

FY 2017, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

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Background

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

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Live Feed:** USAID has mentioned in several recent meetings that it will be transitioning to a live forecast system. Could USAID please provide more information on how this new system will work

USAID Response: The live Business Forecast will be available on USAID's public website at www.usaid.gov/business-forecast and will feature searchable fields and pull-down menus. Once it goes live, it will include all of our USAID's operating unit in Washington and all Missions in the field. Partners will no longer need to wait for the next quarter to receive updates to the forecast. Users will be able to search by title, description, location, operating unit, sector, NAICS code, release date, or by entering specific terms. Users will still be able to download a full version of the Business Forecast in Excel format. We look forward to making this improvement to improve timeliness of updates and appreciate any feedback you may have as we implement this.

2. **Reliability of the Forecast:** I started tracking opportunities through the business forecast of the 12 opportunities I identified and tracked not one of them was released when they said it would be. Is there a reason that there is such a variance between the forecast and what is released?

USAID Response: Forecasts can change given new circumstances arising in a country or as planning on an activity progresses. With an ever-changing operating environment, it is important to understand that the Forecast is just that, a forecast. By moving to the new live feed forecast system it will make information more timely and accurate.

3. **Small Business:** Why are there so few Small Business Set asides?

USAID Response: Often the Agency cannot determine if a requirement will be a full or partial small business set aside until market research is conducted (refer to the Federal Acquisition Regulations Subpart 19.501c). In many cases the small business set aside status reads "TBD or N/A" until the research is completed. You may also note that the Award/Action Type may indicate "TBD". In some cases market research may be needed to determine if the award will be issued as one contract or an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) type contract. It is important that the small business community respond to Source Sought Notices, Requests for Information, and other Agency inquiries that are used to gauge industry capabilities and intent. In cases of re-competing an existing award that

was awarded to a small business, the Agency may post the re-compete as a set aside without conducting market research.

4. Small Business: What determines if an RFP is a Partial or a Total Set Small Business Set Aside?

USAID Response: First, market research must be conducted to establish a reasonable expectation that two or more responsible small business concerns that are competitive in terms of market prices, quality, and delivery will submit an offer in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP). Secondly, factors such as complexity of the work, period of performance, place of performance, etc., may be used to gauge the feasibility of issuing a total or partial small business set aside. If USAID is unable to issue a total small business set aside, we will consider a partial set-aside. For a partial set-aside, we will identify a phase or segment of the requirement that is severable and can stand alone.

5. Small Business: Do you keep a database of big companies intending to bid so we can reach out for partnering opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID does not have a means to determine which firms will bid and accordingly does not maintain such a list. The Agency recognizes the importance of developing partnerships. It is important in gaining experience, exposure and past performance. For this reason, we post the Agency's Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract holders (<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaids-partners>) to provide all interested parties with information about our current partners, small and large. Additional resources to identify potential partners are USA Spending.Gov and the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) websites.

6. Transition of Administrations: What impact do you anticipate the new administration's transition will have on existing or proposed procurements?

USAID Response: USAID's programs around the world will continue as they did yesterday. We are still working for President Obama and his administration. President Obama is in office until January 20, 2017. Until then, it wouldn't be appropriate to speculate on the policy initiatives of the next administration.

7. Dates on the Forecast: Some solicitation dates are later than quarter 1 2017. Will USAID now be including in its forecasts solicitations beyond each quarter into the entire fiscal year?

USAID Response: USAID attempts to list upcoming opportunities at the earliest point possible to allow for potential partners to plan accordingly. To the extent that an opportunity is known and there is enough information to forecast, we will continue to post actions as early as possible for the balance of the Fiscal Year.

8. Timing of Solicitations: Would missions consider not releasing solicitations in the two weeks prior to the December holidays? Since we partner with local organizations, they are usually on leave for the second half of December into early January and it is difficult to finalize subcontracting agreements with them.

USAID Response: A note has been sent to Agency A&A staff encouraging them to hold on issuing any new solicitations during this time period. Additionally, staff have been encouraged, where possible, to

extend any solicitations so that they do not close during the holiday time period. If there are urgent or critical solicitations we have encouraged our staff to move forward as planned.

9. **Status of Action Column:** Can USAID please explain the meaning of the descriptions in the Status of Action Column (activity approval, finalizing SOW, etc.)?

USAID Response: The status of action was inadvertently published in the latest Forecast. This column is used for internal tracking and planning purposes only and will not be included on future iterations of the Forecast. We apologize for any confusion. For your understanding, Finalizing Scope of Work, Activity Approval, Presolicitation/AARAD, Contract Review Board, etc. are internal clearances and steps required depending upon the threshold amount before the solicitation is released.

10. **Removal of Incumbent from Mission Forecast:** Did USAID intentionally remove the “Incumbent” column from the new Mission Forecast design? We found this column to be useful.

USAID Response: It’s titled as “Implementing Partner” - in the future, this column will be “Incumbent” to avoid further confusion.

11. **Implementing Partner Column:** A majority of the columns for Implementing Partner (Column H) are marked TBD though many have an incumbent in place. Would USAID please explain, or make the relevant changes by providing the name of the specific incumbent?

USAID Response: It’s titled as “Implementing Partner” (this has been interpreted as our future partner and hence, TBD has been included in the field). In the future, this column will be “Incumbent” to avoid further confusion and will hopefully reduce “TBD” as the response.

12. **Presolicitation Dates:** Would USAID please consider adding another column on “RFI/APS/SOW Release Date”? This would help potential partners to plan accordingly.

USAID Response: We appreciate this suggestion. At this point, we currently are not planning on adding this information to the Forecast. However, we will keep this in mind for the future.

13. **Hyperlinks to Solicitations:** To be more transparent and helpful for its implementing partners, is it possible for USAID to hyperlink published materials, such as solicitations posted on Federal Business Opportunities and publicly provide the factoring documentation that supports what type of instrument is chosen – all within the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: We appreciate this suggestion. At this point, we currently are not planning on adding hyperlinks in the Forecast. However, we will keep this in mind for the future. The solicitation number provided is easily searchable on the FBO or Grants.gov sites.

With regards to the selection of instrument determination, the Agency does not publish its internal documents and will not post this information on the Forecast. If there are specific questions about the selection of instrument, we encourage partners to contact the POC listed and/or the Ombudsman.

14. Cancellation of Awards: As some awards are listed as cancelled, is USAID now noting awards that are cancelled from all forecasts or just the prior forecast? Is USAID noting all delistings – not just for the ones cancelled, such as those filled by other means?

USAID Response: Presently, cancelled awards are those that were listed on the previous forecast and no longer available for the future forecast.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **Africa:** Does USAID anticipate releasing opportunities using the TASC4 Africa mechanism? If so, will those opportunities be listed on the procurement forecast in advance of their release?

USAID Response: Washington does not intend to use this mechanism in this FY. It is possible Missions will use the mechanism and if so, this will be shared on the subsequent Business Forecast.

2. **BFS:** Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date and any additional information related to the scope for the Inclusive Finance Activity as it was listed on the Washington Business Forecast released on November 18, 2016, yet was then removed from the update released on November 29, 2016? Can USAID please provide more details on the Inclusive Finance Activity from the Bureau for Food Security?

USAID Response: Currently, the Inclusive Finance Activity is in the early planning stages, and not enough information is known at this time to provide further details. The ISF activity was mistakenly removed from the Business Forecast. The ISF activity is listed on the latest Business Forecast as “Inclusive Finance Activity” (updated December 2, 2016).

3. **BFS:** Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date and any additional information related to the scope for the Technology and Commercialization Partnerships procurement as it was listed on the Washington Business Forecast released on November 18, 2016, yet was then removed from the update released on November 29, 2016?

USAID Response: The Technology and Commercialization Partnerships procurement is in the early planning stages. A SOW or Program Description is still being written, and the activity has not yet been approved through BFS management.

4. **BFS:** Are there priority countries for the USAID/BFS New NARS Strengthening Project?

USAID Response: The focus countries being considered are Guinea, Mozambique, Ghana, and the South African Regional countries.

5. **DCHA:** Can USAID include Food for Peace opportunities in upcoming versions of the forecast?

USAID Response: As Food for Peace opportunities arise, the actions will be included in the forecast as appropriate.

6. **DCHA:** SWIFT 5 is not yet on the USAID forecast but we understand it is likely to be released in mid 2017. Can USAID please clarify the status of this IDIQ?

USAID Response: DCHA and M/OAA are beginning initial conversations on a possible SWIFT V IDIQ. A possible release date is late in the calendar year of 2017.

7. **DCHA:** Regarding the activity “EISM Empowerment and Inclusions Support Services Mechanism,” in the previous quarter Q&A USAID stated: “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.”

- a. Could USAID clarify, what types of technical guidance for implementers will be expected under this mechanism?

USAID Response: Technical guidance, particularly for first time recipients of USAID funding, will both help strengthen organizational capacities of grantees, as well as improve recipient skills in managing, implementing, and monitoring sub-awards. This may include support in areas such as organizational governance and management; award administration, financial management, and budgeting; and/or promote programming on inclusive practices and approaches to operationalize USAID strategies and requirements in areas such as disability; gender; ethnic, religious, and linguistic minority rights; and protection of LGBTI rights.

- b. Is this a follow-on to an existing project? What is the name of the predecessor project?

USAID Response: This is not a follow-on agreement. However, EISM is similar in nature to an existing Associate Agreement with World Learning, “Special Programs to Address the Needs of Survivors,” under the Global Health Bureau’s Leader, “Grant Solicitation and Management.”

- c. Partners are curious about the actual granting mechanism, as it says Cooperative Agreement but reads like an LWA or IQC. Will there be a pre-solicitation or is USAID planning to release the full solicitation in January?

USAID Response: No, there will not be a pre-solicitation. The full solicitation, which will be released in early 2017, will serve as an umbrella mechanism under which discrete sub-awards will be solicited, awarded and managed.

- d. Could USAID clarify what types of vulnerable and marginalized populations will be targeted by EISM?

USAID Response: The populations targeted by EISM are: persons with disabilities, including civilians affected by war and conflict; survivors of torture and trauma; and highly vulnerable children living in adverse circumstances.

- e. Does USAID have defined target geographies for EISM implementation?

USAID Response: It is expected that the recipient of EISM will have the capacity to work globally, however specific technical areas (see h) may have defined target geographies.

- f. Could USAID provide additional information regarding the scope for EISM?

USAID Response: EISM will serve as an umbrella mechanism that will assist USAID’s Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division to solicit, award, and manage targeted projects that will promote the rights and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable and marginalized populations; expand access by these populations to opportunities that

support their full participation in society; and reinforce the capacities of communities, NGOs, and governments to provide services to these populations. By enabling EI to support a wide range of assistance awards, the EISM mechanism will not only help advance EI Division strategic and technical priorities, but will contribute to USAID's overall development mandate to accelerate human progress, strengthen resilient societies, and promote human rights in developing countries.

EISM will primarily support programming under USAID's Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division which is structured by and responsive to five congressionally mandated initiatives: the Leahy War Victims Fund, the Wheelchair Program; the Disability Fund; the Victims of Torture fund; and the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund, which supports priorities outlined in the U.S. Government Action Plan for Children in Adversity (APCA). The Division is also guided by international frameworks and guidelines, including the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and the World Health Organization's Inter-Agency Standing Committee's Guidelines for Mental Health and Psychosocial support, among others.

- g. EISM was listed with a funding range of \$50M-70M per the July 2016 forecast. The November 2016 forecast now lists the range as \$50M-99M. Could USAID confirm that the revised range is correct?

USAID Response: The funding range is \$60 to \$73 million.

- 8. **DCHA:** USAID released a Request for Information in July 2016 regarding the procurement and transport of *non-food items for humanitarian assistance in Syria*. Does USAID anticipate moving forward with this opportunity? If so, when is it expected to be released?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend on moving forward with this opportunity.

- 9. **DCHA:** What are the countries that will be included in the FY17 Global Reconciliation Fund opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of identifying countries for inclusion in the FY17 Global Reconciliation Fund opportunity. USAID anticipates issuing a "pre-solicitation" notice with the list of countries on Grants.gov in advance of the release of the full funding opportunity announcement.

- 10. **DCHA:** The DRG Center's RFP#SOL-OAA-16-000175 Analytical Services IV has not been released nor was it listed in the FY 17 forecast. Is that procurement still scheduled to be released? And if so can you tell us when? Further, are there any anticipated changes in scope, size or set-aside status? Will there be any significant changes from the Analytical Services IV presolicitation? And are there any anticipated changes to the to Analytical Services IV RFTOP?

USAID Response: The DRG Center's RFP # SOL-OAA-16-000175 Analytical Services IV was not listed in the FY 17 forecast because of a technical glitch that prevented it from being pulled from the Agency A&A Plan when the report was initially pulled. The technical glitch has been fixed and the answers to the other questions should be showing on the corrected forecast.

- 11. DCHA:** Active Communities – Effective States (ACES) has been delayed in its release since its original announcement as DRAGON in July 2014
- a. Will USAID consider issuing another RFI to provided information on expected changes to the SOW?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID is not considering issuing another RFI.

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft SOW document and/or pre-solicitation in advance of the RFP release now forecasted to be April 3, 2017?

USAID Response: USAID expects to issue a pre-solicitation notice on FedBizOpps in advance of issuing the full solicitation. USAID will consider including the draft SOW as part of the pre-solicitation notice.

- c. Will there be an SB set aside?

USAID Response: ACES is still anticipated to be a multiple-award procurement with one or more awards reserved for small businesses. ACES is not expected to be a total or partial small business set-aside. The small business set-aside field on the FY17 Q1 Business Forecast has been corrected from "TBD" to "Small Business Reserve."

- d. When does USAID anticipate ACES to be released?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for ACES is an estimate and may be adjusted as necessitated by internal processes and requirements.

- 12. DCHA:** Support that Augments Rapid Transition (START) -- The IDIQ is set to expire in 2017 but does not appear on the forecast. Can you please clarify if the vehicle will be recompeted?

USAID Response: DCHA and M/OAA are developing possible options to replace this IDIQ, including utilizing the GSA schedule.

- 13. DCHA:** Program Development Quickly (PDQ III) -- The IDIQ is set to expire in 2017 but does not appear on the forecast. Can you please clarify if the vehicle will be recompeted?

USAID Response: DCHA and OAA are developing possible options to replace this IDIQ, including utilizing the GSA schedule.

- 14. E3:** Could USAID please confirm if it intends to re-bid the REPLACE IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time as to whether the REPLACE IDIQ will be recompeted.

- 15. E3:** Utility Partnership Program -- Can we assume the planning strategy is to roll out these forecasted opportunities? With this in mind, will this strategy support be contracted or will this be part of the initial response one the opportunity is released? Also can will there be consideration to set aside a portion of this opportunity for a SDVOSB firm capable of delivering on these initiatives?

USAID Response: The requirements for this action have yet to be finalized. No additional information is available.

16. **E3:** In June 2016, USAID issued a request for qualifications and capability statements for “Climate Risk Management” (RFQ 1097758 / SOL-OAA-16-000146). This project was not listed in the most recent Washington Business Forecast. Does USAID plan to solicit a request for proposals for this project and if so, could USAID please indicate an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The requirements and approvals for this action should be finalized in the coming days and USAID anticipates a solicitation to be released prior to the end of the month.

17. **E3:** Does USAID intend to issue a successor IDIQ to FORECAST II? The IDIQ is set to expire in 2017 but does not appear on the forecast. Can you please clarify if the vehicle will be re-competed?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time as to whether a successor IDIQ to FORECAST II will be issued.

18. **E3:** A new five-year Climate Integration Facility opportunity was posted on USAID/Washington’s July forecast. Release of two RFQs followed noting that release of the procurement was scheduled for before the end of the calendar year. The latest forecast no longer lists this opportunity. Could USAID please clarify the status of this procurement?

USAID Response: The requirements and approvals for this action should be finalized in the coming days and USAID anticipates a solicitation to be released prior to the end of the month.

19. **E3:** Participant Training and Exchange Data System -- Can you expound on the specific requirements for this project? What are the labor categories for this opportunity? Can you please advise of the areas of emphasis training?

USAID Response: The requirements are still in development . An RFI was issued to Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business holders of GSA’s Schedule IT 70 on November 18, 2017. No additional information is available at this time

20. **E3:** Clean Energy II IDIQ - Please provide more detail on the specifics of this opportunity.
- a. Is this follow-on award in addition to the current critical and non-critical priority contracts, or is it a rebid/replacement of one or both of those?
 - b. Does USAID expect to re-bid both the CPC and non-CPC Clean Energy IDIQ or will it combine them into a single vehicle?
 - c. Could USAID please confirm whether it will extend the Clean Energy IDIQ given that a number of the planned RFTOPs seem to have a period of performance of five years, which would exceed the IDIQ TO performance period?
 - d. Is it possible to under the SDVOSB or WOSB?

