

FY 2019, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

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. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Business Forecast:** We have noticed in uptick in opportunities being dropped from the USAID forecast recently. Is there a different process and/or policy that USAID is using to review and post forecasting decisions?

USAID Response: We are still using the same process/policies and keeping consistent with the business forecast page.

2. **Business Forecast:** Can USAID add the origination date for opportunities to the forecast to know for certain when they first appeared and if they are new opportunities not previously forecasted?

USAID Response: This is something USAID can explore.

3. **Business Forecast:** Multiple solicitations have been posted on the forecast recently and then eligibility information was updated months later to state that only local organizations are eligible to apply. Can USAID please commit to sharing eligibility information earlier on the forecast? This greatly affects applicant strategies and planning processes.

USAID Response: We will continue to emphasize early and timely update with staff.

4. **Business Forecast:** If there is no incumbent listed can we assume there isn't one?

USAID Response: Yes. However, you may always ask the POC to confirm.

5. **Business Forecast:** The Vietnam Strengthening Provincial Capacity was released on 10/31 after a pre-solicitation on 10/18, but without prior identification of the opportunity through the Business Forecast. This makes it significantly more difficult for firms to prepare for and bid on opportunities like this one, also presenting a challenge to USAID to get the most competitive and best proposals. Does this indicate that the Business Forecast will only be used on a selective bases going forward?

USAID Response: This is likely an administrative oversight and not our policy. We will continue to emphasize early and timely updates to the forecast.

6. **Category Management:** Will or has USAID received Best-In-Class (BIC) and Spend Under Management (SUM) goals for FY19, if so will the agency share their percentage/targets with implementers?

USAID Response: The FY19 target is a 5% growth off of FY18 target. We have not factored in FY18 actuals with growth from there as the data is not final. Using the data that is available it shows the SUM FY19 target as \$3.705B (FY18 actuals is \$3.24B). Therefore, USAID needs to report \$462M in contracts moving to SUM (all Tiers)

The BIC FY19 target is \$84.7M (FY18 Actuals \$73M). Therefore, \$11.7m in spend moving to BIC.

7. **Co-Creation:** What criteria is used to determine if a procurement process will include co-design/co-creation as a precursor to development of the full proposal? Should we expect to see more co-design for future programming, with a concept note phase preceding the full proposal? Is there a way to tell from the business forecast if there will be a call for concept notes before the full proposal?

USAID Response: We do want to find ways throughout the design to implementation spectrum to enhance collaboration including the use of co-design/co-creation. You will witness greater use of tools such as concept paper and statement of objectives. At this time, those types of details would be indicated in the solicitation and/or the POC for the particular activity.

8. **Co-Creation:** We were interested to see that the most recent co-creation processes outlined in the global PEPFAR bids did not include a co-creation workshop or sustained engagement with USAID? Is this indicative of USAID's preferred approach to co-creation going forward?

USAID Response: USAID seeks to improve its procurement processes whenever possible and appropriate, and in particular to seek input from relevant stakeholders including applicants through innovative co-creation processes. There are several different ways to approach co-creation, a new form of which was used for these RFAs; however, this should not be interpreted as the preferred or definitive method of co-creation and stakeholder engagement that will be used by USAID in future procurements.

9. **Journey to Self-Reliance:** How will USAID's initiative, the Journey to Self-Reliance, influence USAID's country strategies? Will the individual Country Roadmaps and Self-Reliance Metrics be used to guide country programming?

USAID Response: They would likely have some influence on country programming. One could envision that where a particular country stands on their Journey to Self-Reliance would influence different types of possible approaches whether technical assistance, government to government, public-private partnerships, etc.

10. Selection of Instrument: Several recent cooperative agreement solicitations have involved core + buy-in funding but are not referenced as LWAs. Is USAID still using the LWA mechanism?

USAID Response: LWAs are still being used at USAID.

11. Small Business: In their recent USAID Small Business Partner Update for SBAIC partners, OSDDBU indicated that USAID intends to expand its Small Business Goal Program to an additional 15 missions in FY 2019. Can USAID name those 15 missions once they have been confirmed and let implementers know where this information will be posted?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID will expand its Mission Small Business Goaling (MSBG) Program to include an additional 15 Missions in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. Currently, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization staff is working closely with senior officials at the Regional Bureaus and Missions to identify FY 2019 participants. The Missions will be shared with USAID partners as soon as the information is finalized.

The following Missions participated in the MSBG Program Pilot in FY 2018: Ghana, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Bangladesh, Philippines, Vietnam, Pakistan, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Peru, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan and Morocco. All Missions with acquisition obligations over \$5 million will be added to the MSBG Program by FY 2020.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **ASIA:** Emerging Opportunities and Challenges Analytical Support Services
 - a. An RFI was release on April 9, 2018. Can USAID provide an update on this activity?

USAID Response: As a result of the RFI USAID issued a RFQ to qualified small businesses on GSA Schedule FSS 874-1 with NAICS code 541690 on July 9. Award # 7200AA18M00015 was made to Integra Government Services International LLC on August 13, 2018.

2. **BFS:** Food Security Service Center Follow-On
 - a. Will this be a small business set-aside or not. Previous versions of the business forecast and Q&As have stated that this will be a small business set-aside, yet the latest forecast says it is TBD. Please clarify.

