities (SFSA) II IQC ends?

USAID Response: USAID will continue programming in Food Security in Tanzania.

175. Tanzania: As part of the Q&A for the April Q3 2016 Forecast, USAID clarified that the “Tanzania Youth Entrepreneurship Program “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”.

- a. Could USAID confirm if the project is still expected?
- b. Do you have updates on the release date?
- c. Updates on the mechanism?
- d. Can USAID clarify whether it is planned as an acquisition or assistance instrument or a task order under the Youthpower IDIQ.

USAID Response:

- a. Yes
- b. We anticipate solicitation on no later than November 2016

- c. We have been in discussions with the COR of the Youth Power IDIQ and anticipate utilizing that mechanism.
- d. This will be a RFTOP under Youth Power

176. Tunisia: Regarding the Tunisia Community Resilience Contract:

- a. Does USAID plan to openly compete the Tunisia Community Resilience contract?
- b. Can USAID share the Scope of Work on the Tunisia Community Resilience contract?

USAID Response: We are still considering how to procure this activity. The Scope of Work will be shared once finalized.

177. Tunisia: *“The opportunity in Tunisia that will provide entrepreneurship training and firm-level assistance to build the capacity of SMEs in the interior”* has an expected release date of August 18, 2016, and an award date of September 30, 2016. This seems to be a very short turn around. Please clarify the time frame for this project.

USAID Response: The issuance and award date has been revised.

178. Tunisia: Could USAID provide additional information on the Public Financial Management and Policy program in Tunisia, including the IDIQ under which it expects the task order to be released?

USAID Response: The requested information will be included in the Agency’s Business Forecast and shared with holders of the IDIQ once a decision is made. The anticipated solicitation release date continues to be sometime in May 2017.

179. Tunisia: Can USAID please provide a more accurate and concise award title for the Tunisia project listed in Line 173 of the July 2016 Mission Forecast? The description gives us the acronym PIO—please spell out the PIO name for Cell C173 in the spreadsheet.

USAID Response: The acronym PIO stands for Public International Organization. Additional information has been added.

180. Tunisia: Could USAID provide additional detail into the anticipated procurement mechanism for the Tunisia entrepreneurship activity?

USAID Response: The project will be implemented through a PIO (Public International Organization) grant to UNIDO.

181. Uganda: The forecast currently lists a Power Africa/Uganda opportunity. Considering that the Power Africa IDIQ is forecasted to be awarded only in the 3rd Quarter of 2017, what mechanism is this solicitation will be under?

USAID Response: The Power Africa/Uganda opportunity is anticipated to be released under an IDIQ.

182. Uganda: Power Africa Uganda

- a. Is there any updated information available for this opportunity since the previous forecast?
- b. Can USAID confirm the award type, namely will this opportunity be issued as a full and open contract administered through the USAID Uganda Mission, or as a task order under the pending Power Africa Expansion IDIQ or the current Power Africa Transaction Reform Program?
- c. Would USAID clarify if the solicitation will be released through the Power Africa IDIQ or if this will be a standalone contract?
- d. Would USAID kindly confirm that the anticipated release date of August 15, 2016 is accurate?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that Power Africa/Uganda will be issued as a Task Order under the Clean Energy IDIQ. It is anticipated that the request will be issued shortly and no later than Quarter 1 of FY2017.

183. Uganda: Power Africa/Uganda has an anticipated solicitation release date of 8/15/2016 and anticipated award date of 9/30/2016. We would appreciate it if USAID could confirm the dates. The award date is less than two months from solicitation release. Will the opportunity be a new procurement or an add-on or sole-source follow-on to an existing award under Power Africa?

USAID Response: See response # 184 above.

184. Uganda: Uganda A&E SMGL -- What will be the selection method for this procurement, and is it expected that there will be more than one implementer selected? Will there be a small business set aside for this IDIQ?

USAID Response: While this activity is still anticipated, it is currently suspended and no further data is available.

185. Uganda: This question is with regards to the Uganda Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services- North, Lango and Acholi (RHITES-N Lango and RHITES-N Acholi) opportunities. Under the Small Business Set Aside Column, RHITES-N Acholi indicates 'N/A' whereas RHITES-N Lango indicates 'No'. Can USAID provide specific clarity on the meaning of N/A under the Small Business Set aside column for RHITES-N Acholi? For example, based on this information, can potential bidders be confident that there will be no set-asides for either of these contracts?

USAID Response: Both RHITES-N Lango and RHITES-N Acholi are anticipated to be released under acquisition as full and open competitions.

186. Uganda: For the Uganda Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in Eastern Uganda (RHITES-E) opportunity, the release date was noted as July 22, 2016, which has already past. Has a new release date been set?

USAID Response: A forecast is merely a prediction thus subject to revision and change. It is anticipated that this opportunity will issue shortly and no later than Quarter 1 FY 2017.

187. Uganda: With regards to Uganda USAID Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services – North, Acholi (RHITES-N) opportunity, could you indicate what activities are included under the “child development” component (referenced in the last sentence of the “Award Description” paragraph).

USAID Response: No further information is being issued on this opportunity until release of the solicitation. Please watch fedbizopps.gov for release of the opportunity.