USAID Response: This is a follow-on award to Clean Energy I IDIQ, which will expire in December 2017. The requirements to Clean Energy II IDIQ are in the early stages of development so answers to a-d cannot be provided at this time.

21. **E3:** Scaling Up Renewable Energy Under Clean Energy -- Can we assume the planning strategy is to roll out these forecasted opportunities? With this in mind, will this strategy support be contracted or will this be part of the initial response once the opportunity is released? Also can will there be consideration to set aside a portion of this opportunity for a SDVOSB firm(s) capable of delivering on these initiatives with product and services?

USAID Response: The requirements for this action have yet to be finalized. No additional information is available.

22. **E3:** Could USAID please clarify whether the “New LEAP III (Learning, Evaluation and Analysis Project)” will be a free and open solicitation? Will it be a single award small business set-aside?

USAID Response: The requirements for this action have yet to be finalized. No additional information is available.

23. **E3:** The latest Washington Forecast states that the solicitation for the *PFM II IDIQ* was to be issued on Nov. 21.
- a. When does USAID expect to issue the RFP for this IDIQ? Could USAID please provide an updated release date?
 - b. It also appears that there are two nearly identical listings for this opportunity, however one says the IDIQ will last five years, while the other says it will last seven years. Could USAID please clarify on the IDIQ period of performance?

USAID Response: The requirements for the PFM II IDIQ are still in development. USAID expects the PFM II IDIQ to be issued in early 2017. LPFM III is a Task Order which will be awarded along with the PFM II IDIQ. Both the IDIQ and the TO will have a 5-year period of performance.

24. **E3:** The latest Washington Forecast includes an opportunity called *LPFM III IDIQ*. Is this a new opportunity, separate from the PFM II IDIQ opportunity? Or does USAID anticipate issuing LPFM III IDIQ as a task order under PFM IDIQ? If it is a task order, will it be awarded simultaneously with the new PFM II IDIQ? Can you also confirm the range for the estimated total cost of the project? What is the difference between the New PFM II IDIQ Public Financial Management follow on and the New LPFM III IDIQ (Leadership in Public Financial Management follow on)?

USAID Response: The requirements for the PFM IDIQ are still in development. USAID expects the PFM II IDIQ to be issued in early 2017. LPFM III is a Task Order, which will be awarded along with the PFM II IDIQ. No additional information is available at this time.

25. **E3:** *TIDE -- Transforming Implementation through Improved Data and Evidence Practice*
- a. Is there an incumbent project to the Transforming Implementation through Improved Data and Evidence Practice issued by E3?
 - b. What is the anticipated contract mechanism for Transforming Implementation through improved, Data and Evidence Practice (TIDE)?
 - c. Since the dollar value for this is below \$25m and it is focused on data, would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?
 - d. Does USAID anticipate to release a pre-solicitation for TIDE?
 - e. Is TIDE going to be global or country/region specific?
 - f. Could USAID please provide more information on the anticipated scope of work?

- g. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI?

USAID Response: The requirements for the TIDE are still in development. No additional information is available at this time.

26. **E3:** Are there any other WADI IDIQ task orders in the current pipeline of procurement opportunities?

USAID Response: There is no information available regarding potential Washington-based WADI task order procurements. Mission opportunities through this task order will be included on future Forecasts.

27. **E3/Global Health:** There seem to be fewer opportunities currently that are stand-alone WASH programs. Is this because USAID is moving towards more integrated programming or is this a random occurrence and thus not a trend?

USAID Response: There are not fewer WASH opportunities nor fewer stand-alone WASH activities. In fact the opposite is true. As the water directive has risen and the agency has improved our strategic approach to WASH, the number of stand-alone WASH activities has risen dramatically, especially in our priority countries.

28. **Global Development Lab:** *Promoting Excellence in Private Sector Engagement (PEPSE) Procure communication services* -- Can you please provide a timeline for when these opportunities will require a formal response?

USAID Response: The U.S. Global Development Lab's Center for Transformational Partners is finalizing the revised Statement of Work from the effort that was cancelled in FY2016. There are two concentrations for the effort: Functional Support and Technical-Partner Engagement. The anticipated solicitation release date will be no later than January 2017 with anticipated award by June 2017. This requirement will still be a total small business set-aside.

29. **Global Health:** Breakthrough Action SBCC and Breakthrough Research Implementation SBCC --
a. Could USAID please provide more information about these activities in the forecast?

USAID Response: Please note that for Breakthrough-ACTION and Breakthrough-RESEARCH, all references to "SBCC" (Social and Behavior Change Communication) in the questions, should be "SBC" (Social and Behavior Change).

Breakthrough-ACTION will build upon current USAID investment in SBC research and programming, including both global and bilateral projects, to simultaneously guide new learning and drive broader application of proven practices and tools in SBC. The project will fulfill a global leadership function that is needed within SBC, working through a number of new and existing platforms to create opportunities for technical agenda-setting, learning, and collaboration; designing and implementing innovative and strategic SBC programs; and promoting agreed-upon priorities through its own programs and knowledge management efforts.

Breakthrough-RESEARCH will address a clear need for increased study of SBC interventions, with a focus on producing, packaging, and disseminating research that may be utilized by SBC implementers in

their work. In addition to conducting and disseminating the social science research that has traditionally been the mainstay of USAID's investments in SBC, Breakthrough-RESEARCH may also develop, test, or disseminate innovative or under-utilized research, monitoring, and evaluation approaches for SBC conducted by others that support tactical, real-time application of data in programmatic decision-making.

- b. Is it a follow-on to a current project?

USAID Response: Activities under both Breakthrough-ACTION and Breakthrough-RESEARCH are follow-on activities to a current project.

- c. Can you clarify if the main focus is on service delivery or does it also include health systems strengthening?

USAID Response: The main focus of both Breakthrough programs is technical leadership for social and behavior change programming. There may be linkages to health systems and service delivery, but that is not the focus.

- d. Can you please clarify if SBCC is across all three verticals, or does it also include health systems strengthening, commodity procurements, and clinical service delivery?

USAID Response: Breakthrough-ACTION's and Breakthrough-RESEARCH's social and behavior change work will be primarily focused on health, but the program may address social and behavior change needs in other sectors such as agriculture and nutrition. The program will not include a focus on health systems strengthening, commodity procurement or clinical service delivery.

- e. Can USAID confirm that the release date is 12/1/16? If not, can USAID please provide a more realistic timeframe.

USAID Response: Due to unforeseen delays, the expected release date of both solicitations is now early January 2017.

- f. Can USAID please provide greater detail on the contractual vehicle it intends to use for these two procurements?

USAID Response: Final internal approvals have not been completed. Unfortunately, the type of mechanism cannot be publicly shared at this time.

- g. Can USAID further confirm that this opportunity will NOT be funding any research?

USAID Response: There will be research activities under Breakthrough-RESEARCH. Specifically, the project will build the evidence base of SBC interventions and strategies in priority health behaviors and enabling social norms, focusing research and analysis on removal of important barriers to application of interventions at scale, including demonstrated impact, cost, and feasibility of delivery at scale, through existing and new channels.

- h. Does USAID intend to issue an RFI for these two opportunities?

USAID Response: No, we do not plan on issuing an RFI.

- i. Are any partners precluded from applying? Will organizations be eligible to bid for both?

USAID Response: Breakthrough-RESEARCH may evaluate work conducted under Breakthrough-ACTION; therefore, an organization can only bid as a prime on one of the two procurements.

30. Global Health: *Prevention of Malaria and Other Mosquito-Borne Diseases Through Vector Control IDIQ* --

- a. Can you please confirm whether the USAID Washington procurement entitled "Prevention of Malaria and other Mosquito-Borne Diseases Through Vector Control IDIQ with 1 task order" will include a small business set aside?

USAID Response: Based on information gained from the responses to the RFI, the "Prevention of Malaria and other Mosquito Borne Diseases Through Vector Control" IDIQ will be a full and open competition with no small business set aside. However, offerors are encouraged to sub-contract with small businesses to the extent that is practicable.

- b. Could USAID please confirm what the scope of work will be for the first task order (mentioned in the forecast) for the *Prevention of Malaria and other Mosquito-Borne Diseases Through Vector Control IDIQ*?

USAID Response: Section C.2 of the RFI includes a draft SOW for the first task order under the IDIQ. The purpose of that task order will be to provide Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) and integrated malaria vector control services to the USAID/Washington Global Health Bureau and other USAID Bureaus, Missions, USAID Country Offices, and operating units as requested. The contractor will be expected to provide:

- IRS related commodities procurement and logistical services
- planning, organization, management, and implementation of IRS and integrated malaria vector control programs
- USAID Mission requested host-country environmental impact assessments and compliance and monitoring assessments (as needed)
- organization of skills training and provision of ongoing supervision
- long- and short-term technical assistance
- advisory and monitoring services to host country institutions (both governmental and non-governmental)

Please review the RFI on www.fbo.gov for more detailed information.

- c. Is the Prevention of Malaria and other Mosquito-Borne Diseases Through Vector Control IDIQ with 1 task order award forecasted for release on 12/21/2016 a new award or is there an existing IDIQ that is ending?

USAID Response: This IDIQ is a follow-on to the Indoor Residual Spraying 2 (IRS2) IDIQ which ended in 2014. This IDIQ expands the scope of the previous IDIQ in two (2) areas. First the scope is broadened to include vector control interventions beyond indoor residual spraying. Second, the scope has been

broadened to include vector control for mosquito-borne diseases beyond malaria, such as the Zika virus.

- d. Could USAID please confirm that this estimated timeline is still valid?

USAID Response: USAID now anticipates that the solicitation will be released in January 2017.

- e. If so, can you please indicate if there is an incumbent organization and who this is?

USAID Response: IRS2 had three IDIQ holders; Abt Associates, Chemonics and RTI.

31. **Global Health:** Does USAID intend to release Round 3 of the FP/RH Methods APS (SOL-OAA-13-000024) with concept papers due February 28, 2017, as indicated in the Round 2 APS? If so, could USAID please indicate when the updated APS will be released and provide more information about the expected Specific Aims of Round 3?

USAID Response: Round 3 of the FP/RH Methods APS, referenced above is still active. The concept paper submission deadline is February 28, 2017. Please continue to monitor grants.gov for any revisions to the APS.

32. **Global Health:** On October 19, 2016, USAID issued a Request for Information on a planned, new multi-sectoral nutrition activity (MSNA). This new activity is not on this forecast. Does this mean the new MSNA will not be released in FY 2017 or can you provide an estimated timeframe for release and award, as well as a total estimated cost and award length? Can you clarify the anticipated award/action type?

USAID Response: This activity is not approved yet. The Solicitation will be released in FY2017.

33. **Global Health:** *Advancing Progress in Malaria Service Delivery Project* -- Not on the current Forecast --
 - a. PMI recently issued an RFI for the Advancing Progress in Malaria Service Delivery Project. Would USAID be able to share when is the expected solicitation date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID expects to release a solicitation in QTR2 of FY2017.

- b. The language of the RFI seems to indicate that this project be procured as a contract. Could USAID please confirm if this is a correct statement?

USAID Response: Yes. Advancing Progress in Malaria Service Delivery Project will be a contract.

34. **Global Health:** Medicines, Technologies and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS)
 - a. Are the goal(s) and objectives of MTAps the same as what appeared in the August 2016 forecast?

USAID Response: Yes

- b. Can you provide details as to why the ceiling amount of MTAps changed to "TBD" from the "\$150 – 299M" range that was presented in previous forecasts?

USAID Response: The ceiling for this program is expected to be between \$150--\$299M.

c. What are the priority countries for MTaPS?

USAID Response: MTaPS does not have priority countries as such. MTaPS is intended to contribute to the achievement of USAID global health goals of EPCMD, AFG, and PCID in USAID partner countries.

d. Will the program objective be about controlling the quality of medicines or will it be focused on broader pharmaceutical systems strengthening?

USAID: Broader pharmaceutical systems strengthening.

e. Will MTaPS' scope include health technologies such as diagnostic devices?

USAID Response: Yes

f. What are the anticipated key sources of funding for MTaPS (e.g., PEPFAR, PMI, MCH, etc.)?

USAID: TBD. It is anticipated that funding will potentially be provided in several health Program Areas: HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB, Global Health Security, Other Public Health Threats (e.g., neglected tropical diseases), MNCH, Family Planning and Reproductive Health, and Nutrition.

g. Is there a specific area for medical related services so we can prepare our teams to address. Are there specific medical facilities and or targets we should be prepared to respond for?

USAID Response: No

35. **LAC:** Cuba -- Considering the \$500,000 budget ceiling for Cuba Monitoring and Evaluation Services, can USAID provide clarification on the type and number of evaluations the successful contractor would be required to undertake over the three-year period of performance?

USAID Response: The Monitoring and Evaluation Services award will provide implementing partners with technical assistance to support their internal performance management efforts. Further details will be determined as the scope of work is completed.

36. **M/CIO:** Last year a USAID/OCIO representative spoke at one of the outreach events and said there were opportunities available for small businesses. I have not seen any of the OCIO office opportunities in any of the Forecasts and wonder where they are published?

USAID Response: The large majority of M/CIO's procurements are done as small business set-aside awards. We work with OSDBU throughout the year to plan acquisitions accordingly and only in rare instances do we process unrestricted awards. The office continues to address advanced planning as an issue but it is often difficult to get the majority of our smaller procurements (e.g., hardware/device orders, license subscriptions) into the Forecast Report in time given both the volume and urgency of those requirements. The office utilizes a separate tracker sheet to track our highest priority procurements. We will work to get those entered into the Forecast Report.

37. **M/CIO:** Is it possible to include the OCIO business opportunities in the USAID Forecast you manage? If you can do this, may I ask how soon they would appear? The more time available to review and plan allows us more time to solidify our teams and our approach to the RFPs.

USAID Response: This will be addressed with M/CIO senior leadership. We will request that the forecast data for our high priority procurements be entered as soon as possible.

38. Middle East: Is USAID still considering the MENA Supporting Sustainable Transition Initiatives IDIQ for possible release as reported in past forecasts?

USAID Response: No, there is no effort under consideration for MENA from the ME bureau. This should be removed from the forecast.

39. Middle East: Recently, USAID awarded the ACR-Asia contract which was widely considered follow-on to Eddata II DEP-AME. Does this mean that USAID intends to procure a similar Middle East mechanism?

USAID Response: A similar award will not be made by the Middle East bureau.

40. PPL: Regarding the “Annual Program Statement for Monitoring Evaluation and Learning,” monitoring and evaluation usually describes “services to be acquired and related agency needs and requirements” since it consists of assisting USAID to improve its own work. We therefore respectfully request that USAID reconsider the choice of instrument in favor of acquisition.

USAID Response: The Forecast was not titled correctly. This action is a staffing contract for PPL, not an annual program statement. The Forecast has been updated to properly reflect the information that is currently known.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** The current forecast only includes programming that will be released through the end of February 2017. With several existing programs ending between February and the end of 2017, what other opportunities or technical areas of focus does USAID/Afghanistan anticipate releasing additional programs?

USAID Response: No information is available at the moment in terms of possible changes to current forecast for 2017. Due to the fact that there are existing programs that will be ending in 2017.

2. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Based on the funding pledged at the Brussels Conference in October, does USAID Afghanistan anticipate any programmatic changes to the business forecast?

USAID Response: No, we do not anticipate programmatic changes to the business forecast at this time due specifically to funding commitments made in October in Brussels.

3. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Given the number of Democracy and Governance projects ending in 2017, does USAID/Afghanistan anticipate follow-on projects in the technical sector

USAID Response: Please continue to check the Business Forecast for upcoming opportunities.

4. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Does USAID/Afghanistan anticipate future programming targeting returned refugees.

USAID Response: No. We will be integrating assistance to returnees within the scopes existing instruments and humanitarian assistance will continue, but assistance targeted only at returnees is not anticipated at this time.

5. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Has USAID/Afghanistan determined an award/action type for the Capacity Building for the Ministry of Public Works solicitation

USAID Response: This activity is currently in design and the award/action type has not been decided.

6. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Is the Afghanistan Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity (AMELA) under the Afghanistan Monitoring & Support Project (MSP) IDIQ? If AMELA is not an MSP task order, how does the AMELA program work with MSP? Is AMELA a small-business set aside? If not, does a small business status help?

USAID Response: The Afghanistan Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity is currently still under design and we anticipate it will be a full and open solicitation. Currently, it is not intended to be a small-business set aside.

7. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Has the "OED Capacity Building in the Ministry of Education" activity been canceled or will a solicitation be issued at a later time in FY2017?

USAID Response: The OED Capacity Building activity is not cancelled. Request for Proposals (RFP) No. SOL-306-16-000041 Capacity Building Activity (CBA) was posted at FBO on June 23, 2016. Closing date was August 5, 2016. USAID/Afghanistan is in the final stage of the procurement process.

8. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Could USAID provide more information on the technical scope for the “Afghanistan Capacity Building for Ministry of Public Work (MOPW)” activity?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in design. No additional details are available at this time.

9. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Can you please provide an update on the Afghanistan Energy & Natural Resources: How many provinces / regions of Afghanistan will this project cover? Which types of energy sources will be supported under this project, i.e. large scale or small scale? Will any government entities receive technical assistance and capacity building support?

USAID Response: Energy & Natural Resources Development Support activity is currently in design. At this time, no specific details are available.

10. **(Updated 12/22/16) Afghanistan:** Workforce Development -- This activity is no longer listed in the FY17 Quarter 1 Business Forecast. Please clarify the status of this opportunity.

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan does not currently have any new Workforce Development opportunities. The ongoing activity was inadvertently included in the forecast.

11. **Azerbaijan:** Does USAID intend to use the EVAL-ME IDIQ for the Mid-term evaluation of Agricultural Support to Azerbaijan Project (ASAP)

USAID Response: This is still in the concept design phase, thus that determination has not yet been made. Updates will be posted to the business forecast as decisions are made.

12. **Bangladesh:** *Obirodh – Road to Tolerance*,
a. The USAID Forecast currently lists the award type as TBD. Does USAID have an update on the choice of mechanism for the Road to Tolerance opportunity?

USAID Response: The selection of instrument has not been determined yet, however, we are considering a Request for Task Order Proposals under the PEACE IDIQ contract to implement some of the activities of Obirodh under the SOW of the IDIQ.

- b. Is it the mission’s intention to release the “multiple streams of projects” that will be solicited based on the project’s initial findings under this same project? Or would the additional projects be funded under different funding streams?

USAID Response: Future funding opportunities for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) relevant programming will be released as USAID learns more about the specific drivers of violent extremism that can be mitigated. The various streams of potential projects are illustrative and may differ as further information on the Bangladesh specific drivers are better understood.

- c. Will the multiple streams be independent of CVE efforts or integrated into the projects? Also, will the projects distinctly (1) pilot CVE Activities and (2) challenge the narrative – or will it be integrated into the projects as well?

USAID Response: Multiple streams of projects will be independent from the Obirodh activity, although the research, analysis, and learning aspects will seek to support these separate activities, particularly in their management approach to ensure their CVE relevance.

- d. Will USAID please confirm the projected timing and/or sequencing for the “streams of funding” referenced in the opportunity description?

USAID Response: The Obirodh activity will be procured immediately. The streams of future programming will be procured as more information on the drivers of VE is gained.

- e. Can USAID clarify whether the Road to Tolerance opportunity will include the scope of work previously described under the TRE opportunity?

USAID Response: No, it will deal more specifically with addressing closing space for civil society.

- f. Has funding from the TRE opportunity been reallocated to fund the new activity or is the TRE activity still expected to be released?

USAID Response: The TRE design activity is being replaced with Obirodh. USAID does not anticipate soliciting TRE.

13. Bangladesh: There are a few projects that are expected to be ending at USAID’s FY17 Qtr. 4 that are not yet on the current forecast as either follow-on projects or new iterations. For example, USAID Mayer Hashi II and MaMoni Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) Projects.

- a. Does USAID foresee any additional procurements to appear on the forecast before FY17 Qtr. 4 that will include either the follow-on or new iterations of the above mentioned projects?

USAID Response: The Mayer Hashi II project will end in FY 17, however, MaMoni HSS will end in September 2018. The Mayer Hashi II follow-on is being considered as the New Family Planning Activity, but is yet to be designed.

- b. Can USAID share any information on whether these two projects and maybe other projects, will be folded into one new larger procurement?

USAID Response: The probability of integration for these two projects is low, being that they have different timelines. The requirements of these two projects will eventually determine the possibility of integration.

- c. If there is going to be one new larger procurement, can USAID share what that procurement might envelop? Will it include the following components of FP, MNCH, HSS, community mobilization and BCC etc.?

USAID Response: Should a new larger procurement approach be taken, it may envelop all of the components mentioned above.

- d. When does USAID expect to share any information on either the follow-on or new iteration of the above mentioned projects on the forecast?

USAID Response: The Mayer Hashi II follow-on is in the design stage. The MaMoni HSS project can be anticipated to be in the business forecast by the third quarter of FY 17.

14. **Bangladesh:** For the Bangladesh, Feed the Future Nutrition activity, is 3/1/2017 the anticipated release date for the concept note solicitation, or for the solicitation of final proposals from organizations that have advanced through the concept note and oral presentation phases?

USAID Response: The timeframe for release of the concept note solicitation is February/March 2017.

15. **Bangladesh:** In the April 2016 forecast, there was a listing for a “Bangladesh New Good Governance Activity”, but that has been missing from subsequent forecasts. Is it still anticipated to be released?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate solicitations for good governance activities in the near term.

16. **Bangladesh:** Promoting Oversight and Democratic Space (PODS) -- Is this opportunity intended to develop private safe spaces for dialogue, or is it intended to spark a national dialogue?

USAID Response: It is intended to develop and protect safe spaces for dialogue. Private safe spaces may also be necessary, but is not the primary objective.

17. **Bangladesh:** As it was not on the latest forecast, can USAID please confirm if they plan to release the “Climate Adaptation Project” or a project with similar scope in FY 2017? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date, as well as the Award/Action Type of this program?

USAID Response: The “Climate Resilient Enterprise and Innovation Design” (CREAID) Broad Agency Announcement has replaced the Climate Adaptation Project.

18. **Bangladesh:** The previous forecast listed the Bangladesh Climate Resilience BAA for which a request for Expressions of Interest was already released, yet this no longer appears on the November 18th, 2016 Mission Forecast. Can USAID please clarify whether this opportunity is expected to advance past the EOI stage?

USAID Response: Yes, Expressions of Interests have been received and are currently under evaluation.

19. **Barbados:** For the *Local Solution/Local Capacity Development Activity (LS4LC)* opportunity in Barbados, the forecast now lists the total estimated cost range to be \$10m-\$24.99m. The grants.gov solicitation listed it as \$10m and only one award was to be issued. Please confirm that the new range stated in the forecast (\$10m-\$24.99m) represents the range for one award, or, if more than one award is issued, what the range would be for each award.

USAID Response: The Local Capacity for Local Solution (LC4LS) opportunity is estimated at \$12M-\$16M. The concept papers from firms evaluated to be eligible for Stage 3 of the Broad Management

Announcement (BMA) are due on January 13, 2017. USAID/ESC anticipates no more than two awards. The range for awards is still to be determined.

20. Benin: *New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities*

- a. The award description for the Benin includes malaria but does not include the other health areas. Could USAID please confirm which health areas this project will include?

USAID Response: Reproductive Health and Family planning, Maternal and Child Health, Malaria, SBCC

- b. Can USAID clarify if this project will mostly be clinical service delivery or more about SBCC or all of the above?

USAID Response: See response a) above - Reproductive Health and Family planning, Maternal and Child Health, Malaria, SBCC

- c. Could USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation release and award dates is in 2018 and not 2017?

USAID Response: We confirm that this action will be in 2018.

21. Benin: Management Technical Assistance to National Malaria Program: Can USAID confirm whether they plan to release an RFI prior to the release of this RFP?

USAID Response: An RFI is not planned at this time. Competition for this activity is currently planned to be restricted to local organizations.

22. Benin: Private Sector Service Delivery Bilateral

- a. Can USAID confirm that this project will definitely be a contract? Will local organizations only be eligible to apply or will it be open to a broader group.

USAID Response: No confirmation of the choice of instrument is available at this time. This activity is currently planned to be a full and open competition. Further details are not yet available.

- b. In the last Q&A, USAID noted that the it plans to release an RFI. Do you still plan to issue an RFI?

USAID Response: An RFI is no longer anticipated.

- c. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of Dec 30th, 2016 remains accurate?

USAID Response: No, December 30th is no longer realistic. A 30-day delay is now anticipated due to internal agency processes.

23. Bosnia/Herzegovina: Can USAID please confirm that the Award/Action type *Bosnia/Herzegovina Sustainable Development Opportunity* is a Task Order/Delivery Order? If so, what IDIQ will this opportunity be released?

USAID Response: It is still in the activity approval phase, so we are not sure what the final concept will look like. At this time however, the IDIQ under consideration is "Making Cities Work."

24. Bosnia/Herzegovina: Will the Bosnia New Reconciliation Activity be one or multiple awards?

USAID Response: It is still in the activity approval phase, so we are not sure what the final concept will look like.

25. Burma: Maternal and Child Health Systems Strengthening opportunity:
a. Does USAID anticipate it will move forward and can they specify the reasons for the delay?

USAID Response: The activity is currently in the design phase, please check this opportunity on grants.gov.

b. Could USAID please provide more information about this opportunity, i.e. what is the expected scope of work?

USAID Response: Please check this opportunity on grants.gov.

c. Will there be an implementation science/operations research component under this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please check this opportunity on grants.gov.

d. Is this the same as the MNCH Activity that had appeared in the FY16 forecasts?

USAID Response: Yes, it is the same.

e. With an anticipated solicitation date of 2nd January 2017 will there be an RFI or any pre-solicitation material released ahead of the NOFO?

USAID Response: There might be an RFI. The anticipated solicitation date is February 1, 2017.

f. Is the NOFO solicitation date on target?

USAID Response: Please check this opportunity on grants.gov.

26. Burma: Is the Feb 1, 2017 release date accurate for "Maternal and Child Health Systems Strengthening"?

USAID Response: Please check this opportunity on grants.gov.

27. **Burma:** The HIV/AIDS prevention opportunity in Myanmar was removed from the forecast. Does USAID expect that this opportunity will be relisted at a later point? Or has it been cancelled? Can USAID please clarify the status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID will award this opportunity through a central mechanism.

28. **Burma:** Health Opportunities -- 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: The HIV opportunity will be awarded through a central mechanism. The Maternal, Newborn and Child Health opportunity is currently on the business forecast with an anticipated solicitation date of February 1, 2017.

29. **Burma:** Is the Burma Vulnerable Communities a continuation of a current USAID-funded program? If so, which project? Could USAID provide more information on the technical scope for the "Vulnerable Communities in South East" activity?

USAID Response: This is a continuing support of humanitarian assistance in South East Burma.

30. **Burma:** The activity "Election and Political Process" no longer appears in the forecast. Has USAID chosen not to compete this award?

USAID Response: USAID awarded this opportunity through a leader with associate procurement mechanism.

31. **Burundi:** Could USAID please inform if the Burundi HIV AIDS Epidemic control in PEPFAR target provinces opportunity is the follow on to the current PMTCT Acceleration project?

USAID Response: USAID/Burundi confirms that the referenced activity is the follow-on to the current PMTCT Acceleration Project. Please see RFI-695-17-000001 posted to fbo.gov for additional details.

32. **Cambodia:** Evidence to Policy (Behavior Change) opportunity -- Could USAID please provide more information about this opportunity; what is the expected scope of work? Is there an incumbent? Will USAID release a draft RFI prior to the release of the RFA/RFP? Will USAID release this opportunity in the form of a cooperative agreement or contract?

USAID Response: The title for this opportunity has been updated. It is a new opportunity that should be called "Evidence to Policy." This is not a follow-on activity, though in some ways it will build on lessons learned from HIV Innovate and Evaluate. It is anticipated that this activity will generate evidence related to financing, social protection, and quality of services. It will not be limited to evidence only around behavior change. This activity will not be for USAID's entire health strategy. USAID Cambodia is in the very early stages of designing this opportunity. More information on the expected scope of this opportunity and the type of instrument will be forthcoming.

33. **Cambodia:** Is the Cambodia, Democratic Decentralization Program (CDDP) a continuation of a current USAID-funded program? If so, which project? What level(s) of local government does

USAID/Cambodia plan to focus on in the CDDP program, for example, village, commune, district and/or provincial?

USAID Response: No, the Cambodia Democratic Development Program is not a continuation of a current USAID-funded program. USAID/Cambodia is open to working at all level(s) of local government depending on the justification the winning applicant puts forth. Note: the prospective award title has been updated to "Cambodia Democratic Decentralization Program"; this will be reflected in the next Forecast update.

34. Cambodia: Earlier FY16 Forecasts listed a Cambodia WASH opportunity, which is now missing from the Forecast. Does USAID still intend to procure a WASH activity for Cambodia? If so, is there any update on choice of mechanism or timing of release? Is the Evidence to Policy (Behavior Change) opportunity the WASH Earmark that was on the Forecast in FY 2016?

USAID Response: USAID Cambodia does not intend to procure a separate WASH activity. The WASH earmark requirements will be met through existing agreements. No, the Evidence to Policy opportunity is not related to the WASH opportunity that had been listed in the Forecast.

35. Cambodia: With regard to USAID/Cambodia Climate Services, could USAID please confirm the award type? Does USAID plan to release an RFI or pre-solicitation in advance of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID Cambodia cannot at this in time confirm the award type. USAID Cambodia anticipates releasing an RFI for this procurement.

36. Cambodia: Could USAID please provide updated information on the WASH Earmark opportunity that has been listed on previous forecasts?

USAID Response: USAID Cambodia does not intend to procure a separate WASH activity. The WASH earmark requirements will be met through existing agreements.

37. Cambodia: Evidence to Policy (Behavior Change) opportunity -- The language in the sub-purpose section suggests that there is a project "Behavior Change" for which the evidence is to be generated, but it also mentions financing, social protection and quality of services, which suggests that the project may be broader than behavior change. Can USAID please clarify if there is already an existing project, or whether this project is meant to be for USAID's entire health strategy.

USAID Response: The title for this opportunity has been updated. It is a new opportunity that should be called "Evidence to Policy." This is not a follow-on activity, though in some ways it will build on lessons learned from HIV Innovate and Evaluate. It is anticipated that this activity will generate evidence related to financing, social protection, and quality of services. It will not be limited to evidence only around behavior change. This activity will not be for USAID's entire health strategy. USAID Cambodia is in the very early stages of designing this opportunity. More information on the expected scope of this opportunity and the type of instrument will be forthcoming.

38. **Cambodia:** A social marketing opportunity for Cambodia has been on and off the forecast throughout 2016. Can USAID confirm whether and when there will be a social marketing follow on for Cambodia?

USAID Response: This listing was permanently removed from the business forecast in 2015.

39. **Cambodia:** Regarding the anticipated Cambodia Prey Lang Landscape opportunity, the program description states that there are two landscapes, but the award title implies there is only one – the Prey Lang Landscape. Can USAID please clarify whether there are one or two landscapes that will be addressed by this program and what those landscapes are?

USAID Response: Thank you for raising this discrepancy. There is only one landscape as indicated by the name. The description will be corrected in the next Forecast update.

40. **Cameroon:** We have not seen recent opportunities in Cameroon on the forecast. Can USAID kindly share if any anticipated USAID funding opportunities will be available in Cameroon in the next quarter?

USAID Response: It is not anticipated that there will be funding opportunities for Cameroon in the next quarter.

41. **Central America:** We understand the current HIV Combination Prevention program in Central America ends in 2017. Are there plans for a follow-on award? If so, can USAID provide any further info.?

USAID Response: There are plans to make awards for the HIV Prevention program. However, we do not have information available at this time.

42. **Central Asia:** Regarding Power the Future:
a. Do all countries under the Central Asia Mission need to benefit from proposed projects, or can the project be isolated to one or two specific geographies?

USAID Response: It is currently envisioned that all five central Asian Countries will benefit from this project.

- b. Are there specific institutions, government partners, or private sector entities with which USAID anticipates the project will need to partner?

USAID Response: More specific information regarding partnering needs will be provided in the RFP

43. **Colombia:** Could USAID please provide an update on a potential follow on to the Colombia Evaluation and Analysis for Learning project (awarded for a five-year period in May 2013)?

USAID Response: No follow on to the Colombia Evaluation and Analysis for Learning is envisioned at this moment. If and when considered, it will be added to the business forecast promptly.

44. **Colombia:** Could USAID please provide an updated estimate for the solicitation date of the Colombia Community Development and Licit Opportunities Activity? Are any additional details

about the scope available? The anticipated solicitation release date (11/25/16) has already passed. Could USAID provide an updated solicitation release date? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI before the solicitation? Can USAID also confirm that this will be a full and openly procured contract and not issued under an IDIQ?

USAID Response: It is expected to be released by the end of Q1 FY17 or beginning of Q2 at the latest. - No additional details about the scope are available at this moment. - No RFI is expected to be released before the solicitation. - It is expected that this contract will be awarded as a result of a Full and Open Competition process.

45. Colombia: The Programa de Justicia para una Paz Sostenible -- Would USAID/Colombia please confirm the IDIQ that will be used to release the task order?

USAID Response: The Programa de Justicia para una Paz Sostenible will be issued under the Rule of Law IDIQ.

46. Cote D'Ivoire: Can you please confirm if there are any plans to release a President's Malaria Initiative opportunity in Cote d'Ivoire in FY17, and whether or not it would be an open procurement?