USAID Response: Yes, the solicitation was recently issued as a small business set aside.

3. **BFS:** Global Food Security BAA
 - a. The posted anticipated award date of 9/30/2018 has passed. Would USAID please confirm the award date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This opportunity is still in the co-creation phase therefore a revised award date is estimated for Spring of 2019.

4. **BFS:** Knowledge, Data, Learning & Training (KDLT)
 - a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: March 2019

5. **BFS:** Technology and Commercialization Partnerships
 - a. has been updated with an anticipated release date of 2/28/2019. However, the description includes an update stating this opportunity will be removed from the Business Forecast as USAID considers its options and the future of this type of activity. Would USAID please confirm if this activity is still under consideration?

USAID Response: This activity is no longer under consideration.

- b. Would USAID please confirm what type of award is expected for this activity?

USAID Response: Please see the answer to 5.a above. This is no longer an opportunity USAID is considering.

6. **DCHA:** In September 2018, the USG pledged \$185 million to help Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. This new funding is reported to be issued for food, water, health care, and other critical aid. Can you say any more about the agency/agencies and/or mechanism(s) through which this USG funding will be issued? If some/all of these funds

go through the State Department, do you expect that USAID will fund standalone health/sexual and reproductive health interventions, or rather weave these technical/programmatic areas into an overarching humanitarian response?

USAID Response: The funding will likely be issued to NGOs and UN agencies for humanitarian assistance activities. OFDA's health programming is part of integrated multi-sector humanitarian programming.

7. **DCHA:** Does OFDA plan to continue listing upcoming opportunities on the USAID Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, OFDA plans to continue to list upcoming opportunities on the USAID Business Forecast.

8. **DCHA:** Is there any expectation that OTI will re-compete the PDQ or START contracts? If not, is there to be some sort of successor program? Either way, when is the likely release date, and is there likely to be a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No USAID/OTI does not intend to re-compete the START or PDQ IDIQs. There is no successor program anticipated at this time.

9. **DCHA:** Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) APS

- a. In the 3rd Quarter addition of the Business Forecast, USAID provided the following response about the nature of the APS for ACES opportunity:

Question. Is it going to be an open-ended instrument so that any organization can apply to it at any time during the five-year period of performance or is it going to require organizations or teams to become pre-qualified?

USAID Response: It is going to be an open-ended instrument.

In order to help organizations prepare for this forthcoming program, particularly since it does not appear to be a Leader with Associates mechanism, can USAID provide any additional information about how this program will be structured, how awards will be made, and how future competitions (if any) would be organized?

USAID Response: The APS representing the DCHA/DRG ACES framework will be posted in the Grants.gov. Funded addenda, which will be the exclusive source of funding through this APS, will later be constructed into the APS. These addenda will likely focus on particularly intractable or impactful development challenges that may occur within or across specific countries, regions, or sectors. Awards are expected to be made following a co-creation process. Further details will be available in the APS once posted in the www.grants.gov.

- b. Does USAID still plan to procure this opportunity in January 2019?

USAID Response: USAID plans to post the APS in the www.grants.gov in January/February 2019.

- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing opportunities under the ACES APS for one year only? Or, will the opportunity cover multiple years (similar to an IDIQ)?

USAID Response: The opportunity will cover multiple years - similar to an IDIQ.

- d. Is USAID considering other procurement options, such as an LWA or BAA, for soliciting proposals?

USAID Response: USAID is considering other options, such as LWA, BAA and/or other options that involves co-creation, co-design, etc.

- e. Will a for-profit firm that is on a winning team as a sub-awardee be able to charge a fee?

USAID Response: Profit is not allowable to any 'for-profit' entity receiving or administering Federal financial assistance as a recipient or subrecipient.

10. DCHA: Analytical Services IV IDIQ

- a. Would USAID be able to provide an update to the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: Anticipated award date is dependent on the FY19 funds availability. Current anticipated award date is December/January, 2018/19 but it could be delayed further.

11. DCHA: Development Food Security Activity

- a. When does USAID Food for Peace expect to release the draft Development Food Security Activity RFA?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date for this activity is the 3rd quarter of FY19.

12. DCHA: FEWS NET 7 IDIQ

- a. Would USAID please clarify the award date and release of the first task order?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the Unrestricted IDIQ and Restricted IDIQ and Task Order will be in FY19.

13. DCHA: Global Reconciliation Fund

- a. Could USAID provide clarity on the update to this opportunity issued on October 11, 2018? Was this intended to be a pre-solicitation for FY19, or was it a follow-up to the FY18 round for which proposals have already been submitted?

USAID Response: The business forecast update made on October 11, 2018 was intended for the FY18 Global Reconciliation Fund.

- b. Does USAID intend to release a new Global Reconciliation Fund solicitation in the coming year?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to release a Global Reconciliation Fund solicitation for FY19.

- c. Currently, the Business Forecast lists Collaborative Agreement. Is this a new mechanism or is there a typo?

USAID Response: It is not clear if this question relates to the Global Reconciliation Fund or is a general Business Forecast question. With that said, there will be no new mechanisms in the FY19 Global Reconciliation Fund solicitation.

14. DCHA: PEACE IQC

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on to the PEACE IQC? If yes, would USAID please consider adding additional details on this opportunity to the business forecast?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a follow-on to the PEACE IQC at this time.

