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To: All USAID/India Implementing Partners

From: Charles S. "Chuck" Pope, Director, ROAA/USAID/India /s/

Subjects: Introducing New Employees at ROAA

Over the course of the last year, ROAA has acquired highly competent personnel. We are pleased to introduce them, and to present our office's rebalance of portfolios in preparation for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Armando Espinosa, Deputy Director of the Regional Office of Acquisition and Assistance (ROAA)

Mr. Espinosa has been working with USAID since 2012 and has wealth of experience in managing diverse portfolios and issuing innovative acquisition and assistance instruments. He is very much looking forward to working with all of you and can be contacted at aespinosa@usaid.gov

Mr. Robert A. Trimble, Contracting Officer

Mr. Trimble is a graduate of the Thunderbird, School for International Business and has over 14 years of public and private experience working for and on contracts as a subject matter expert. He is looking forward to working with all of you and can be contacted at rtrimble@usaid.gov

Mr. Yogesh Sharma, Acquisition and Assistance (A&A) Specialist

Mr. Sharma joined ROAA on February 6, 2017. He has been with USAID/India since 1994 and has worked with USAID's General Services Division (GSD) and the Human Resources (HR) Office. Prior to joining ROAA, Mr. Sharma was working at PEPFAR as a Project Management Assistant. He has been designated as the lead backstop for the Food Security Office (FSO) to assist Mr. Sumit Dutta, the FSO Portfolio Manager. Mr. Sharma is looking forward to working with all of you and he can be reached at ysharma@usaid.gov

Ms. Monika Gulati, Acquisition and Assistance (A&A) Specialist

Ms. Gulati joined ROAA on February 6, 2017. Prior to joining ROAA, she worked with USAID/India Executive Office in the Human Resources (HR) Division where she was administering HR functions, such as position classifications, recruitments, preparing personal service contracts, and more. Ms. Gulati has been designated as the lead backstop for all the Health Office (HO) activities to assist Mr. Trimble, the HO Portfolio Manager. She is looking forward to working with all of you and he can be reached at mgulati@usaid.gov

Ms. Sonia Madan, Acquisition and Assistance (A&A) Specialist

Ms. Madan joined ROAA on June 12, 2017. Prior to joining ROAA, she worked with USAID/India Executive Office in the Human Resources Division, administering HR functions including but not limited to position classifications, recruitments, and preparing personal service contracts. Ms. Madan has been designated as the lead backstop for the Clean Energy and Environment Office (CLEEO) to assist Ms. Vandana Vats, the CLEEO Portfolio Manager. She is looking forward to working with all of you and he can be contacted at smadan@usaid.gov

Mr. Prateek Nanda, Acquisition & Assistance A&A Assistant

Mr. Nanda has been working with the United States Government for almost 5 years. Prior to joining ROAA, he was working at the Department of States, Consular Management Section. He is an Engineering graduate from the University of East London, U.K. and has over 3 years of financial analysis experience working for a British company. He has been designated as the lead backstop for the Office of Social Sector Initiatives (OSSI) to assist Ms. Charushila Lal, the OSSI Portfolio Manager. Mr. Nanda is looking forward to working with all of you and he can be reached at pnanda@usaid.gov

Note: Please see below the revised allocation of ROAA staff for different portfolios.

1. Portfolio Manager--the directly responsible individual (DRI) for the procurement portfolio.
2. Lead Backstop--Lead Backstop is assigned to assist and has primary responsibility to her/his procurement portfolio and becomes the Portfolio Manager in her/his absence.
3. Backstop (specific to Health office)--to account for the sheer size of the portfolio, each of Health's divisions have assigned backstops to assist if surge capacity is needed.

Clean Energy and Environment Office (CLEEO)

Portfolio Manager: Vandana Vats
Cognizant AO/CO: Armando Espinosa
Lead Backstop: Sonia Madan

Food Security Office (FSO)

Portfolio Manager: Sumit Dutta
Cognizant AO/CO: Armando Espinosa
Lead Backstop: Yogesh Sharma

Health Office (HO)

Portfolio Manager: Robert Trimble
Supervisory AO/CO: Chuck Pope
Lead Backstop: Monika Gulati
A&A Mentor: Charushila Lal

Sub-divisions under HO

Family Health Backstop: Yogesh Sharma
Tuberculosis Backstop: Monika Gulati
Health Systems Backstop: Sonia Madan
HIV/AIDS Backstop: Prateek Nanda

Office of Social Sector Initiatives (OSSI)

Portfolio Manager: Charushila Lal

Cognizant AO/CO: Chuck Pope

Lead Backstop: Prateek Nanda