USAID Response: USAID Cote D'Ivoire does not intend to release a President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) procurement opportunity in FY17. If USAID receives an increase in the agency's FY17 appropriation for malaria, USAID intends to launch a PMI program in Cote D'Ivoire. As with all PMI countries, initial programming will rely on Global Health Bureau managed malaria implementing partners with worldwide geographic scope.

47. Dominican Republic: Monitoring and Evaluation Services for CBSI -- The IDIQ is set to expire in 2017 but does not appear on the forecast. Can you please clarify if the vehicle will be recompeted?

USAID Response: At this time, we don't envision this IDIQ will be recompeted.

48. DRC: Can USAID please confirm the release date for Integrated Health Program in DRC (IHP-DRC) as release dates have changed frequently throughout 2016?

USAID Response: Due to the size, complexity, and required presolicitation CRB review of the requirement, we can only estimate the release date as per the business forecast.

49. 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: There is no plan to release an RFI.

50. DRC: Does USAID still project September 2017 as an accurate award date for the DRC FtF Kivu project, given its size and due date of January 11?

USAID Response: This is an optimistic target date subject to change due to factors beyond our control including the current political situation in the DRC.

51. East Africa: For the *Regional Intergovernmental Organization (RIGO) System Strengthening* opportunity:

- a. Could USAID provide in additional context for this activity around the potential scope of work and also confirm if the opportunity is still expected mid-December?

USAID Response: Development of a solicitation for this potential opportunity is ongoing. Should there be future changes to the anticipated release date of this potential procurement, these will be updated in the Business Forecast accordingly. In accordance with the requirements of FAR part 15 a presolicitation notice will be issued prior to publication of any solicitation document.

- b. What sort of organizational strengthening does USAID envision – i.e., strategic planning, financial management, etc.? Organizational strengthening is quite a broad area and it would be helpful to have USAID’s clarity on this.

USAID Response: Development of a solicitation for this potential opportunity is ongoing.

- c. Are there particular intergovernmental organizations that USAID is keen to target over others?

USAID Response: Development of a solicitation for this potential opportunity is ongoing.

52. Egypt: Does USAID/Egypt have any updates regarding upcoming procurements given the recent NGO regulation bill passed by Parliament?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is moving forward with all actions on the business forecast. The draft NGO law still has not been signed into law. Once there is an official law, USAID and our implementing partners will work with the Government of Egypt to analyze the implications of the law, if any, on ongoing and new activities.

53. Egypt: The OIG audit of USAID/Egypt Economic Growth recommended that USAID/Egypt wait until its Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) was complete. The target date for CDCS completion was December 2016. Could USAID/Egypt please advise on the completion of the CDCS? Could USAID please provide more details for this opportunity? Is there currently an incumbent?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is currently working on its CDCS for Fiscal Year 2017-2021. It is expected that it will be approved this fiscal year. Actions across the portfolio will continue to move forward in accordance with ADS policy and Agency norms. That is, activities in the Economic Growth portfolio are moving forward and will be solicited as they are ready.

54. Egypt: What is the status of the *Egypt Macroeconomic Reform* opportunity?

USAID Response: This action is not currently on the forecast because USAID/Egypt has no clear timeline for releasing it. The analysis of USAID’s best and most effective engagement in the EG sector is ongoing and will drive what is eventually released. The forecast will be updated appropriately.

55. Egypt: What is the status of the *Egypt Trade Facilitation and Promotion* opportunity?

USAID Response: This action is not currently on the forecast because USAID/Egypt has no clear timeline for releasing it. The analysis of USAID's best and most effective engagement in the EG sector is ongoing and will drive what is eventually released. The forecast will be updated appropriately.

56. Egypt: The Egypt Governance Decentralization & Local Administration activity has been on the mission forecast for some time. Can USAID please specify the reason for the delay?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is moving forward with the Decentralization activity as quickly as possible but has been required to make adjustments in accordance with ADS 201 revisions. It is anticipated that an RFI will be posted in the 2nd Quarter of the FY.

57. Egypt: Regarding the Egypt "University Centers for Career Development" opportunity: The Mission was planning to release a draft Program Description for comment the week of November 7, 2016. The November 7 date has passed and the draft Program Description in question has not yet been released. Can USAID kindly provide a new estimated release date for the draft Program Description? In turn, would there also be a revised solicitation release date in lieu of 12/12/16?

USAID Response: The draft RFI was posted on November 9 and has already closed. An updated anticipated release date for this opportunity will be forthcoming.

58. El Salvador: The *El Salvador Local Governance Project under IDIQ Making Cities Work* has an anticipated solicitation release date of 12/13/16. Would the Mission consider not releasing the solicitation in the two weeks prior to the December holidays? Since we partner with local organizations, they are usually on leave for the second half of December into early January and it is difficult to finalize subcontracting agreements with them. Can USAID please confirm the release date?

USAID Response: The Mission will release the RFTOP as soon as it can, and is doing all that it can to get it out before the end of the calendar year. IDIQ holders will have 60 days to submit their proposals once the RFTOP is released.

59. El Salvador: Will the El Salvador Clean Energy Program be a RFTOP under the Clean Energy (nonCPC) IDIQ? If so, what is the planned duration for the project, as a five-year program would go beyond the IDIQ TOs performance period? Does USAID have information about the Award/Action Type?

USAID Response: This projected activity is still in the pre-design stage. The Mission does not have answers to questions such as award type and length of program at this time, and will not have that information until design work for the activity is well under way.

60. Ethiopia: There is no mention in the forecast of the second phase of the Ethiopia Pastoralists Areas Resilience Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME) activity. We are aware that USAID/Ethiopia is in the process of designing the second phase of the program and would appreciate any information regarding anticipated release date, funding level, duration, etc.

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia has no information to share at this time as it is determining the appropriate path to take in this area.

61. Ethiopia: Could USAID please clarify whether USAID/Ethiopia’s EHIP Water Supply and Management activity will be released under the WADI IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia has no information to share at this time as it is determining the appropriate path to take in this area.

62. Ethiopia: The Ethiopia *Strengthening Social Systems* opportunity is no longer on the forecast. Could USAID please confirm that this opportunity is no longer anticipated to be released as a competitive solicitation? If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date? Will an RFI be issued prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response: This opportunity has been pulled from the Business Forecast as it is being reconsidered. At this point in time, we are not certain if it will be released as a competitive solicitation or, if it does happen, when that will occur. We have no information to release regarding the possibility of a RFI.

63. Ethiopia: Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Ethiopia Strengthening Participation and Accountability for Community Engagement (SPACE) procurement as it is no longer listed on the Mission Forecast? Has USAID chosen not to compete this award?

USAID Response: The SPACE Activity is not expected to occur.

64. Ethiopia: Please advise if USAID/Ethiopia anticipates a follow-on program for the current PRIME (Pastoralist Areas Resilience Improvement through Market Expansion) award, ending in 2017. If so, please advise on the procurement status and mechanism.

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia has no information to share at this time as it is determining the appropriate path to take in this area.

65. Ethiopia: Is the *HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity (Ethiopia)* opportunity a combination of previous projects or is this a new stand-alone project? Can USAID please confirm that the “HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity” has replaced the previous opportunity listed on the forecast, “Strengthening the Community and Social Services System”?

USAID Response: The HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity is its own activity. Yes, this activity name has replaced the previous opportunity listed on the forecast '*Strengthening the Community and Social Services System*'

66. Ethiopia: Does USAID/Ethiopia intend to issue an RFI prior to issuing the final Ethiopia Strengthening Community Response to HIV and AIDS solicitation? If so, could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated timing of the RFI and the solicitation?

USAID Response: There is no plan to issue an RFI for this opportunity. We expect to issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity no later than the date indicated in the Business Forecast, possibly earlier.

67. **Georgia:** What IDIQ does USAID envision the Georgia “New Clean Energy Activity” will fall under? Will it be released as a RFTOP under the Clean Energy (non-CPC) IDIQ?

USAID Response: The IDIQ mechanism is still to be determined.

68. **Georgia:** Disability Rehabilitation Services Program
a. Can USAID provide us with an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This program is still in the design phase, with an anticipated release early FY17Q3, we will update the Business forecast, however given the scope, to give our partners an opportunity to plan, we also intend to release a synopsis on grants.gov when it is available in advance of the NFO. Thank you for your interest in working with USAID/Caucasus.

b. This opportunity is listed as an LWA. Does this mean it will be issued as a new full and open LWA or that it will be procured as an associate award under an existing LWA?

USAID Response: This is currently expected to be a new full and open regional LWA, subject to availability of funds. The region covered by USAID/Caucasus is Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, however the primary tasks under the Leader award will be performed only in Georgia. Associate awards will be open to the region.

69. **Georgia:** Georgia, New clean energy activity: Can USAID clarify under which IDIQ this will be released?

USAID Response: The mission has not made a firm decision on which IDIQ we will be utilizing as it's still in the early design phase. There are two IDIQs under consideration. When a decision has been made, we will update the Business Forecast.

70. **Ghana:** As a number of projects funded through Feed the Future in Ghana are due to close down in the near future, would USAID/Ghana provide an update on any planned procurements in its Economic Growth office?

USAID Response: Any planned procurements would appear on this Business Forecast. There are none planned at this time.

71. **Ghana:** Could USAID please clarify which IDIQ the USAID/Ghana Performance Evaluation of the Accountable Democratic Institutions and Systems Strengthening project is expected to come out under?

USAID Response: The task order is anticipated to be awarded under the PPL-LER M&E IDIQ.

72. **Ghana:** The USAID/Ghana M&E Support Services in the Education Sector project has been removed from the Missions forecast. Could USAID please clarify the status of the opportunity?

USAID Response: This opportunity is still active; however, a RFTOP has not yet been discussed or decided upon. If this M&E Support BOA should be utilized, a call would not be anticipated until next year, 2017.

73. Ghana: The USAID/Ghana Agriculture Policy Support Project has been removed from the Missions forecast. Could USAID please clarify the status of the opportunity?

USAID Response: The Ghana Agriculture Policy Support Project has been awarded.

74. Guatemala: Could USAID please clarify whether the “Metrics Project” will be a free and open solicitation? Guatemala Metrics (formerly M&E) is now listed as a “N/A” in “set aside”, whereas previously it was listed as a Total SB aside. Can USAID please confirm whether the Metrics contract is no longer an SB aside?

USAID Response: The Metrics has not made a final decision regarding full and open vs. small business set-aside based on new requirements identified during the activity design process. The Mission intends to conduct additional market research and learning more about capabilities and interested organizations by releasing a “sources sought” notice before making a final decision.

75. Guatemala: Can USAID please confirm if the Guatemala FAIR opportunity will be a full and open competition?

USAID Response: The Fomenting Agricultural Incomes and Resilience (FAIR) mechanism is a locally competed mechanism. It will be a competitive process, but only for local entities.

76. Guatemala: Does USAID/Guatemala still plan to release the Guatemala Creating Economic Opportunities solicitation on December 16th?

USAID Response: The Creating Economic Opportunities Solicitation will be delayed due to internal requirements that need to be met prior to solicitation. It will likely be solicited in January of 2017.

77. Guatemala: In the Q&A for the July 15, 2016 forecast, question 73 stated: “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.” The November 18, 2016 forecast indicates that for the newly named “Metrics Project (formerly known as Monitoring and Evaluation Program)” the Small Business Set-Aside classification is “N/A”. Can USAID confirm that the Guatemala Metrics Project will be issued as free and open?

USAID Response: The Metrics has not made a final decision regarding full and open vs. small business set-aside based on new requirements identified during the activity design process. The Mission intends to conduct additional market research and learning more about capabilities and interested organizations by releasing a “sources sought” notice before making a final decision.

78. Guatemala: Can USAID please confirm if they plan to release a program to support the Government of Guatemala’s efforts to create an effective Public Financial Management system in FY 2017? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date, as well as the Award/Action Type of this program?

USAID Response: USAID intends to support the GOG’s efforts to create an effective PFM system via two mechanisms - one two-year mechanism (Fiscal and Procurement Reform activity) was already

solicited using an IDIQ mechanism. The planned five-year mechanism (National Institutional Strengthening (NIS) will likely be released in mid-February 2017.

79. **Guinea:** Presidential Malaria Initiative-Follow On Activity. The award/action type is not listed. Is this anticipated to be either a grant or cooperative agreement, or is a contract also being considered?

USAID Response: The final award type is still being considered.

80. **Haiti:** Could USAID please clarify whether the “Evaluation and Survey Services Platform” will be a free and open solicitation? Since the anticipated solicitation release date for “Evaluation and Survey Services Platform” has passed, could USAID please provide a revised release date?

USAID Response: The solicitation was posted to FBO.gov on November 15, 2016. It is a full and open competition.

81. **Haiti:** Has the Room to Learn (recompete under the ABE ACCESS IDIQ) been awarded, or is the Mission continuing to evaluate proposal submissions?

USAID Response: Room to Learn has not been awarded yet.

82. **Haiti:** Could USAID/Haiti please provide an update on timing of release and anticipated choice of mechanism for the Haiti Health Information System opportunity? 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: There is no plan to issue an RFI or Draft SOW for this opportunity. We anticipate the release of this solicitation in Quarter 2 of FY 2017. At this time, there are no additional changes or updates to the information provided on the Business Forecast.

83. **Haiti:** USAID released a draft scope of work for the Haiti Investment Mobilization Platform in mechanism in November. Since this project did not appear on the updated business forecast, can USAID please give an indication on the expected size and release date for this project?

USAID Response: This activity will be added to the Business Forecast when the concept has sufficient details. The Special Notice, posted on FBO.gov on November 17, 2016, is part of the consultative process in designing the activity. This process, combined with the December 7, 2016 Consultative Conference (invitation was part of the Special Notice), is expected to inform our design, resulting in details such as expected size and projected release date.

84. **Haiti:** Health Service Delivery project --
a. Can you clarify if the Health Service Delivery project referenced in the November 2016 forecast is a follow-on to an existing project? If so, who is the current implementing partner?

USAID Response: The HSD program is not a follow-on activity.

- b. Would USAID please confirm that the Haiti Health Service Delivery project is planned as a five-year program? The recently released RFI (RFI-521-17-000001) referenced both a five-year and a four-year time frame. Also, is the budget range still estimated at \$10-24.99M for the life of the project? This seems low for the activities described in the RFI, particularly if the program is expected to also cover operational costs and salaries for a number of health providers.

USAID Response: The RFI is posted in order to receive comments from the industry. The project is still in the draft stage and subject to change based on inputs received. The range listed on the business forecast should reflect \$50-99Million, which aligns with the language in the draft PD.

- c. Will the Haiti Health Service Delivery procurement follow the co-creation process of the recently awarded USAID/Haiti AKYSON project, including an initial submission of a concept note followed by an oral presentation?

USAID Response: This approach is still being considered. We welcome feedback from the industry on whether the innovative oral presentation approach would be favorable for this procurement.

85. **Honduras:** School Based Violence Prevention Activity. In response to Question 11 in the Q&A document released by USAID on November 16 on fbo.gov; [here](#). USAID stated that the expected award date is January 2017. The Business Forecast states 3/30/2018. Can USAID confirm the expected award date?

USAID Response: The expected award date is January, 2017; we will update the Business Forecast.

86. **Honduras:** Could USAID please provide an updated estimate for the solicitation date of the Honduras Public Financial Management and Public Accountability opportunity?

USAID Response: May-June, 2017.

87. **Honduras:** The anticipated release date for the Honduras Reading Improvement for Development project has passed, could USAID please provide an updated release date for the RFP. Furthermore a pre-solicitation was released without a draft scope of work, does USAID anticipate sharing a draft scope of work prior to the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: Solicitation No. SOL-522-17-000002 was posted in FEDBIZOPPS on December 1, 2016.

88. **Honduras:** In the February 2016 Mission Forecast, there was a listing for a “Honduras Transparency and Anti-Corruption Activity”, but that has been missing from subsequent forecasts. Is it still anticipated?

USAID Response: This is a tentative procurement.

89. **Honduras:** *Community and Municipal Development for Citizen Security.*
 - a. Could USAID please provide an updated estimate for the solicitation date of the Honduras Community and Municipal Development for Citizen Security opportunity?

USAID Response: The solicitation release date is estimated for end of January, 2017

- b. The FY17 Mission Forecast reports a Honduras effort anticipated to be released on November 30, 2016 under a GSA/Task Delivery Order. It is not clear whether or not this is a schedule bid or the GSA OASIS IDIQ contract vehicle. Please clarify. If under the PSS schedule, does USAID know under what PSS SIN, SIN 874 or SIN 520 or both?

USAID Response: This requirement is planned to be acquire under an IDIQ.

- c. Could USAID specify the specific GSA IDIQ which will be used?

USAID Response: The IDIQ is Making Cities Work.

- d. Will USAID/Honduras limit competition to a 'practicable group', as allowed by GSA, or will it be open to all GSA MOBIS holders?

USAID Response: It will be open to all holders under the IDIQ.

- e. Would USAID/Honduras please provide an updated release date?

USAID Response: Late January 2017.