15. DCHA: International Rule of Law Technical Services IDIQ

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan a follow-on mechanism.

16. DCHA: SWIFT V IDIQ

- a. When does USAID anticipate awarding this?

USAID Response: USAID anticipate awarding SWIFT V IDIQ in the 2nd Quarter of FY19.

17. E3: Catalyzing Private Sector Investment

- a. Can USAID please provide more details on the focus and timing of addenda/funding windows anticipated under this BAA?

USAID Response: No. Expressions of Interests are currently being solicited under the 2018 Catalyzing Private Investment Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). USAID Missions and Operating Units may issue Addendums under this BAA, soliciting Expressions of Interest (EOI) that will include instructions on how to submit an EOI. Please continue to monitor fbo.gov and grants.gov for future opportunities.

18. E3: E3LS Future Institutional Support Contract

- a. What is the anticipated scope of work for this contract?

USAID Response: The scope of work for this contract is to provide personnel to

E3's Office of Local Sustainability and the programs that office supports, including the Cooperative Development and Local Works Programs.

- b. What is the anticipated contract type?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a Time-and-Materials GSA Task Order.

- c. Is this activity expected to be released as small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID released the RFQ on October 16th as a total competitive set-aside to 8(a) firms. The deadline for receipt of proposals was November 7th.

- d. Will USAID kindly provide the geographical areas to be covered?

USAID Response: This contract is to be based in Washington, DC with short and long term technical assistance able to travel worldwide.

19. E3: Energy II IDIQ

- a. When does USAID anticipate the procurement review to be finalized and an award date announced?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates finalizing the award(s) in the first quarter of CY 2019.

20. E3: FAST

- a. The award date for the opportunity FAST to 3/25/2019. However, the solicitation release date remained unchanged as 1/02/2018. Can USAID please provide an update on when the solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a solicitation release in early 2019.

- b. We suggest that USAID give strong consideration to setting aside this procurement for the small business holders of the PFM IDIQ and their respective consortia, all of whom are well qualified to meet the requirements of this contract.

USAID Response: USAID appreciates the suggestion.

- c. Will USAID please confirm that the anticipated FAST activity will be released as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID has not concluded its market research regarding this procurement.

21. E3: HICD IDIQ

- a. What is the anticipated release date for the HICD IDIQ re-bid?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

22. E3: Leadership in Public Financial Management (LPFM) III Task Order

- a. Can USAID provide more information on this TO?

USAID Response: The next iteration of LPFM has been renamed FAST. Please see USAID's responses to question 20 (above).

- b. Is there an updated release date?

USAID Response: Please see USAID's responses to question 20 (above).

- c. Will this be procured under the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing FAST as a RFTOP under PFM II IDIQ.

- d. Will it be set-aside for small-businesses?

USAID Response: Please see USAID's responses to question 20 (above).

23. E3: REPLACE IDIQ

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

24. E3: Water and Development (WADI) IQC

- a. Will the rebid for this be released in 2019?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

- b. Does USAID anticipate any additional task orders this calendar year?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

25. E&E: Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Analytical Services IDIQ

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated award date for this?

USAID Response: This solicitation has been canceled.

26. GH: Can USAID please confirm whether the anticipated award dates for the ASAP, TMEC, RCAY, and DFI opportunities are still up to date?

USAID Response: The anticipated award dates for ASAP, RCAY, and DFI are correct in the Business Forecast. The anticipated award date for TMEC will be updated to reflect 02/28/2019.

27. **GH:** There are a number of centrally funded project in the Global Health Bureau that will come to an end in the 2019, including MCSP, E2A, Advancing Partners and Communities and Measure Phase 4. What plans does USAID have to re compete any or all of this programs?

USAID Response: MCSP is redesigned. The new integrated program solicitation will be released in early 2019. As for E2A and Advancing Communities, there will not be follow-on awards. Rather, there will be integrated projects that encompasses these awards (E2A, APC, as well as PAC-FP and Fistula). Further information will be provided on the business forecast in the next few months.

28. **GH:** What are the Agency's plans re competing the various GHSC mechanisms, including PSM and the TA IDIQ

USAID Response: The next generation of the SC program is currently under development. USAID is exploring ways to be innovative in its design, procurement, and resulting award(s) while incentivizing a high level of performance.

29. **GH:** Would USAID please comment whether USAID envisions any programming in support of non-communicable diseases and if so, what are those programs?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

30. **GH:** Given the issuance of the new OHA solicitations, including DFI, will there be an additional mechanism that will strengthen health information systems across all health areas?

USAID Response: Other than DFI, there are no new mechanisms anticipated under GH/OHA.

31. **GH:** Accelerating Support to Able Local Partners (ASAP) Task Order

- a. Does USAID expect that applicants will include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries at the concept paper stage?

USAID Response: ASAP is a task order; therefore, there is no concept paper stage.

- b. For TASC4 Africa IDIQ holders who are eligible to apply for the ASAP Task Order does USAID expect that applicants will include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries at the full proposal stage once a short list of applicants who “pass” the concept paper stage are identified?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not expect Offerors to include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries at the full proposal stage.

32. **GH:** Challenge TB

- a. Would USAID please clarify if there is a follow-on plan to support activities currently supported by the Challenge TB project?