188. Ukraine: *U-CEM – Ukraine Competitive Energy Markets*. In the FY 2016, 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Q&A, USAID stated that the U-CEM RFP would be released “closer to the end of the calendar year.” In the most recent 4th Quarter Business forecast released on July 15, 2016, the date of the RFP release is 08/31/2016. Is this accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated RFP release date is September 30, 2016.

189. Ukraine: The entry for the Ukraine Penitentiary, Law Enforcement and Drug sectors Government Efficiency in HIV Response (PLEDGE) activity no longer appears in the forecast. Has this procurement been canceled by USAID, and if not, what is the estimated release date for the RFA?

USAID Response: The planned program is cancelled.

190. Ukraine: “ODG: Anti-Corruption Support to AC Champions” bid: is the anticipated release date still accurate?

USAID Response: We anticipate the RFP being released before end of the 4th quarter.

191. Vietnam: USAID released an RFI for an anticipated Small and Medium-Enterprise Support Activity, but the opportunity is not on the forecast. Is this opportunity still being planned?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design stage based on the feedback we received through the RFI. The details of any solicitation are not known at this time.

192. Vietnam: Vietnam Climate Change and Biodiversity is no longer listed in the Forecast. Can USAID please confirm if it still intends to release a solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Climate Change and Biodiversity opportunity will not be released as a full and open opportunity. USAID/Vietnam encourages you to continuously monitor the business forecast, fbo.gov, and grants.gov for future opportunities.

193. West Africa: Does USAID intend to solicit bids for an activity following-on to the *West Africa Trade Hub and African Partner Network Project* which will end in February 2017?

USAID Response: No. The Current is still running through February 2018.

194. West Bank/Gaza: Would USAID please confirm if the Youth Cohort Study for the PARTNERSHIPS WITH YOUTH Program was released under the YouthPower Evidence and Evaluation IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes, the Request for Task Order Proposals (RFTOP) was released to all Youth Power Evidence and Evaluation IDIQ holders on June 23, 2016.

195. West Bank/Gaza: Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for the West Bank Pre-service teacher training program? If so, when?

USAID Response: Yes. At this time, we anticipate issuing a solicitation or notice of funding opportunity sometime in 2017.

196. Zambia: For the Zambia AGIS opportunity, we would like to know whether a contract vehicle has been determined for this opportunity yet, or not. Does USAID anticipate it will be Full and Open, or awarded through one of the IDIQs such as PFM IDIQ?

USAID Response: The activity is still under design and no formal choice of instrument determination has been made. That being said, and subject to final approval it is expected that the acquisition mechanism will be a contract under full and open competition

197. Zambia: Can USAID please provide an update on the intended mechanism/instrument for the Zambia Integrated Nutrition activity? For some entities, a contract will prohibit bidding so it would be helpful to have this information as soon as possible so time and resources are not wasted.

USAID Response: The program is still in the design phase. No decision has been made as to the mechanism at this time.

198. Zambia: The Zambia “Integrated Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project” recently released as “Kusintha” through an RFI on FBO.gov --

- a. Can USAID confirm that the RFI released on July 8th (RFI-611-USAID_Kusintha) is for the forecast entry titled “Integrating Agriculture Nutrition and Water Sanitation Project”? If not, what award is associated with the RFI released on July 8th?
- b. Is it anticipated to continue the activities currently being implemented by the FTF Profit + program in Zambia, or is a separate follow-on program planned?
- c. Is the release date still anticipated for August 15?
- d. Could USAID please clarify the project duration for the solicitation? The Q4 forecast states the project duration is five years, whereas the RFI states the project’s period of performance is six years.
- e. Would USAID kindly clarify the procurement modality for the Kusintha project? The partner community and USAID will jointly benefit from an early understanding if this will be procured as an RFP, RFA, or under an IDIQ so organizational resources are not spent preparing for procurements that will not eventually be proposed against.
- f. Could USAID please indicate which technical office will issue the solicitation? The forecast still indicates “economic growth and trade” as its sector: is this still accurate?
- g. Could USAID advise on the award mechanism?
- h. Could USAID please clarify the award amount for the Kusintha activity?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes
- b. New activity

- c. No, the date is TBD
- d. 6 years
- e. Please see 198 above
- f. The solicitation will include input from Economic Development, Health, and Education
- g. TBD
- h. No, that information is procurement sensitive

199. Zambia: Mission forecast row 195 Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact: Will an RFI with a draft PWS be issued before the solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes

200. Zambia: What is the expected mechanism for the Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project? Can USAID please provide any updates?

USAID Response: Answered in 198 above.

201. Zambia: Evaluate for Improved Impact --

- a. Can USAID please provide a more detailed description of the scope of work under this opportunity?
- b. Details on anticipated objectives and activities
- c. Details on the data systems that stakeholders seek to improve
- d. Does USAID still expect to release the solicitation for the Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact project on 8/31?
- e. Can USAID confirm that there will be no performance evaluations as part of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The SOW is not fully developed at this time.

202. Zambia: Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-Based Monitoring --

- a. Is there a preference for local prime?
- b. Will an RFI or additional information about this activity be released in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. The activity is still being designed so no decision has been made at this time.
- b. The activity is still being designed so no decision has been made at this time.