- 90. **India:** The India Partnerships APS 2.0 is listed in the forecast, which was issued in March 2016. Is another India Partnerships APS anticipated to be released in March 2017?

USAID Response: The future of the India Partnerships APS 2.0 is currently being discussed at USAID/India. Once a decision has been made, the Forecast will be updated.

- 91. **Iraq:** When do you anticipate the award of USAID/Iraq IGPA Iraq Governance Performance and Accountability Program?

USAID Response: IGPA will likely be awarded in February or March of 2017

- 92. **Iraq:** Is USAID expected to program further opportunities for IRAQ? (none were mentioned in this forecast).

USAID Response: No new procurements are currently anticipated at this time.

- 93. **Jamaica:** Regarding USAID/Jamaica Civil Society Capacity Building Program:
 - a. Can USAID confirm that this award will be made through an existing LWA mechanism or will it be Full and Open Competition?

USAID Response: USAID/Jamaica confirms that the Civil Society Capacity Building activity will be awarded through an existing Leader with Associate Award (LWA).

- b. If through an existing LWA mechanism can USAID please 1) Identify the LWA; and 2) Provide the rationale for not competing this bid, especially given its reported size (> \$10mm)?

USAID Response:

- 1) The Civil Society Capacity Building activity will be awarded through the DCHA/DRG-managed Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global) LWA; and
- 2) The Program Description of the LWA includes language that allows a USAID Mission or other office to make a separate assistance agreement, called an Associate Award, to the Leader Award recipient without using restricted eligibility. Pursuant to ADS 303.3.26 (f) AOs may issue Associate Awards for activities within the programmatic scope of the Leader Award. The primary objective of the Civil Society Capacity Building program is to build the capacity of Jamaican NGOs, social enterprises, and government entities which partner with USAID/Jamaica. SCS Global objectives and programming areas fit well with the goals of this activity. Specifically, SCS Global works with civil society /non-state actors in:
 - Galvanizing citizen participation
 - Fostering a positive shift in government responsiveness to citizen demands
 - Improving the freedom of information
 - Integrating principles of participation, inclusion, transparency, and accountability into all development sectors.

- 94. Jordan:** When do we expect USAID/Jordan mission to release its new strategy for Jordan as there is nothing now in the forecast that reflects next year's programming and we are unsure what to expect for Jordan or Syria in that regard.

USAID Response: The Mission does not have a new strategy, for either Jordan or the South Syria assistance program.

- 95. Jordan:** Jordan Workforce Development II:
- a. A pre-solicitation notice was issued for Jordan Workforce Development II, however it is not in the current Forecast. Does USAID/Jordan still plan to issue this solicitation? If so, what is the estimating timing?

USAID Response: The Mission issued an RFI in October 2016, and is still considering both the Choice of Instrument and program design.

- b. Could please provide an update on the anticipated release date, action, and scope of work?

USAID Response: A release date is anticipated at some point in Q2; the Mission is not committed to either acquisition or assistance, while an analysis is being conducted at this time.

- c. Is USAID anticipating to release a draft scope of work, or other information on the potential scope of work to reflect the projected component areas that the new project will focus on?

USAID Response: As part of this design process, the Mission is considering an RFI prior to releasing a final solicitation.

- 96. Jordan:** We noticed that the Jordan Pre-Service Teacher Training Program was not included in this Forecast. This program has been on and off of the forecast several times, and last quarter

our understanding was that it was moved to this FY/Quarter. Is this program still going to be released and if so, what is the timing?

USAID Response: The Pre-Service Teacher Training Program is not included in this forecast because we do not anticipate issuing a solicitation this fiscal year.

- 97. Jordan:** In addition to the two opportunities listed on the Mission Business Forecast (“Princess Rahma Pediatric Phase II A&E Contract” and “Emergency Department Expansion Project Al-Bashir Hospital A&E Contract”), will USAID Jordan release another procurement for hospital renovation work in 2017?
- a. If so, will the work be solicited as a bilateral, an IQC, or will the work be given directly to the Government of Jordan?

USAID Response: No other design work is anticipated for FY2017.

- b. If a bilateral, will it be open to international organizations or only to Jordanian organizations?

USAID Response: There is no further design work forecast for FY2017.

- 98. Jordan:** Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for a Jordan Pre-service teacher training program?

USAID Response: USAID/Jordan does not anticipate issuing a solicitation for this activity this fiscal year.

- 99. Jordan:** When do you anticipate the award of USAID/Jordan Water Innovations Technology.

USAID Response: Sometime in Q2 FY2017.

- 100. Jordan:** EDY - Youth Power IDIQ: Youth Power Implementation -- The comment in regard to the call SOL-278-17-000001, mention that there is a Change in Anticipated Solicitation Date. Does this mean that the reason it does not appear in my research is due to the fact that he mentioned date of 03/11/2016 is not up to date any more. If the date of 03/11/2016 is correct, could you help me finding the full description of the call for SOL-278-17-000001?

USAID Response: The deadline for YouthPower proposals was November 23rd, and sent only to the YouthPower IDIQ holders.

- 101. Jordan:** What is the current status of the Jordan WRE- Water Innovation Technologies opportunity that was previously forecasted in July 2016?

USAID Response: The solicitation closed on October 24, and the award is anticipated in Q2, FY2017.

- 102. Kenya:** Will USAID Kenya / East Africa issue a pre-solicitation notice, a draft statement of objectives, or a draft scope of work for the East Africa RIGO Strengthening activity for which the solicitation is scheduled to be released on December 12, 2016?

USAID Response: Depending on the procurement schedule, it is our intent to publish a Request for Information.

- 103. Kenya:** FP/RMNCAH in Eastern Counties of Kenya opportunity -- Could USAID please provide more information about this opportunity? Is this a new activity or a follow-on to an existing award? Is this expected to be solely a service delivery project, or will there be an implementation science/operations research component under this opportunity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity that is currently in the design phase.

- 104. Kenya:** With respect to the new *Family Planning/Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Eastern Counties of Kenya* opportunity:
- a. Please advise if this is a new procurement or a re-release of the previous solicitation for Kitui (RFA-615-16-000007).

USAID Response: This is a new procurement.

- b. Please provide information on the counties included in this award.

USAID Response: The Mission is still in the design phase and the specific counties to be covered under the activity have not been finalized.

- c. Will there be any similar opportunities for Western Kenya?

USAID Response: The Mission is still in the design phase and the specific counties to be covered under the activity have not been finalized.

- d. How many awards does USAID anticipate awarding? How many counties would be involved in each award (if multiple awards) and which counties would be included?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates making one new award to implement this activity.

- 105. Kenya:** The Kenya Agriculture Value Chains (KAVES/AVC) has been removed from the Missions forecast. Could USAID please clarify the status of the opportunity?

USAID Response: KAVES is an existing program, and would not be listed in the Business Forecast as an upcoming opportunity.

- 106. Kenya:** With respect to the new *Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level Program*,
- a. Which counties will this cover?
 - b. How does this relate to the recent County Measurement Learning Accountability Program (CMLAP) and Health Informatics Governance and Data Analytics (HIGDA) project?
 - c. Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?
 - d. How many awards does USAID anticipate awarding? How many counties would be involved in each award (if multiple awards) and which counties would be included?

USAID Response: The proposed Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level activity is currently in the design phase.

107. Kenya: Will the focus of the *Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level Program* be on data collection and dissemination? How will this project be expected to work with the other Strategic Information projects in Kenya? Could USAID provide any information as to why the Kenya “Strategic Information at the County Level Program” procurement is being rebid? Is USAID planning to revise the program description or other aspects of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The proposed Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level activity is currently in the design phase.

108. Kenya: Could USAID provide any information as to why the Kenya “Family Planning/Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Eastern Counties of Kenya” procurement is being rebid? Is USAID planning to revise the program description or other aspects of the solicitation?

USAID Response: This is a new procurement.

109. Kenya: Question for the USPSC Senior Special Advisor -- Is this a requirement for 1 FTE USPSC Senior Special Advisor position or will there also be contract specialists to help design the new procurements in the pipeline? Will this be set aside for small business or 8(a) companies?

USAID Response: This position is for a six-month full time PSC to provide strategic support to the Regional Economic Integration (REI) office. One aspect of the work to be performed includes helping lead the design of new procurements. This action will not be a set-aside.

110. Kenya: In the 2017 Q1 mission forecast, the Kenya HIV Service Delivery Support Activity (HSDSA) is listed as containing a partial set-aside for small businesses.

- a. Could USAID/Kenya please clarify which clusters will be set aside for small business primes, so potential primes can best focus their preparation efforts?
- b. The most recent Mission Business Forecast has listed the release date as December 2, 2016. Since this date has now passed, could USAID please provide an updated release date for the solicitation?
- c. The Forecast indicates that there is a partial set-aside under this contract. Could USAID please indicate what would be the funding envelope for the set-aside contract, and whether there would be one or more than one set-aside contracts?
- d. What would be the eligibility criteria for the set-aside contracts? i.e. would NGOs be eligible to compete for these contracts, or would only firms designated as small and disadvantaged business (to include 8(a) firms, veteran-owned small business, women-owned small business, etc.) be eligible for this funding?
- e. The RFI for this opportunity indicated that multiple awards (up to 5 awards) would be expected under this solicitation that would cover different geographical areas. Would there be one RFP covering all the awards or would there be separate solicitations for each award, and in which case, would they be issued concurrently?

- f. Has USAID determined what geographical area would be supported under the set-aside contract?
- g. Will one cluster be awarded to a small business?

USAID Response: The Mission recently issued a presolicitation notice on www.fbo.gov. The notice answers all questions listed above. The anticipated release date of the request for proposal (RFP) is late-December 2016 to early-January 2017. You can access the notice here: <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/AID/OM/KEN/SOL-615-17-000002/listing.html>.

- 111. Kenya:** Investment Mechanism (Kenya) --
- a. Please could USAID provide a status update on the Kenya investment mechanism, its planned date of release, and confirmation on whether USAID plans to publish a public notice once it is released?
 - b. Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?
 - c. Does USAID/Kenya have any further clarity on the choice of mechanism for the Kenya Investment Mechanism?
 - d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation notice for the Kenya Investment Mechanism Activity before the RFP is released?

USAID Response: Should there be future changes to the anticipated release date of this potential procurement, these will be updated in the Business Forecast accordingly. In accordance with the requirements of FAR part 15 a presolicitation notice will be issued prior to publication of any solicitation document.

- 112. Kenya:** The forecast describes KIM as supporting small and larger businesses to mobilize capital and technical assistance. The project is attributed to the Agriculture and Food Security Sector. Can USAID confirm if the mission has narrowed the scope from the initial version presented in an RFI in February 2016? Will the project exclude the other initiatives of Power Africa, Climate Change, Water, Trade and Nutrition? Does USAID anticipate releasing a more detailed RFI or pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: Development of a solicitation for this potential opportunity is ongoing. In accordance with the requirements of FAR part 15 a presolicitation notice will be issued prior to publication of any solicitation document.

- 113. Kenya:** The Kenya Support services Project (KSP) IDIQ is set to expire in 2017 but does not appear on the forecast -- Can USAID please clarify if the vehicle will be recompeted?

USAID Response: We will share the information on the Business Forecast once the mission has made a decision.

- 114. Kosovo:** The award title "Kosovo Energy Security of Supply-KESS" lists 30/11/2016 as the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date.
- a. Could USAID provide an updated Solicitation Release Date as it seems that this date was not met?

USAID Response: We expect the solicitation to be released in the 2nd quarter.

- b. Is USAID planning on releasing a pre-solicitation, a request for information (RFI), a draft statement of work, or some other correspondence to share information and offer opportunities for input before the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: No, the Mission is not planning on issuing presolicitation information.

- c. How does USAID envision the Kosovo Energy Security of Supply activity aligning with the ongoing Kosovo REPOWER program?

USAID Response: Please review the solicitation when it is released.

- 115. Kosovo:** The April 29th 2016 mission business forecast had a Kosovo C Support clean energy program, which wasn't part of the July 15th 2016 or the Nov 18th forecasts. Is KESS the same as Kosovo C Support that was in the April 29th 2016 forecast? If not, does USAID still anticipate releasing this program?

USAID Response: KESS is the same as Kosovo C Support.

- 116. Kosovo:** Regarding "TBD Inclusive Municipal Governance" (Kosovo):
- a. Could USAID provide an update on Status of Action?

USAID Response: This activity is still in design.

- b. Is USAID planning on releasing a pre-solicitation, a request for information (RFI), a draft statement of work, or some other correspondence to share information and offer opportunities for input before the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined, but unlikely given the simplicity of the requirement.

- 117. Kosovo:** The award description of "Municipal Competitiveness Index (Kosovo)" is TBD. Could USAID confirm if this award is related to previous Municipal Competitiveness Index developed and implemented by USAID Business Enabling Environment Program in Kosovo (2010 – 2013)?

USAID Response: Yes.

- 118. (Updated 12/22/16) Kyrgyzstan:** For the "Executive Good Governance: Institutional Performance Improvement & Service Delivery Project for USAID Kyrgyz Republic" opportunity: which key state bodies in Kyrgyzstan are envisioned as the primary targets of the proposed intervention?

USAID Response: This scope of the work is still being developed. The Mission is not able to provide details regarding the primary targets of this activity at this time.

- 119. Kyrgyzstan:** Could USAID please provide an indication on whether there is a bilateral agreement in place between USAID and the Government of Kyrgyzstan? If not, does USAID anticipate this delaying the issuance of solicitations and their award?

USAID Response: USAID cannot comment on ongoing bilateral agreement negotiations at this time. The Mission does not, however, anticipate delays.

120. Kyrgyzstan: Could USAID please confirm if the Kyrgyzstan Executive Good Governance: Institutional Performance Improvement and Service Delivery Project is a follow-on to the GGPAS program? Additionally, does USAID plan to issue a pre-solicitation? Is the anticipated release date of 1/15/2017 accurate?

USAID Response: While this is not a direct follow-on, the new design was informed by lessons learned from the GGPAS activity. The Mission does not intend to issue a separate pre-solicitation and the anticipated release date is not February 2017

121. Kyrgyzstan: Could USAID please confirm if the anticipated Kyrgyzstan Enterprise Development program is a follow-on to the current Business Growth Initiative (BGI)? Additionally, does USAID plan to issue a pre-solicitation, or does it consider the RFI as the pre-solicitation for this opportunity. Is the anticipated release date listed in the forecast (1/15/2017) accurate?

USAID Response: Although related, this is not envisioned as a follow-on. The anticipated release date remains the same.

122. Lebanon: There seems to be a lack of opportunities in Lebanon over the last two quarters -- anything coming soon?

USAID Response: Yes. The Mission is anticipating posting new opportunities next quarter. Thank you for your interest and stay tuned.

123. Liberia: Does USAID/Liberia anticipate any new projects in the forestry sector, continuing its investments made under the current PROSPER project?

USAID Response: At this point in time, there are none expected.

124. Liberia: Could USAID please confirm whether any water RFPs/RFTOPs will be released in Liberia in the next quarter?

USAID Response: There are none expected at the present time.

125. Liberia: Can USAID please confirm whether or not the "Accelerated Quality Education for Liberia Children (AQE)" RFTOP has already been released?

USAID Response: Yes, the AQE RFTOP has been released and proposals received and are currently being evaluated.

126. Liberia: *Beyond the Grid Phase 2* -- Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: This will be a follow-on. As this time a draft SOW is not ready to be released.

127. Madagascar: The anticipated solicitation release date for the Madagascar Mikajy project is listed as November 30, 2016. Given that this date has passed, can USAID provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The solicitation will most likely be released after January 1st.

128. Malawi: Yesani Ophunzira Assess the Learners (YESA) Activity

- a. Since the dollar value for this is below \$25m and the scope is capacity-building and M&E would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?

USAID Response: Mission's intention is to procure YESA through full and open competition given the scope and nature of the activities.

- b. The FY2016 Q4 Business Forecast stated that the Malawi Yesani Ophunzira Assess the Learners (YESA) Activity would be a task order, whereas the FY2017 Q1 Business Forecast list this activity as a contract. Can USAID please confirm the Malawi YESA Activity will be procured as Full and Open?

USAID Response: YESA activity will be procured through full and open competition. The original idea was to use IDIQ, however the scope of the activities went beyond the scope/purpose of the IDIQ.

129. Malawi: The activity "Public Sector Reform Support Activity" no longer appears in the forecast. Has USAID chosen not to compete this award?

USAID Response: This activity was solicited through full and open competition and has been already awarded.

130. Mali: For Mali GLEE,

- a. Can USAID please clarify how they determined to release the activity as a contract over a cooperative agreement? Please confirm that this activity will be a full and openly competed contract. Please also clarify geographic focus of the opportunity.

USAID Response: This procurement is still in the design stage. At this time, USAID/Mali has determined that a full and open competed contract is most appropriate. This determination may still change. Please refer to question c. At this stage the geographic focus has not yet been determined.