USAID Response: USAID will continue to support National TB Programs in priority countries to improve TB services and to reach national and global targets.

33. GH: Control and Elimination Project for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CEP-NTDs)

- a. Can USAID provide any updates on this activity, including scope, whether it will be full and open, and if there will be an RFI prior to competing an RFA?

USAID Response: Two cooperative agreements were awarded in FY 2019

34. GH: Emerging Pandemic Threats Program (EPT-2)

- a. How does the Infections Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) program relate to EPT-3?

USAID Response: IDDS works to operationalize global and U.S. Government initiatives and strategies to reduce global health threats posed by infectious diseases, focusing on strengthening of disease detection networks and surveillance systems, including One Health networks to address zoonotic and emerging diseases. IDDS is designed to fill gaps in countries around laboratory strengthening and surveillance. All activities are designed to complement , not duplicate other USAID and/or donor efforts.

- b. Will the RFAs be similar to the current awards under EPT-2? If not, what will the RFAs be comprised of?

USAID Response:The focus of Emerging Threats Next Gen will be similar to that of EPT2 in terms of lines of work. The portfolio will continue to use a risk-based One Health approach to reduce the risks of infectious disease threats around the following technical and cross-cutting lines of work: PREPARE, PREVENT, DETECT, RESPOND, Workforce Development, and Multisectoral Coordination.

- c. Will the EPT 3 awards be direct follow-ons to the current awards?

USAID Response: The Next Gen portfolio will reflect an evolution of learning over the last decade of USAID investments in the field. The lines of work will remain similar, but none of the awards are considered “direct” follow-ons to existing awards.

- d. When does USAID anticipate releasing one or more of the RFAs for EPT 3?

USAID Response : The first Request for Information (RFI) for One Health Workforce -- Next Gen has been released. Please see:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=7200aa19rfa00004>

- e. Will USAID release an RFI prior to competing an RFA?

USAID Response: USAID has issued an RFI for the One Health Workforce -- Next Gen. It is the expectation that USAID will issue RFIs prior to competing Notices for Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). Please see: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=7200aa19rfa00004>

35. GH: Global Accelerator to End Tuberculosis

- a. Would USAID please clarify how USAID will support activities relative to the Global Accelerator to End Tuberculosis?

USAID Response: USAID will support activities relative to the Global Accelerator to End Tuberculosis by:

- Deploying deliberate and targeted technical expertise to increase the diagnosis and treatment of cases of TB and its multi-drug resistant variant;
- Embedding TB advisors in Ministries of Health;
- Funding local organizations, including community and faith-based groups, to assist with case-finding, treatment, follow-up, and education about the disease;
- Raising domestic resources to allow us to accelerate the transition of the funding and management of TB programs to governments and their partners; and
- Improving coordination with programs for HIV and other health conditions.

36. GH: HIV

- a. Would USAID kindly share its anticipated strategy for competing follow-ons for global HIV procurements, including AIDSFree, LINKAGES, Project SOAR, ASPIRES & 4Children?

USAID Response: The expiring awards in GH/OHA, including those listed above, will be rolled out into a new suite of awards - TMEC, RCAY, and DFI.

37. GH: Knowledge SUCCESS APS

- a. Are there any updates as to when applicants will hear back on submissions?

USAID Response: We are still in the evaluation stage of the procurement. Applicants should receive further information regarding their submissions, by early Q2 of FY19.

38. GH: MCSP

- a. Is there any anticipated solicitation release date for the follow-on?

USAID Response: This program is redesigned. The new integrated program solicitation will be released in early 2019.

- b. Will an RFI or presolicitation be released?

USAID Response: MCHN held a partners meeting in February 2018. A decision has not been made yet on whether there will be a RFI.

39. GH: MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV

- a. DFI NOFO mentions the MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV as a previous mechanism. Is the implication that health information systems work that MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV project ending in June 2019 was doing will be carried out under DFI?

USAID Response: The health information systems work performed under MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV will be carried out under DFI. Additionally, the performance period for MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV has been extended from June 28, 2019 to June 28, 2020.

- b. Will there be another mechanism to address health information system strengthening for other health areas?

USAID Response: Under GH/OHA there will not be another mechanism to address HIS strengthening for other health areas.

40. GH: Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (TMEC)

- a. Does USAID expect that applicants will include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries at the concept paper stage?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not expect applicants to include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries. Furthermore, the concept paper stage has closed.

- b. Does USAID expect that applicants will include specific, named local NGOs for certain regions/countries at the full proposal stage once a shortlist of applicants who “pass” the concept paper stage are identified?

USAID Response: Per the solicitation, the above question can be asked only if you were requested to submit questions in accordance with your “pass” notification letter.

- c. Could USAID please share the expected timeline for notifying applicants if they received a “pass or no pass”?

USAID Response: Applicants were notified November 21, 2018.

- d. Does USAID anticipate that all Mission funds will be released at the onset of the award for PEPFAR NOFO Projects, or on a rolling basis as Mission funding is accepted?

USAID Response: At this time, there is strong interest from Missions in the new suite of PEPFAR NOFO projects. Therefore, it is highly anticipated that Mission funding will be released at the onset of the awards as well as on a rolling basis as Mission funding is accepted.

41. GH: GHPro

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a rebid of the GHPro project? If so, when is the RFP anticipated

USAID Response: USAID is currently redesigning the program. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

- b. Can USAID confirm that this will be an 8a set aside?

USAID Response: This is a consideration, although a decision has not been made yet. Please monitor the business forecast for any updates.

42. GH: Support for International Family Planning Organizations 2 (SIFPO2)

- a. will there be an RFI prior to competing an RFA? If so, what is the expected timing of release of an RFA?

USAID Response: There will not be a follow-on award for SIFPO2. However, we are planning for a new private sector award. Further information will be provided on the business forecast within the next few months.

43. GH: Youth 4 the Future

- a. When will this procurement be released, and what is its potential dollar value?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

- b. Can USAID confirm whether the Youth 4 the Future procurement will be either a standalone, single award RFP, an IQC like the previous YouthPower procurement, or some other type of mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time

44. GH: YouthPower IDIQ

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to this IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

- b. What procurement mechanism will USAID use?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

45. LAC: CARSI

- a. Does USAID envision any FY19 Central America regional programming to address security, migration, and/or social issues?

USAID Response: Yes.

46. LAC: Northern Triangle

- a. The current forecast does not indicate any upcoming opportunities for El Salvador or Honduras, while there are several listed for Guatemala. Could USAID provide an indication of its broader strategy and anticipated funding for the Northern Triangle countries, and more specifically related to the countries of El Salvador and Honduras?

USAID Response: USAID/El Salvador has a new Criminal Justice and Anti-corruption project currently in the forecast with anticipated solicitation release date of January 2019.

USAID/Honduras anticipates new activities in Agriculture, Integrated Violence Prevention, and Democracy and Governance.

- b. Does the removal of previously forecasted opportunities for El Salvador and Honduras represent a change in strategy by USAID?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Can USAID provide an indication of which future funding opportunities in the Northern Triangle will be designed as country-specific or regional projects?

USAID Response: USAID is unable to make that determination at this point.

- d. Given the recent increases in migration push factors in the Central America region, and coordinated migration movements, is USAID considering a program to address such push factors for migration?

USAID Response: The U.S. Strategy for Central America aims to address the security, governance and economic drivers of illegal migration. USAID intends to continue to ensure that current and future programming is focused on the factors that lead to out-migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.

- e. In the Northern Triangle countries, there has been a strong focus on increasing government capacity at high levels to fight corruption and improve reliability and confidence, including improvements in security forces. Does USAID plan to continue to invest heavily in these areas, or will upcoming funding opportunities include a stronger focus on building capacity of both civil society and on-the-ground government institutions?

USAID Response: USAID plans to continue implementing programs that support all three pillars of the U.S. Strategy for Central America- security, governance,

and prosperity.

47. LAC: Surge Support for LAC

- a. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This procurement has been removed from the forecast pending program development. USAID is not prepared to respond to questions on this potential opportunity at this time.

- b. Would USAID provide clarification if this is a new project or a follow on to existing work?

USAID Response: This procurement has been removed from the forecast pending program development. USAID is not prepared to respond to questions on this potential opportunity at this time.

- c. Would USAID be able to provide any additional details on the procurement scope and specific sectors this procurement may cover?

USAID Response: This procurement has been removed from the forecast pending program development. USAID is not prepared to respond to questions on this potential opportunity at this time.

- d. Will USAID kindly provide information regarding the anticipated areas of M&E, survey and technical support? Will these services primarily be for the Program Office or Technical Offices?

USAID Response: This procurement has been removed from the forecast pending program development. USAID is not prepared to respond to questions on this potential opportunity at this time.

48. OAA: Worldwide Training IQC

- a. In the Q3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that the Global Worldwide Training opportunity will be released through OASIS. Could USAID please confirm which pool it will be released under, whether it will be a small-business set-aside and when USAID anticipates releasing this opportunity?

USAID Response: This procurement will be removed from the forecast pending further program office decisions.

49. PPL: EVAL-ME IDIQ

- a. In the previous Q&A USAID mentioned that they anticipate to release the IDIQ in early FY19. Would USAID please confirm the timing of the full EVAL-ME IDIQ follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

50. PPL: LEARN

- a. Can USAID provide information regarding its planning for a LEARN follow-on contract?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

51. PPL: EVAL ME IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm it will be using the forecast in the future to share the status of the opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

- b. Can USAID also confirm if a draft RFP and/or an industry day are anticipated before the release of the final RFP?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

52. PPL: PPL Monitoring IDIQ

- a. This does not appear on the forecast, but USAID recently posted a sources sought notice for this procurement. Please update the forecast to provide as much information as possible on this procurement.

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** USAID/ Afghanistan had previously forecasted two new programs for health in June 2018, which were recently removed from the business forecast. Could USAID provide additional information regarding the status of those two opportunities?

USAID Response: National Technical Assistance Program (formerly known as BEHTAR-Health Outcomes Improved) and Urban Health Initiative (formerly known as Urban BEHTAR) are still in design phase. Solicitations for both opportunities are anticipated to be released in April 2019.

2. **Afghanistan:** Afghan Urban Water and Sanitation
 - a. Can USAID clarify which regions in Afghanistan are currently under consideration?