- b. The Mission forecast stated that the Mali Girls' Leadership through Education (GLEE) solicitation would be released on Dec. 29, 2016 although our networks in-country indicate that USAID is considering a different release date. Can USAID provide confirm that the stated release date is accurate?

USAID Response: No, the release date is not accurate and the new date is on or about February 1, 2017. The AA Plan has been updated accordingly to reflect this information.

- c. Since the dollar value for this is below \$25m and the scope is largely focused on girls education/empowerment would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali will consider all possible procurement vehicles including the Small Business set aside option.

- 131. Mexico:** The April 29, 2016 forecast listed the Mexico M&E Platform opportunity as an upcoming procurement, however in the Q&A for the July 15, 2016 forecast, question 121, USAID clarified that *“The procurement has been cancelled until further notice.”* We note that this opportunity is still not listed on the November 18, 2016 forecast. Can USAID confirm if the Mexico M&E platform is anticipated to be issued and if so, when?

USAID Response: USAID/Mexico is still reviewing its M&E requirements and has not just come to a decision as to whether a platform is necessary or whether procurements will be done on an as needed basis.

- 132. Moldova:** The latest forecast states that the Moldova Structural Reform RFP will be released on 11/30/2016, a date that has since passed. Could USAID/Moldova please provide an updated date for RFP release?

USAID Response: Expect it to be released in 2nd quarter.

- 133. Moldova:** Previous forecasts listed a Local Governance Program in Moldova, but the program is not listed on the latest forecast. Can USAID please clarify the status of this opportunity? If USAID does plan this opportunity, can please provide an update on the mechanism, timing, and value? Has the activity been cancelled since the last FY 16 forecast, or omitted for some reason?

USAID Response: This is still under design and not appropriate to be listed on the forecast as of yet.

- 134. Moldova:** As it was not on the latest forecast, can USAID please confirm if they plan to release the “Rule of Law Activity (ROLA)” in FY 2017? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date, as well as the Award/Action Type of this program?

USAID Response: The activity is now called Open Justice.

- 135. Moldova:** Open Justice Award
- a. As the upcoming Moldova Open Justice award is planned as a five-years activity, please clarify whether USAID intends to utilize the ROL IQC for it, given that the task order period of performance expires in February 2021.

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to utilize the ROL IQC.

- b. Open Justice in Moldova, a planned TO under the Rule of Law IQC, was previously designated a small business set-aside. Is this still the case?

USAID Response: Yes.

- 136. Morocco:** Does USAID/Morocco plan to reserve the “Support to label Commune Citoyenne Initiative” for Moroccan organizations only?

USAID Response: Yes, this will be limited to local Moroccan organizations only.

- 137. Morocco:** Can USAID please confirm under which IDIQ the Morocco Civil Society Strengthening Program (CSSP) is expected to be released?

USAID Response: The activity has been renamed “Mid Term Evaluation - Civil Society Strengthening Program (CSSP)” for more clarity. It is envisioned that the solicitation will be released under the “PPL- LER MONITORING AND EVALUATION” IDIQ.

- 138. Mozambique:** There is a task order (\$500,000-1 million) in Mozambique for local capacity development to address the 3 main areas of strengthening in each identified NGO, but it is not clear if the NGOs to be strengthened have already been identified, if these are international or local/community NGOs and what the 3 areas are. It would be great to know what USAID feels are the 3 main areas needing to be strengthened, because even if we are not eligible to apply, it could help us think about our own capacity gaps and how we can strengthen them. Can USAID please confirm under which IDIQ the Mozambique LCD-Local Capacity Development opportunity is expected to be released?

USAID Response: The partners that we are currently strengthening are our local implementing partners - Mozambican organizations. The two holders of this IQC are also Mozambican organizations.

The 4 main areas to be strengthened are Financial Management, Human Resources Management, Organizational Governance, Project performance management, and M&E.

- 139. Mozambique:** The Mozambique FTF Value Chain Activity appeared on the forecast as a cooperative agreement, was then listed TBD, then eventually was released by an RFP. In response to the Business Forecast question the Mission said: “*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.*” Would USAID kindly provide implementing partners with an explanation of what happened in the Mozambique case and how it can be avoided in the future?

USAID Response: The Agency strives to provide the most accurate information on the Forecast. However, because activities are often early in the planning phase details are subject to change throughout the year. Because of circumstances like this, the Agency has pushed staff to list activities as TBD unless there is a clearer picture of the selection of instrument. Moving forward, an advance of the live-feed of the Business Forecast is that as updates are made, partners will not need to wait for the next quarter. Updates on activities will happen on a more regular basis.

- 140. Mozambique:** The Southern Africa Energy Project (SAEP) mentioned Mozambique anticipating release of a power sector project and previous business forecasts concurred. This latest business forecast makes no mention of Mozambique. Can USAID give an update on the status of this procurement?

USAID Response: The SAEP project is coming from South Africa Regional Mission’s energy team. Please contact them for additional information on this procurement.

141. Mozambique: The activity “Key Population Planning Project” no longer appears in the forecast. Has USAID chosen not to compete this award?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast was updated to reflect that the “Key Population Planning Project” was competed and awarded on November 1, 2016.

142. Nepal: Would you kindly confirm the timeline for the Nepal Community Reconstruction Program?

USAID Response: The Nepal Community Reconstruction Program (NCRP) will be comprised of two awards: (1) the solicitation for the Nepal Reconstruction Engineering Services (NRES) TO under the A&E II IDIQ was released to the IDIQ holders on November 18, 2016. Proposals are due December 19, 2016. Anticipated award is March 2017. (2) the anticipated solicitation release date for the full and open NCRP IDIQ is January 2017. Anticipated award is June 2017.

143. (Updated 12/22/16) Nepal: Regarding SPPELP II: Can you please confirm the release date and the mechanism?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for SPPELP II is April 2017. The name of SPPELP II has been changed to Niti Sambad. This is anticipated to be an Associate award under an LWA. The anticipated award date is June 2017.

144. (Updated 12/22/16) Nepal: In September 2016, US President Barack Obama has announced that his government will extend the “Let Girls Learn” programme in Nepal and Laos. Can you confirm plans for USAID to extend the program in Nepal and when this might be reflected in the forecast? Could USAID confirm if the Mission is still planning to issue a solicitation for this program, and if so by which mechanism?

USAID Response: Regarding LGL, the Mission does not have enough information to enlist this activity in Forecast right now. Once, additional information is available, it will be added to the Business Forecast.

145. Nepal: The Nepal Counter Trafficking in Persons proposal’s expected solicitation date has been pushed from October 15, 2016 on the previous forecast to January 1, 2017 on the current, yet the anticipated award date has remained the same March 15, 2017. Can USAID please confirm the expected timing of solicitation release and award date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for NC-TIP is February 2017. The anticipated award date is June 2017.

146. Niger: Does USAID have plans for any upcoming opportunities?

USAID Response: Yes. The USAID/Senegal Sahel Regional Office has posted an addendum APS-625-16-000001 to the FY2016-FY2017 GDA Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS) No. APS-OAA-16-000001 (the GDA APS). Through this addendum, USAID/Senegal is making a special call for the submission of Concept Papers for activities related to the Mission’s Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE) strategy: to increase resilience of chronically vulnerable populations in agro-pastoral and marginal agriculture livelihood zones of the Sahel. Prospective Applicants should ensure that proposals are aligned with USAID/Senegal’s resilience priorities in Burkina Faso and Niger,

including the Resilience and Economic Growth in the Sahel – Enhanced Resilience (REGIS-ER) and the Resilience and Economic Growth in the Sahel – Accelerated Growth (REGIS-AG) activities.

USAID/Senegal’s Sahel Regional Office expects to make 3-5 awards with USAID contributions ranging from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. However, USAID may make awards of larger amounts, depending on funds availability, the private sector contribution and merits of the proposed partnership. Concept papers will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until April 14, 2017. For full details, please visit the www.grants.gov or click this link: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Senegal>

147. Nigeria: Nigeria, Agri-business Investment Project: USAID previously requested capabilities statements and expressions of interest from small businesses for this procurement. Given that the most recent Mission Business Forecast indicates the solicitation’s Small Business Set Aside” status is “N/A,” does USAID now anticipate this project will be released as full and open or will it remain a small business set aside? Will USAID issue a Pre-Solicitation or RFI for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria is still in discussions regarding this procurement.

148. Nigeria: Could USAID please confirm that USAID/Nigeria’s Urban Water Sector Reform Program will be released under the WADI IDIQ, as previously indicated in the FY 16 Procurement Q&As for Qs 2, 3 and 4? Does this replace the Nigeria WASH activity that was to be released as a task order under WADI?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria confirms that the Urban Wash procurement will be released under the WADI IDIQ.

149. Nigeria: The Nigeria Northern Education Initiative Plus II (NEI+ II) has been removed from the Missions forecast. Could USAID please clarify the status of the opportunity? Does USAID/Nigeria intend to procure a follow-on project to the Nigeria Expanded Trade and Transport Project (NEXTT), which is currently scheduled to end in October 2017?

USAID Response: NEI + II was in the forecast in error as the current project runs through 2020.

150. Nigeria: Can USAID please confirm that the “State-to-State Local Governance project” is the same project as the previously forecasted “State Accountability, Transparency and Effectiveness (State2State)”? Can USAID also please confirm if this opportunity may be released under the Making Cities Work IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria confirms that State-to-State is the same as the State Accountability, Transparency and Effectiveness Project. We do not anticipate releasing this procurement under the Making Cities Work IDIQ.

151. Nigeria: Agriculture Competitiveness (AgCompete) --
a. Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: AgCompete is a new stand alone project.

- b. Can USAID kindly confirm whether this is a new or a follow-on project? Is the Nigeria AgCompete Project the follow-on to MARKETS II?

USAID Response: AgCompete is a new stand alone project and not a follow-on.

- c. Considering the size of the procurement and the fact that it is only now incorporated into the official Mission Business Forecast, does USAID anticipate issuing a Pre-Solicitation or RFI to assist implementing partners to better understand the objectives of the program?

USAID Response: A solicitation will be issued in Q3 FY17.

- d. Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 12/19/2016 remains accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date is Q3 FY17. The forecast will be updated.

- e. Has USAID prepared an Initial Environmental Examination for AgCompete?

USAID Response: An IEE has been prepared.

- f. Similarly, could USAID please provide information on the relationship of AgCompete to the MARKETS II Project?

USAID Response: There is no direct relationship, AgCompete is a stand alone project.

152. Nigeria: Rural Resilience cooperative agreement --

- a. Can you please confirm that release date will be December 12th 2016?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date is Q3 FY17. The forecast will be updated.

- b. Can USAID kindly confirm whether this is a new or a follow-on project?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria confirms that this is a new program.

- c. Can USAID kindly confirm whether a RFI will be released?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date is Q3 FY17. The forecast will be updated.

- d. Can you please confirm the anticipated number of cooperative agreements to be issued?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria anticipated that up to three awards may be issued.

- e. Can you please confirm the target geographical areas within Nigeria?

USAID Response: The Geographic areas includes seven Core States (Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi & Niger), and at least one of the following; Borno, Adamawa, Gombe, and Yobe.

- f. Is there any more information you can provide about the scope of work of the anticipated project?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

153. Pakistan: We see that USAID is coming to the end of its current strategic framework (FY2012-2017). Has USAID set a time frame to develop the next strategic framework for Pakistan? Is there a plan to have a Pakistan Country Development Cooperation Strategy? If so, what the timeframe for its development be?

USAID Response: The mission is currently in the design phase for its initial CDCS. Initial consultations with appropriate stakeholders has commenced, with the results framework design to start in the summer 2017, and the completion and approval of the CDCS by fall 2017.

154. Pakistan: *Pakistan Let Girls Learn* --

- a. The first round of procurement under the APS has already passed. Based on available funding, does USAID envision a second round? Please confirm that the Pakistan "Let Girls Learn" opportunity reflects APS-391-16-000001, released October 3.

USAID Response: At this time USAID/Pakistan has not decided if there will be a second round (or more) of Let Girls Learn concept paper requests. The decision to open additional rounds will depend upon funding and the priorities of the upcoming administration.

- b. The Mission Forecast indicates that Pakistan Let Girls Learn's status is "Preparing Solicitation/NOFO"; however, the 10/18/16 posting on grants.gov has a closing date for Round 1 concepts of 10/28/16. Please clarify.

USAID Response: That is an error. We neglected to update the status of the solicitation on the forecast after the initial notice was posted on Grants.gov in August and the full APS document was posted on October 3.

155. Pakistan: Could USAID please confirm that the award/action type for "Pakistan Capacity Development Services" will be a IDIQ, and not a Task Order under an existing IDIQ? Will USAID/Pakistan Mission be awarding a Pakistan-specific IDIQ or rather does it mean that the project will be awarded as a task order under an existing IDIQ? If under an existing IDIQ, can USAID indicate which IDIQ? We noticed that the Read Pakistan – communications campaign to support education program was not included on the most recent USAID business forecast. Can USAID please confirm if they still intend to issue the solicitation for this program? If so, could USAID please provide an indication of the timing, size, and anticipated scope of work?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID/Pakistan intends to award its Pakistan Capacity Development Services activity as a stand alone IDIQ which will be solicited via full and open competition. Due to changes in financial resources available and Mission priorities, USAID/Pakistan no longer plans to pursue the Pakistan READ activity.

156. Pakistan: Could USAID provide answers in regards the following opportunities for Pakistan that were not included in the FY17 Qtr 1 Business Forecast?

- a. *Community Stabilization Program:* In May 2016, USAID indicated in a previous Q&A response that the planning for this opportunity was in a Pre-Concept Stage. Could you confirm if this opportunity will be released in this fiscal year? If yes, could you please share the anticipated release date, type of award mechanism and total estimated funding amount? If not, what is the current stage of planning for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This program is currently in phase two of project design. The business forecast will be updated once this phase is finalized and approved at the Mission level

- b. *Health Systems Strengthening and Maternal Neonatal Child Health:* USAID issued a Request for Information (RFI-AID-OAA-16-HSS-SD) on August 31st, 2016 and on November 2016 shared notes and some presentations from a stakeholders meeting in preparation for this opportunity. This opportunity was not listed in the FY17 Qtr 1 Business Forecast. Could you confirm this opportunity will be available in this fiscal year? If so, could you please share the anticipated release date, type of award mechanism and total estimated funding amount?

USAID Response: Yes, the opportunity is still available with an expected Notice of Funding Opportunity release date of January 2017. This will be a cooperative agreement in the amount of \$49 million. Both the Health Systems Strengthening Project (II) and the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health Project (II) have been combined into one award. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.

- c. *Integrated Maternal Neonatal and Child Health Service Delivery:* Based on conversations with USAID Pakistan, we have come to know that USAID is planning on releasing this opportunity in the next fiscal year. We don't see it listed in the FY17 Business Forecast. Could you confirm this opportunity will be available in this fiscal year? If so, could you please share the anticipated release date, type of award mechanism and total estimated funding amount?

USAID Response: Yes, the opportunity is still available with an expected Notice of Funding Opportunity release date of January 2017. This will be a cooperative agreement in the amount of \$49 million. Both the Health Systems Strengthening Project (II) and the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health Project (II) have been combined into one award. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.

- d. *Family Planning and Reproductive Health Methods to Address unmet Need (APS: SOL-OAA-13-000024):* This APS has a deadline of February 28th, 2017 for a second round for call for proposals. Is USAID planning on releasing this round for concept paper submissions?

USAID Response: This is a Washington based APS and not specific to USAID Pakistan. As such, all questions regarding this APS should be directed to OAA Washington.

157. Pakistan: The latest Mission Forecast does not include any *health opportunities in Pakistan*. Does USAID expect to release solicitations for health opportunities in Pakistan in FY17? For example, will there be a Training for Pakistan (Health) opportunity in the coming year? If so, we kindly request that USAID please provide more information.

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a health opportunity in 2017. The expected release date of the RFA is January 2017. This will be a cooperative agreement in the amount of \$49 million. Both the Health Systems Strengthening Project (II) and the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health Project (II) have been combined into one award. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.

158. Pakistan: USAID/Pakistan Mission be awarding a Pakistan-specific IDIQ or rather does it mean that the project will be awarded as a task order under an existing IDIQ? If under an existing IDIQ, can USAID indicate which IDIQ?

USAID Response: The mission is not clear on the activity for which the question is being asked.

159. Pakistan: Can USAID/Pakistan confirm that the Health Systems Strengthening Project (II) and the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health Project (II) will be released as two separate opportunities as per the RFI released on August 30, 2016?

USAID Response: Both projects have been combined into one award. The expected release date of the RFA is January 2017. This will be a cooperative agreement in the amount of \$49 million.

160. Pakistan: -- *Pakistan READ* -- This activity is no longer listed in the FY17 Quarter 1 Business Forecast. Please clarify the status of this opportunity.

USAID Response: Due to changes in financial resources available and Mission priorities, USAID/Pakistan no longer plans to pursue the Pakistan READ activity.