USAID Response:

The purpose of the Afghan Urban Water and Sanitation activity is to increase access to urban water and sanitation services for residents in six Afghan cities serviced by the Afghanistan Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation (AUWSSC) and the Afghan government. The cities are Kabul, Herat, Jalalabad, Mazar e Sharif, Kandahar, and Kunduz.

3. **Afghanistan:** BEHTAR- Health Outcomes Improved
 - a. BEHTAR-Health Outcomes Improved and Urban BEHTAR opportunities are no longer listed on the USAID Business Forecast. Could USAID please provide an update on these procurements, including anticipated release dates?

USAID Response: National Technical Assistance Program (formerly known as BEHTAR-Health Outcomes Improved) and Urban Health Initiative (formerly known as Urban BEHTAR) are still in design phase. Solicitations for both opportunities are anticipated to be released in April 2019.

4. **Afghanistan:** Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Program
 - a. Can USAID kindly confirm that the projected release date for the Afghanistan Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Program remains 11/5/2018?

USAID Response: The projected solicitation date for the Afghanistan Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Activity is projected for December 5, 2018.

- b. Can USAID clarify which regions in Afghanistan are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: This information will be detailed in the solicitation.

- c. Can USAID please advise what value chains are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: This information will be detailed in the solicitation.

- d. Will USAID be requesting concept notes first before selecting successful applicants?

USAID Response: This information will be detailed in the solicitation.

5. **Afghanistan:** Strengthening Education in Afghanistan (SEA) II

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: A follow-on to this specific activity is not planned.

6. **Afghanistan:** Support for Higher Education

- a. Can USAID provide any updates on this program, specifically based on RFI responses received will the mission be releasing within the current Fiscal Year?

USAID Response: USAID is nearing the end of the design phase for this activity and we anticipate a release of an RFA in the new year.

7. **Albania:** NextGen Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide additional information about the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is March 15, 2019.

- b. Will USAID please confirm the mechanism for this anticipated activity?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

8. **Bangladesh:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future programming in Bangladesh? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work for these programs?

USAID Response: Draft scopes of work are always considered in the pre-solicitation of new activities. All follow-on Feed the Future programming, if appropriate, will be readily identified as early-on as possible and included in the Business Forecast.

9. **Bangladesh:** In September 2018 the USG pledged \$185 million to help Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Can USAID confirm if there will be any opportunities for funding coming out of the Bangladesh mission related to Rohingya response efforts?

USAID Response: The USAID Mission in Bangladesh cannot directly assist Rohingya refugees, as it is not within our mandate. Selected development assistance to host communities within Bangladesh are being considered through current activities, and yet to be determined new activities.

10. **Bangladesh:** A number of solicitations for Bangladesh have been cancelled in the last few months. Can USAID please advise whether any additional solicitations for Bangladesh will be released in FY19 Q1?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated at the most optimal times to give potential partners the opportunity to plan and prepare for any business opportunities of interest. Other than what's on the Business Forecast now, no additional solicitations are foreseen for FY 19 Quarter 1.

11. **Bangladesh:** Does USAID have plans to release a new youth and skills development procurement in FY19?

USAID Response: To-date, no plans to speak of.

12. **Bangladesh:** Does USAID have plans to release a new market systems development activity in FY19?

USAID Response: To-date, the Mission is at the preliminary stages of planning.

13. **Bangladesh:** Read and Learn

- a. Does USAID/Bangladesh have any updates on whether this opportunity will return to the forecast?

USAID Response: Please look-out for other education sector opportunities in the future.

14. **Bangladesh:** Workforce Development for Bangladeshi Youth

- a. Can USAID please confirm that this activity is cancelled, and if so, whether any additional workforce development procurements are anticipated for Bangladesh?

USAID Response: This activity has been cancelled. At this time no Workforce Development activities are under consideration. USAID will include on the business forecast any information regarding a new program if this situation changes.

15. **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** E-Governance and Anti-Corruption Activity

- a. Would USAID please provide more information on when this procurement will be added to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: When we have more information regarding this activity, we will post to the forecast.

16. **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Judiciary Against Corruption Activity (JACA)

- a. Two sources sought were released in October for similar activities—one for a Justice Activity with solicitation number 720168181 and one for E-governance and Anti-corruption. Would USAID confirm that these solicitations are combined or that two solicitations will be released, both as small business set-asides?

USAID Response: The JACA will be released as a SB set-aside. As we are still reviewing the details for E-governance we cannot provide an answer.

17. Bosnia and Herzegovina: Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity (MEASURE-BiH)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: We hope to procure some version of MEL work; at this time the dates are unknown.

18. Brazil: Amazon Indigenous Rights & Resources (AIRR)

- a. Given the current political transition in Brazil, does USAID anticipate any changes to the timing or scope of the AIRR activity?

USAID Response:No

19. Burkina Faso: IMC Malaria Project

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If so, can USAID provide information on the timing?

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a new solicitation to implement malaria programs. We anticipate it to be procured and operational by spring 2020.

20. Burma: Does USAID expect to have any education opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma is not currently designing an education-specific activity.

21. Burma: Does USAID expect to have any livelihoods opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: "Livelihoods" is a general term. It is possible that some planned activities may touch on this theme.

22. Burma: Agri-Food System Support Activity

- a. Can USAID kindly confirm that the projected release date for the Burma Agri-Food Systems Support Activity remains 1/14/2019?

USAID Response: The planned release date has not changed.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Can USAID please advise what food systems are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: Please refer to the definition of agriculture and food systems in the Global Food Security Strategy.

- d. Can USAID clarify which regions in Burma are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: No.

- e. Will USAID be requesting concept notes first before selecting successful applicants?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma will not release any such details prior to the release of an NFO.

- f. Could USAID please provide additional details about the target geography?

USAID Response: No.

- g. Will USAID specify the key value chains in the RFA, or will it be up to the applicant to determine which value chains to focus on?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma will not release any such details prior to the issuance of an NFO.

23. Burma: Burma Aquaculture Activity

- a. At this time, does USAID have an estimated release date for the Burma Aquaculture Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not plan to release a general solicitation for this activity.

- b. Can USAID kindly provide any information about the award mechanism type considered?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not plan to release a general solicitation for this activity.

- c. Has USAID determined the estimated cost range for this activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not plan to release a general solicitation for this activity.

24. Burma: Economic Reform Activity

- a. Does USAID still expect this solicitation to be released December 2, 2018?

USAID Response: At this time, there is no change to the planned release date. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for any changes.

25. Burma: Support to AIDS Relief (STAR)

- a. Can USAID specify whether this will be on open call or whether there might be restrictions around the eligibility to bid on this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma will not be moving forward with a Notice of Funding Opportunity for this action. It has been removed from the business

forecast.

26. Cambodia: Does USAID anticipate any WASH-related solicitations in FY 19?

USAID Response: There will be no stand-alone WASH solicitations in FY 2019

27. Cambodia: Cambodia Food Security and Environment Population-Based Survey

a. The forecast lists a release date of 10/31. Was a solicitation released at that time?

USAID Response: Yes, the solicitation for task order was issued on October 31, 2018.

b. Under which mechanism will this be released?

USAID Response: The task order will be awarded under the single-source IDIQ USAID Asia Learning and M&E Support Project (AID-486-I-14-00001) with Social Impact, Inc. The IDIQ number has been added to the Business Forecast listing description.

28. Cambodia: Countering Trafficking in Persons (CTIP)

a. Will USAID re-bid the current USAID Cambodia CTIP award, or will trafficking work in Cambodia be incorporated under the regional CTIP project instead?

USAID Response: USAID/Cambodia has not yet made a determination yet.

29. Cambodia: Labor and Consumer Rights Activity

a. Has the award mechanism type been determined for this activity?

USAID Response: No, we have not decided on the type of implementation mechanism for this activity.

b. Can USAID provide more information about the expected SOW of the program?

USAID Response: We are early in the design process and do not have additional information to share at this time.

30. Cambodia: Social Accountability Innovation Activity

a. Is this a follow-on to an existing activity?

USAID Response: No, it is not a follow-on to an existing activity.

b. Can USAID specify the funding mechanism that will be used?

USAID Response :No, we have not decided on the type of implementation mechanism for this activity.

- c. Will this be procured under free and open competition or will eligibility be restricted to certain entities?

USAID Response: USAID Cambodia's preference is that this activity be procured through competition. We have not yet determined whether or not we will use pre-competes implementation mechanisms (e.g., IDIQs, LWAs) or full and open competition.

31. Cambodia: USAID Cambodia Environment Outreach Project

- a. Would USAID confirm whether this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: We have not determined the award type or whether it will or will not be a small business set-aside.

32. Central Asia: Enterprises, Employment and Enabling Environments (E4) Activity

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 11/29/2018?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date for the USAID/Central Asia Enterprises, Employment and Enabling Environments (E4) Activity has been revised to 01/14/2019.

- b. Can USAID please provide an updated expected budget range for the Future Growth Initiative task order?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates that expected range for the task order will be \$17 - \$19 million.

33. Central Asia: Regional Civil Society Project

- a. Will USAID release a draft Scope of Work for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia is not planning to release a draft Program Description for the Regional Civil Society Project at this time. However, this is subject to change as timing allows.

- b. Can USAID confirm which countries in Central Asia will be included? All, or some, of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan?

USAID Response: The focus countries for the Central Asia Regional Civil Society Project will be Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. This activity might include Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan for regional networking, as appropriate.

- c. Given Uzbek parliamentary elections shortly after this Award Date in December 2019, does USAID anticipate engagement with the Uzbekistani Parliament under this project?

USAID Response: No.

34. Colombia: Does USAID anticipate any new energy procurements in FY19?

USAID Response: No

35. Colombia: Lands and Prosperity

- a. This no longer appears on the Forecast. Can USAID confirm if this has been cancelled?

USAID Response: This award will be made under an IDIQ and has therefore been removed from the business forecast.

36. Colombia: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Colombia plans to make an award early in 2019.

37. Cote d'Ivoire: Does USAID have an update on expected health procurements and anticipated release dates?

USAID Response: USAID/Côte d'Ivoire does not foresee any new health related procurements for FY19, Quarter 1. If/when new activities are to be procured in subsequent Quarters, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly to allow potential partners to prepare and plan for upcoming opportunities.

38. Cote d'Ivoire: Activity to Support Political Transition and Accountability

- a. Does USAID plan to procure this activity? If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Côte d'Ivoire awarded the Political Transition and Inclusion (PTI) activity in July 2018.

39. DRC: ACCELERE

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to the ACCELERE activity in FY 2019?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not intend to have a follow-on to ACCELERE in FY 2019.