161. Pakistan: Can USAID please confirm if they intend to release a “Sub-National Government” program and if that project may be released as a Task Order under the Making Cities Work IDIQ? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of the project?

USAID Response: USAID Pakistan cannot confirm at this time the release of a “Sub-National Government” program.

162. Peru: Securing Water Supply in the Context of Climate Change – What is the status of this activity? Has it been cancelled, or is it still being considered?

USAID Response: This activity is in the design phase and is still being considered.

163. Peru: In the answers to both the 3rd and 4th Quarter calls, USAID/Peru indicated that no opportunities were forecasted at that time, and that procurement opportunities would be listed once the program design phase is complete. Does the Mission anticipate issuing any solicitations in the next quarter? We noted the Peru Mission’s opportunities are not in the forecast.

USAID Response: As indicated in the Business Forecast, at this time, USAID/Peru does not anticipate issuing any solicitations in the next quarter. USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

164. 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 the status of this opportunity and anticipated release date? What mechanism will USAID use for it?

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

- 165. Peru:** Would USAID please provide an update on timing and anticipated choice of mechanism for the following, if possible:
- a. The new Amazon Regional Environmental Strategy and related procurements.

USAID Response: This document was only a summary of the new strategy to increase understanding of the general intended direction of USAID with the new Amazon Regional Environmental Strategy. Therefore, there are no anticipated procurements at this time as this is still in the design phase.

- b. The Peru Amazonia Verde project and related procurements.

USAID Response: As indicated in the Business Forecast, at this time, USAID/Peru does not anticipate issuing any solicitations in the next quarter. USAID/Peru intends to issue procurement opportunities once we have completed the program design phase of the acquisition and assistance process.

- 166. Philippines:** For the Analytical Support opportunity -- Does past performance have to be related to Tropical Forestry and Biodiversity Analysis or will general analysis experience suffice? Will this be set aside for small business or 8(a) companies?

USAID Response: On the first question, this would be preferred. On the second question, the Mission anticipates awarding the Task Order from an existing SINGLE ORDER IDIQ in RDMA/Thailand.

- 167. Philippines:** Regarding the "Environment Sector Activity(ies)" planned by USAID/Philippines, can USAID provide further guidance?
- a. Could USAID please confirm the award type and the number of awards?

USAID Response: The action/s is/are currently in the design process; therefore, we cannot provide any additional information at this time.

- b. Can USAID provide any more details on the scope of this project, such as its geographic targeting, goal or objectives?

USAID Response: The action/s is/are currently in the design process; therefore, we cannot provide any additional information at this time.

- c. Will any draft solicitations or requests for information be released in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There is currently a plan to issue draft solicitations or requests for information.

- d. Does USAID anticipate limiting eligibility for this award? Specifically, will this award be limited to local partners?

USAID Response: The action/s is/are currently in the design process; therefore, we cannot provide any additional information at this time.

- e. Could USAID please confirm if these will be individual follow-on activities to the B-WISER, B-LEADERS, ECO-FISH, and BE SECURE programs, or if USAID will be consolidating programs in some way?

USAID Response: The action/s is/are currently in the design process; therefore, we cannot provide any additional information at this time.

- f. Which national government agencies are the primary stakeholders?

USAID Response: The action/s is/are currently in the design process; therefore, we cannot provide any additional information at this time.

- g. Can USAID please confirm the release date to be 1/31/2017?

USAID Response: No, this will not happen. However, we are unable to confirm the exact date of release.

168. Philippines: Can USAID please confirm if the Philippines Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms activity is only open to local organizations?

USAID Response: While we anticipate that the activity will be open to local organizations, a final decision has not been made.

169. Philippines: The award/action type for “Collaboration, Learning and Adapting” is still TBD.

- a. Could USAID please clarify the award/action type, and whether it will be a free and open solicitation?

USAID Response: We are currently designing the project; therefore that information is not currently available.

- b. Since the dollar value for this is below \$10m and the scope is focused on M&E, KM and learning would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?

USAID Response: The Mission is still undergoing market research and no decision for such has been made at this time.

170. Philippines: Regarding the award for the Philippines titled: Support to strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms -- What are the eligibility requirements for the lead applicant? What will be the award type? RFA, RFP? How many awards will be issued?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design process; thus that information is not currently available.

171. RDMA/Thailand: Could USAID please provide the industry with an explanation regarding why the RDMA Regional Innovation Mechanism project was cancelled? Implementers spent considerable time and resources preparing for this opportunity since the RFI was released more than a year ago.

USAID Response: RDMA appreciated the responses to the RFI - as well as participation in the RDMA Open House event. Unfortunately, it appears, as of now, that it is more likely than not that a solicitation for the referenced mechanism will not be issued due to programming/budgetary considerations.

172. RDMA/Thailand: Can USAID please confirm the release date of the "USAID Resilient Cities Asia (IDIQ)" to be 12/13/2016?

USAID Response: The most recent information indicates that the solicitation will be issued by the end of CY 2016, but may slip to January 2017.

173. RDMA/Thailand: Can USAID please confirm the release date of the "USAID Green Invest Asia" Contact to be 12/14/2016?

USAID Response: The most recent information indicates that the solicitation will be released in January or February 2017.

174. Rwanda: Does USAID/Rwanda intend to issue a solicitation for a Feed the Future Scaling Agribusiness, Investment and Lending (SAIL) activity? If so, can USAID please provide the relevant Forecast details?

USAID Response: Yes. For the forecast details, please refer to Nguriza Nshore on the forecast. However, the project description is as follows: "This activity seeks to facilitate the emergence of a dynamic off-farm sector that can generate more and higher wage employment for the broad majority of Rwandans who are currently engaged in subsistence agriculture and other marginal economic activities. The activity's goal is to encourage the creation and growth of productive off-farm businesses that can generate productive off-farm employment for rural populations in order to reduce poverty. It will achieve this by alleviating constraints to entrepreneurship, in particular but not exclusively, constraints to finance." Also, the anticipated solicitation release date is revised to April 2017.

175. Rwanda: *Rwanda Increased Protein for Dietary Diversity* --
a. Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: This is a standalone activity. USAID/Rwanda intends to post a draft SOW in the near future.

b. Can USAID kindly confirm whether this is a new or a follow-on project?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

c. Can USAID kindly confirm whether a RFI will be released?

USAID Response: We intend to post the draft SOW in an upcoming RFI.

- d. Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 1/31/2016 remains accurate?

USAID Response: This is our best estimate for the solicitation date.

176. **Rwanda:** *Technology/Innovation and capacity building programme* -- Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: The draft SOW is not ready for circulation. We anticipate posting a draft as soon as it is available.

177. **Rwanda:** *Nguriza Nshore* -- We noted that the description seems to be cut off accidentally.
 - a. Can USAID provide the rest of the sentence? "Utilize technology/innovation and capacity building to foster greater access to EAC commodity markets, financial inclusion, commodity price transparency, improved incomes for rural farmers, and enhanced..."

USAID Response: The updated description is: "This activity seeks to facilitate the emergence of a dynamic off-farm sector that can generate more and higher wage employment for the broad majority of Rwandans who are currently engaged in subsistence agriculture and other marginal economic activities. The activity's goal is to encourage the creation and growth of productive off-farm businesses that can generate productive off-farm employment for rural populations in order to reduce poverty. It will achieve this by alleviating constraints to entrepreneurship, in particular but not exclusively, constraints to finance."

- b. Please could USAID confirm if a draft SOW for this opportunity is available for sharing?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda intends to post a draft SOW in the near future.

178. **Serbia:** When does USAID anticipate to solicit an anticorruption project to continue the anticorruption component in the former Judicial Reform and Government Accountability (JRGA) project?

USAID Response: Sometime in 2017.

179. **Serbia:** Serbia – Can USAID please confirm the release date of the Competitiveness Systems Strengthening Program to be 11/30/2016?

USAID Response: The RFP was released before that date.

180. **Sierra Leone:** Is there any information about up-coming opportunities in Sierra Leone? We are hearing that there may be a Food for Peace award coming out soon.

USAID Response: There are no plans for a Food for Peace award in Sierra Leone this Fiscal Year. Food for Peace envisages to design a five year development food security activity in FY 2018.

181. Sierra Leone: Does USAID have plans for any upcoming opportunities?

USAID Response: There are no planned competitive opportunities.

182. Sierra Leone: Is USAID currently considering a governance project in Sierra Leone for FY17?

USAID Response: Yes, but it is expected this will be a PIO award and as such is not to be included in the Business Forecast.

183. Somalia: The Somalia New Education Activity has been on the mission forecast for some time. Does USAID expect this to move forward and can they please specify a reason for the delay?

USAID Response: The mission is still in the activity design phase. We will continue to update the mission forecast as we have more information.

184. Somalia: Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “New Education Activity” to be 2/28/2017?

USAID Response: The mission is still in the activity design phase. We will continue to update the mission forecast as we have more information.

185. South Africa: PERFORM (REED). This \$4-10m contract opportunity was on the FY16, Qtr 4 forecast but is not on the FY17, Qtr 1 forecast. Can you please confirm what the status of this procurement is as we had previously been tracking it?

USAID Response: PERFORM was awarded on September 16, 2016. It's a cooperative agreement, not a contract, and was limited to local South African organizations.

186. South Africa: Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management for Southern Africa IDIQ

- a. Could USAID please confirm that it will be a IDIQ, and not a Task Order under an existing IDIQ?

USAID Response: This will be an IDIQ, not a Task Order.

- b. Can USAID please clarify whether or not it is intended for local firms?

USAID Response: USAID has not made a determination at this time.

- c. How many awardees does USAID anticipate for the South Africa Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management for Southern Africa?

USAID Response: USAID has not made a determination at this time.

- d. Since the dollar value for this is below **\$25m** and the scope is M&E, learning and KM, would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?

USAID Response: USAID has not made a determination at this time.

187. South Africa: Would the implementer for the South Africa Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management for Southern Africa project, the South Africa Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL), or the Support for Monitoring and Evaluation for Health project be precluded from bidding on and implementing any USAID projects in Southern Africa?

USAID Response: The solicitation(s) for these programs will include the relevant conflict of interest clauses.

188. South Africa: Will the South Africa Regional Transboundary Waters Project be the merged follow-on for SAREP and RESILIM, or will there also be individual follow-on procurements for those bids?

USAID Response: USAID is planning to continue its support through a new “Resilient Waters” activity that is currently under design.

189. South Sudan: The latest Mission Forecast does not include any opportunities for South Sudan. Does this mean that the Mission is not planning to release a tender for the *Core Institutional Structures Project (CORE) III* opportunity in FY17?

USAID Response: Given that USAID/South Sudan terminated *CORE II* for convenience and based on the ongoing security concerns, at this time the Mission does not plan to release tender for the tender for the *CORE III* opportunity in FY17.

190. Sri Lanka: The latest Mission forecast features several upcoming USAID/Sri Lanka programs in the Democracy & Governance sector. Does USAID/Sri Lanka intend to procure assistance in the Economic Growth and Trade sector?

USAID Response: At this time there are no opportunities for full-and-open competition.

191. Sri Lanka: The *Civil Society Organization Program* in Sri Lanka mentions strengthening technical capacity of CSOs.

- a. Beyond strengthening financial sustainability and constructively engaging the public as well as government as a key driver of reform in Sri Lanka, what sort of technical capacity does USAID envision that implementers will strengthen?

USAID Response: In addition to strengthening financial sustainability and ability to constructively engage the public as well as government as a key driver of reform in Sri Lanka, the program will focus on strengthening strategies and modalities that address civil society sector wide concerns/gaps. This may include a focus on the roles and functions of civil society, internal governance and accountability, and advocacy and networking skills.

- b. Could USAID please provide the mechanism/award type?

USAID Response: We anticipate the solicitation will be a full-and-open Request For Applications resulting in the award of one (1) Cooperative Agreement.

- c. Is USAID planning to use a limited competition mechanism, or will it be fully and openly competed?

USAID Response: At this time we anticipate the solicitation will be a full-and-open Request For Applications.

192. **Sri Lanka:** Could USAID/Sri Lanka please provide an indication of the anticipated minimum cost share percentage expected on the Sri Lanka Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Program? Would USAID/Sri Lanka please clarify the geographic focus of this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time we do not anticipate a cost share requirement. This program for most of its objectives and activities has a national focus. Some activities such as vulnerable populations may have a special focus on marginalized regions such as the north and east.

193. **Tanzania:** Is the Social Marketing Award expected to be a Cooperative Agreement, an 8(a) set-aside, or both? Can USAID confirm the 12/16 release date?

USAID Response: The Social Marketing Award has been re-titled Tanzania Social Enterprise Support Activity (TSESA), which will be a Cooperative Agreement and is expected to be 8(a) sole source with a late January release date. The forecast has been updated, accordingly.

194. **Tanzania:** USAID has previously forecasted the Future Entrepreneurs and Leaders (FUEL) award in Tanzania to be a stand-alone contract (formerly Youth Entrepreneur Program).
 - a. Can you please explain why USAID/Tanzania is now choosing to limit full and open competition by restricting eligibility to limited IDIQ holders?

USAID Response: After further market research, USAID/Tanzania decided to choose the YouthPower IDIQ, which is more in line with the Mission's requirements.

- b. Could USAID confirm that the January release date for Tanzania FUEL is accurate?

USAID Response: The release date for FUEL has been updated to mid-February. The forecast has been updated, accordingly.

- c. Please indicate under which IDIQ the potential task order will fall.

USAID Response: YouthPower Implementation IDIQ. Please reference the website here: <http://www.youtheconomicopportunities.org/blog/2541/usaids-awards-youthpower-agency-wide-mechanism-achieve-positive-youth-outcomes>

- d. In response to a question on FUEL's precursor, YEP, in the USAID FY16Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that "the focus of this activity is roughly 80-90% agriculture". Given its "focus on youth in rural areas," to what extent will FUEL include agriculture-related activities and objectives?

USAID Response: This activity will principally be supported by USAID Tanzania Feed the Future (FTF) Initiative which is focused in increasing Agriculture productivity and incomes of women and youth in rural areas. However the scope of this activity will integrate across sectoral approach to youth

entrepreneurship and leadership and fill a different yet critical gap in engaging rural youth that have potential to start and expand SMEs. FTF interventions contributes to the CDCS Intermediate Results 2.2 Agriculture productivity and profitability increased in rice, maize and horticultural value chains.

- e. Will the activities and objectives within FUEL prioritize skills development for youth or the creation of employment opportunities?

USAID Response: The purpose of FUEL activity is to use positive youth development approaches to empower rural Tanzanian youth, educate them on viable business skills for rural economies highlighting income generating potentials across Ag and other value chains--facilitating access to information to ensure business start-ups which will lead to the creation and sustained employment opportunities.

- f. What are the number of target beneficiaries within FUEL?

USAID Response: 1000 youth trained under all IRs, 2000 provided with referrals in (business, education and health) and 50% of the total beneficiaries must be females.

- 195. **Tanzania:** Youth Entrepreneurship Program -- The Youth Empowerment Project reflected in the Q4 FY16 Forecast has been removed. Could USAID please confirm whether this opportunity have been cancelled or just delayed? If it is delayed, when will it be released? What is the SoW? What award mechanism will be used? Please provide relevant Forecast details.

USAID Response: This has been removed, as the requirement will be a Task Order, which will fall under the YouthPower IDIQ. The full SOW development is still underway.

- 196. **Tanzania:** Can USAID please confirm that the Award/Action type *for Tanzania Future Entrepreneurs and Leaders* is a Task Order/Delivery Order? If so, what IDIQ will this opportunity be released?

USAID Response: Yes, Tanzania Future Entrepreneurs and Leaders activity will be a Task Order and is expected to be under the YouthPower IDIQ.

- 197. **Tanzania:** *Tanzania Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Adaptive Management (MELAM)* -- Could USAID please provide more information about this opportunity; what is the expected scope of work? Is there an incumbent? Will USAID release a draft RFI prior to the release of the RFP? Could USAID please clarify which IDIQ will be used for "Monitoring, Evaluation, learning and Adaptive Management (MELAM)"?

USAID Response: The full SOW development is being finalized. The Task Order will support the USAID/Tanzania Mission in evaluation, assessment, research and data quality work under the USAID PPL Monitoring and Evaluation (EVAL-ME) IDIQ. There will be no RFI released prior to release of the RFTOP. A small portion of this work is being performed by The Mitchell Group. However, there is no incumbent in terms of the entire requirement.

- 198. **Tunisia:** Under USAID/Tunisia, which IDIQ/IQC's will the following Task Orders be procured through?

USAID Response: For the Public Financial Management and Policy activity, the task order will be procured under the “Public Financial Management” IDIQ.

199. Tunisia: Since the performance period for the PFM IDIQ ends in September 2020, and the duration of the upcoming five-year Tunisia PFM task order will exceed the PFM IDIQ performance period, could USAID please indicate under which IDIQ the task order will be issued?

USAID Response: For the Public Financial Management and Policy activity, the task order will be procured under the “Public Financial Management” IDIQ.

200. Tunisia: Is the “Job Flagship - Tunisia Business Reform and Competitiveness Program” a follow-on project, and is there an incumbent? Can USAID please provide further award description?

USAID Response: The Job Flagship is somewhat of a follow-on. It is a much larger activity with a total estimated cost of approximately \$59 million, with the goal to create jobs.

201. Tunisia: Can you please provide more information about the scopes of the Tunisia Accountable Governance and Tunisia Community Resilience awards?

USAID Response: For the Accountable Governance activity: Accountable governance, decentralization, and regional integration are long term GoT endeavors that requires complex administrative restructuring. The GoT articulates two separate tracks towards accomplishing these goals, one of bottom up local development and one of centrally-managed de-concentration. This activity will assist on both tracks, working to ensure that convergence takes place in a way that rapidly demonstrates positive change while establishing a proper trajectory for sustainable decentralization.

For the Community Resilience activity: A community-led approach to identify community needs and build community resilience. It will support communities in creating alternative pathways for youth through activities that emerge from the community led workshops, intentionally engaging youth within their communities to promote positive outcomes.

202. Tunisia: Could USAID please confirm if the Tunisia Accountable Governance Task Order will be released under Making Cities Work?

USAID Response: Yes, the task order will be issued under the Making Cities Work IDIQ.

203. Tunisia: Under the Award Description, “Accountable Governance” is pretty broad; is there additional description information for this activity? Finally, given the size of the project (\$50-99.99M) and the short notice, will USAID issue an RFI?

USAID Response: For the Accountable Governance activity: Accountable governance, decentralization, and regional integration are long term GoT endeavors that requires complex administrative restructuring. The GoT articulates two separate tracks towards accomplishing these goals, one of bottom up local development and one of centrally-managed de-concentration. This activity will assist on both tracks, working to ensure that convergence takes place in a way that rapidly demonstrates positive change while establishing a proper trajectory for sustainable decentralization.

204. Uganda: As a number of projects funded through Feed the Future in Uganda are due to close down in the near future, would USAID/Uganda provide an update on any planned procurements in its Economic Growth office? What activities could be included under the “broad range of technical and logistics support”?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda anticipates hosting an agricultural market systems development and food security co-creation workshop in February or March 2017 (final date TBD). This co-creation event is meant to identify key bottlenecks and opportunities for private sector, government, civil society and donors in engaging the agricultural and food security sectors. The event will likely be used to produce the next generation of USAID's agricultural and food security activities under the US Government's Global Food Security Act.

205. Uganda: The Technical Support Contract -- Can you expound on the specific technical and logistics requirements? What are the labor categories for this requirement? Will this be set aside for small business or 8(a) companies? Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: The Technical Support contract is currently in early stages of design. No further information is available. Please watch fbo.gov for any additional detail.

206. Uganda: Regarding Uganda Power Africa, USAID distributed a fair opportunity notice under the Clean Energy Non-CPC IDIQ for the Power Africa Uganda program, which stated USAID intends to solicit it under the Clean Energy IDIQ. At the time that this was released the USAID procurement forecast said that this program would be a task order and would be in the range of \$25M-\$50M. In the latest forecast, the Power Africa Uganda program is listed as a \$10M-\$25M free and open procurement. However, the November 2016 forecast still lists the opportunity as a standalone contract.

a. Could USAID please confirm the mechanism as well as the estimated value for the procurement?

USAID Response: It will be a Task Order under IDIQ. Estimated value of \$10-25 M. Reference to a stand- alone contract is in error.

b. Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: It is a stand-alone program. No draft will be provided.

c. Will the “Power Africa/Uganda” bid be released in full and open competition, or as a TO under the Clean Energy non-CPC IDIQ?

USAID Response: It will be a Task Order under IDIQ. Estimated value of \$10-25 M. Reference to a stand- alone contract is in error.

207. Uganda: Uganda Evaluation of OVC Activities

a. Could USAID please clarify whether the “Evaluation of the OVC activities” will be a free and open solicitation?

USAID Response: The Uganda Evaluation of OVC Activities is currently in very early stages of design. No further information is available. Please watch fbo.gov for potential sources sought or other information.

- b. Since the dollar value for this is below \$4m and the scope if an evaluation would you consider procuring it as a total small business set aside?

USAID Response: The Uganda Evaluation of OVC Activities is currently in very early stages of design. No determination will be made regarding set aside until we have a design.

- 208. Uganda:** Is the Expanding Access to Long-term FP Methods solicitation still expected to be released by January 31, 2017? Is the scope of work for this activity expected to be much different than the draft program description released in October 2016? If so, could USAID please provide more information?

USAID Response: Responses received regarding the draft have been contemplated within the design. Mission anticipates it will be released within the next quarter or so.

- 209. Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda plan to release follow-on projects to the Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability (SDS) and Private Health Support programs? If so, when does USAID expect to post the solicitations and can USAID provide any other relevant Forecast details?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda is currently finalizing its new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and the strategy for moving it forward. Until this is finalized no further detail is available.

- 210. Uganda:** Could USAID please confirm that the Uganda *Strategic Information Technical Support (SITES)* opportunity is the same as the Uganda Strategic Information Technical Support Activity (SITSA), which was released in September 2016?

USAID Response: It is a new design for related services. Please note that the bid period for the potential award for the Uganda Strategic Information Technical Support Activity has closed.

- 211. Uganda:** Technical Support Contract --
- a. Can USAID please confirm whether it will be a free-and-open solicitation?

USAID Response: The Technical Support contract is currently in early stages of design. No further information is available. Please watch fbo.gov for any additional detail.

- b. Can USAID please confirm that the USAID/Uganda Technical Support Contract is the contract that will provide mission-wide M&E assistance to the Mission?

USAID Response: The Technical Support contract is currently in early stages of design. No further information is available. Please watch fbo.gov for any additional detail.

- 212. Uganda:** Could the Mission please indicate if conflicts of interests could arise for current USAID/Uganda implementing partners interested in submitting an offer for the *Organizational*

Development Contract? Can USAID please confirm whether it will be a free-and-open solicitation?

USAID Response: The Organizational Development contract is currently in design. A draft SOW was placed on fbo.gov for comment. There is potential for conflict of interest due to the anticipated nature of the work. Please watch fbo.gov for any additional details

213. Uganda: Would conducting an evaluation of a USAID OVC project (and collecting data over the life of that project) preclude the evaluator from doing any other USAID OVC work during this period, and perhaps also from any follow-on bids?

USAID Response: There is potential conflict of interest if one has conducted evaluations. This would be reviewed on a case by case basis.

214. Uganda: *Accountable Governance for Improved Service Delivery* -- Can you please provide the draft SOWs for opportunity to clarify whether it is a follow on or stand-alone program?

USAID Response: OAA/Uganda is not sure what program you are referencing. The cited activity is not on our business forecast.

215. Uganda: Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “Professional A&E Services Task Order/Delivery Order (TO/DO)” to be 12/30/2016?

USAID Response: The release date cannot be confirmed but we anticipate release within the next quarter.

216. Uganda: Power Africa Uganda – The forecast has this opportunity listed as a contract. Please confirm if this intended to be a stand-alone, competitive opportunity or is it still intended to be a task order under the Clean Energy IDIQ?

USAID Response: It will be a Task Order under IDIQ. Estimated value of \$10-25 M. Reference to a stand-alone contract is in error.

217. Ukraine: With the recent release of the Ukraine Competitive Energy Markets procurement, does USAID still anticipate releasing a “Support for Reform and Privatization of State Owned Energy Companies” procurement as well?

USAID Response: It is now being done as a noncompetitive action.

218. Ukraine: The *Ukraine Support for Reform and Privatization of State Owned Energy Companies* opportunity that was in the previous forecast as a RFTOP under the PFM IDIQ is not listed in the November Forecast. Does USAID still intend to issue a solicitation for this opportunity? Or was it merged into the larger Ukraine Energy RFP that was released on Nov. 25th?

USAID Response: No it does not intend to issue a solicitation, and not it was not merged into the larger Ukraine Energy RFP.

219. Ukraine: Does USAID/Ukraine anticipate issuing a solicitation for continuing support of independent media in Ukraine?

USAID Response: No. U-Media Program in Ukraine is extended through September 30, 2018.

220. Ukraine: Does USAID/Ukraine still intend to release the Pravosuddya Program through the ROL IQC, which was listed on the previous forecast?

USAID Response: Task Order (Nove Pravosuddya Justice Sector Reform Program) under ROL IQC is issued by USAID/Ukraine. The period of award is October 1, 2016 - February 7, 2021. The Task Order is issued with Chemonics International Inc.

221. Ukraine: The previously forecasted Analytical Services for USAID/Ukraine, USAID/Belarus, and USAID/Moldova was cancelled since the release of the July 15, 2016 forecast and would be re-bid. We noted, however, that it was not included in the November 18, 2016 as an upcoming opportunity.

a. Does the USAID/Ukraine, USAID/Belarus, and USAID/Moldova opportunity still exist?

USAID Response: We are still refining the requirement.

b. Can USAID provide an update on the possible timeline and amount for the solicitation release?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

222. Vietnam: On June 13th, 2016, USAID/Vietnam released an RFI for a Support of Small and Medium Enterprises activity. This project was not listed on the most recent update of the Mission Forecast. Could USAID please offer an update on the status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Mission is still considering the responses received through the stated RFI and whether a design will move forward. Please continue to monitor the Forecast, our USG portals (www.fbo.gov; www.grants.gov), and our Mission website for any further information or announcement.

223. Vietnam: We noticed that the Vietnam Support to SMEs program was not included on the most recent business forecast. Could USAID please indicate if it is planning to release a solicitation for this program, and if so, the anticipated scope, mechanism, and timing?

USAID Response: The Mission is still considering the responses received through the stated RFI and whether a design will move forward. Please continue to monitor the forecast, our USG portals (www.fbo.gov; www.grants.gov), and our Mission website for any further information or announcement.

224. Vietnam: Could USAID provide more information on the technical scope for the “Labor-Social Dialogues” activity? There is no description for this opportunity beyond the name. Would USAID be able to provide a bit more clarity on what this opportunity is all about? Does USAID/Vietnam plan to reserve the “Labor – Social Dialogues” program for Vietnamese organizations only?

USAID Response: This procurement is currently in design as listed on the business forecast. More information will be publicly released when ready and available.

225. Vietnam: *Vietnam Local Works* -- There is no description for this opportunity beyond the name. Would USAID be able to provide a bit more clarity on what this opportunity is all about?

USAID Response: Please see the pre-solicitation notice the Mission released for RFA-440-17-000001. Please follow this opportunity on www.grants.gov for more information.

226. West Africa: Can USAID please clarify if the West Africa Trade Hub will be rebid in 2017?

USAID Response: It is not anticipated at this time that the West Africa Trade Hub procurement will be rebid in 2017.

227. West Bank/Gaza: Could USAID please clarify whether the "Evaluation, Assessments, Monitoring and Program Support Services for the USAID West Bank and Gaza Mission" will be a free and open solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, we confirm that, at this time, the Evaluation, Assessments, Monitoring and Program Support Services RFP will be a full and open competition issued via solicitation posted publicly on FBO.gov.

228. West Bank/Gaza: Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for a West Bank Pre-service teacher training program? This program was listed on the previous forecast for release in May 2016.

USAID Response: Yes, this opportunity is already listed on the current Business Forecast for FY17. It is not envisioned as a solicitation/acquisition, but rather as a notice of funding opportunity/assistance.

229. Zambia: Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project
a. USAID states that the award type is TBD and the solicitation is scheduled to be released on 12/28. Can USAID confirm the award type if this has been decided? Is the date still accurate?

USAID Response: The program is in redesign and is still in the clearance process at the Mission. No decision has been made regarding the award type. The date has been updated to 4/30/17.

b. Would USAID/Zambia kindly clarify the originating office within the Mission for the Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project?

USAID Response: Health, Economic Development, and Education are contributing to the funding. The program will be administered jointly by those three offices and OAA.

c. Could USAID confirm if it will issue a separate evaluation contract for the USAID/Zambia?

USAID Response: Yes.

- d. We understood that USAID had planned a parallel learning activity with the Zambia Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation Project. This parallel project did not appear on the Mission Forecast. Does USAID intend on an award of this type in Zambia?

USAID Response: Yes.

- e. Is USAID/Zambia considering dividing the “Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project” procurement into multiple solicitations? If so, would it be divided by technical area, by geography, or both?

USAID Response: No, one solicitation will be issued.

- 230. Zambia:** Two Zambia education projects (SEED, READ) that had been on the Mission forecast were recently removed from the forecast are these opportunities no longer under consideration? If they are not cancelled, could USAID indicate the anticipated release dates for each solicitation? Does the Mission’s and OAA’s confirmation that there is no conflict in implementing partners participating on both awards still stand?

USAID Response: SEED is being redesigned because of changing priorities at the Mission. We are hoping for a late FY2017 award date but that may be delayed until Q1 FY2018. READ is an evaluation program, part of which is evaluating SEED. Therefore, the conflict remains.

- 231. Zambia:** USAID/Zambia has removed several health and education solicitations from the forecast. Can you please provide an indication of whether these have been canceled or delayed?

USAID Response: Please see 231 and 232 above.

- 232. Zambia:** The Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-based Monitoring activity, which previously appeared in FY16 forecasts, is absent from the FY17-Q1 forecast. Is this opportunity no longer being considered? Could USAID please confirm whether the Mission still intends to release an RFA/RFP for this activity, and if so, which vehicle the Mission intends to use?

USAID Response: The Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-based Monitoring activity has been cancelled and an RFA/RFP won’t be issued this FY.

- 233. Zambia:** USAID has agreed to fund the technical assistance portion of the upcoming Zambia SUN Fund work. However, this work is not in the Washington or Mission forecasts. Can you please provide more information on how this work will be procured? Will there be a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This work will be part of the Integrated Nutrition award that is currently in the clearance process. No decision has been made regarding set-asides.

234. Zambia: Would the evaluator for the Zambia *Evaluate for Improved Impact* project be precluded from bidding on and implementing any USAID projects that would utilize those data systems? Will the opportunity focus on designing and building evaluative systems or will the focus be on increasing uptake of GZB policies on data use and dashboards for decision making? Can USAID confirm that Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact will be procured as Full and Open?

USAID Response: The evaluator would be precluded from bidding on projects that utilize the relevant data systems. As the program is still in design, we cannot answer the second and third questions at this time.

235. Zambia: In the August 2016 Forecast Q&A, USAID stated that it would issue an RFI with a draft PWS for Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact prior to issuance of the final solicitation. The current forecast lists the anticipated solicitation release date as 12/28/16. Does USAID still intend to issue an RFI? If so, could USAID/Zambia please provide an update on the timing of release? Does USAID envision a significant portion of the SOW to be in the implementation of data tracking information systems?

USAID Response: Please note that the date has been changed to 3/29/2017. No RFI is envisioned at this time.

236. Zambia: Can USAID please confirm that the recently released AGIS activity is a different activity from the “Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-Based Monitoring” which was on the previous forecast? If not, is the activity no longer being competed by USAID?

USAID Response: They are two different awards. The Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-based Monitoring activity has been cancelled and won't be issued this FY.

237. Zambia: The July 15, 2016 forecast listed the Zambia Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Data opportunity as an upcoming procurement. This particular procurement no longer exists on the Forecast. Would USAID confirm if this was an oversight and the procurement is still anticipated to be issued? and if so, when?

USAID Response: The Forecast has been updated and this award is included. The date has changed to 3/29/2017.

238. Zambia: Can USAID please specify the procurement mechanism for the upcoming Zambia Kusuntha activity?

USAID Response: The award title has changed to Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project. No decision has been made as to mechanism at this time.

239. Zambia: Can USAID please provide an update on the *Zambia Increasing Citizen Demand for Accountable and Transparent Service Delivery in the Health Sector through Enhanced Community-Based Monitoring*. This has been on the forecast for some time, but recently removed.

USAID Response: The program has been cancelled.

240. Zimbabwe: Could USAID encourage the current implementing partner of the OVC Activity to upload all relevant reports and research to the DEC in order for interested parties to better understand the challenges and successes of this activity?

USAID Response: We consulted with the AOR and AOR will talk to the implementing partner of the OVC Activity.

241. Zimbabwe: Can USAID please confirm that the Zimbabwe's Enhancing Resilience of OVC Getting to Zero opportunity release timeline reflects the most up-to-date release date, as the expected release date of 17 January is quite close?

USAID Response: Zimbabwe's Enhancing Resilience of OVC Getting to Zero - The expected release date has been moved to March 30, 2017. We have updated the Agency Acquisition Plan and this change should be reflecting on the Business Forecast.

242. Zimbabwe: The activity "Governance and Growth Program" no longer appears in the forecast. Has USAID chosen not to compete this award?

USAID Response: The activity "Governance and Growth Program" was awarded on November 28, 2016, (Contract number AID-613-C-17-00001). This was a full and open competition.