40. DRC: Conservation Through Economic Empowerment in ROC

- a. Will USAID confirm the operating unit for this opportunity? It is currently Democratic Republic of the Congo but the title indicates Republic of Congo

USAID Response: : All CARPE activities fall under the Central Africa Regional Operating unit (CAROU). But they are contracted out of the DRC mission. At the moment, we have two activities on the business forecast. One that is regional in

focus (FABS), and one that is ROC focused (CEE).

- b. Is USAID still expecting to release the solicitation for the USAID Conservation through Economic Empowerment on or about December 10, 2018?

USAID Response: No, we cannot speculate on when this solicitation will be released.

41. DRC: Funded Forestry and Biodiversity

- a. Can USAID provide a brief description of the anticipated scope of work for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity will assist USAID's Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) and other environmental stakeholders in the Congo Basin to devise and implement strategies and actions that address the large-scale threats to biodiversity conservation and forest management.

- b. Has this replaced the USAID Environmental Policy opportunity previously found on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes.

- c. Could USAID please confirm whether improving livelihoods will represent a significant goal of this activity?

USAID Response: The objectives and implementation strategies of this activity will be defined in the procurement documents.

- d. Could USAID confirm if this activity will support the USAID/DRC Environment Partnerships Program APS?

USAID Response: Yes, this activity will support all activities under CARPE, including those developed under the EPP APS.

- e. Could USAID please confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date is 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: No, it is not possible and we cannot speculate on when this will be - given the situation in the DRC.

- f. Does USAID plan on having this activity cover only the DRC, or will it be inclusive of the Congo Basin and/or other countries in Central Africa in which USAID supports environment programming (such as CARPE)?

USAID Response: This activity will be regional in nature, but will be contracted out of the DRC mission

42. DRC: EAGLE

- a. Will USAID re-bid the EAGLE project? If not, is another opportunity related to adolescent girls' education, livelihoods, and protection planned?

USAID Response: No, USAID/DRC will not rebid the EAGLE project. So far there is no planned opportunity related to girls education, livelihoods and protection.

43. DRC: Resilience Agriculture Value Chain

- a. Given its small size (\$4 - \$10 million) is USAID considering a small business set aside for this award?

USAID Response: No, the estimated cost for this procurement is estimated to be between \$18-\$19 million.

- b. Given that this date has passed, could USAID please provide an update on the expected timing, content, and award type for this opportunity?

USAID Response: the award will be issued under the IDIQ and we expect to release the RFTOP in early 2019.

- c. Can USAID specify the award type?

USAID Response: Task Order Contract.

44. DRC: Sustainable WASH Service Delivery

- a. Is Dec. 3 2018 still the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: No, we anticipate making this award in the first half of 2019.

- b. will USAID publish the final RFP for full applications along with a short list of eligible applicants?

USAID Response: Expressions of Interests (EOIs) were due on October 29th for the WASH Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). We anticipate making this award in the first half of 2019.

- c. Will USAID confirm that the co-creation workshop will be in Kinshasa in January?

USAID Response: Yes, the co-creation workshop will take place in Kinshasa, but most likely in early February 2019 instead.

45. Djibouti: Djibouti Early Grade Reading

- a. Can USAID provide more information on this opportunity, including anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

- b. Is this a follow-on, or a new opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

46. East Africa: Strengthening Agriculture and Regional Resilience (STARR)

- a. SAID estimated that it would release an RFP in February. It has since been dropped from the forecast. Is USAID/KEA still planning on releasing an RFP for STARR?

USAID Response: The business forecast will be updated to reflect a revised RFP release date for this program along with other changes.

47. East Africa: Tusome Endline Evaluation

- a. Does USAID intend on re-soliciting this?

USAID Response: USAID intends on performing an endline evaluation of Tusome. However, the procurement mechanism is still to be determined.

48. East Timor: Does USAID/Timor Leste plan to release the new CDCS for Timor Leste in advance of the release of the “Expanding Governance Reform” and “Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Local CSOs” opportunities?

USAID Response: No, the release of the Mission's new CDCS will not necessarily proceed the release of both activities. It is likely the two activities will be out for solicitation prior to the launch of the new CDCS.

49. East Timor: Expanding Governance Reform

- a. Could USAID update the Award/Action Type, if known?

USAID Response:The award type is still to be determined.

- b. Does USAID intend to use the PFM II IDIQ for this procurement?

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

- c. Does USAID have plans to make this procurement a small-business set aside?

USAID Response:The procurement is still in design stage. The decision on small-business set aside has not been made.

50. East Timor: Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Local CSOs

- a. Could USAID update the Award/Action Type, if known?

USAID Response:The award type is still to be determined.

- b. Does USAID have plans to make this procurement a small-business set aside?

USAID Response: The procurement is still in design stage. The decision on

small-business set aside has not been made.

- c. Will this be procured under free and open competition or will eligibility be restricted to certain entities?

USAID Response: The procurement is still in design stage. No decision has been made regarding competition or eligibility restriction.

51. Egypt: Decentralization and Local Administration Reform

- a. Will this return to the forecast, or are there any other governance activities planned?

USAID Response: This activity will not return to the Forecast. The governance activity planned is already announced in the Forecast which is the Economic Governance Flagship Activity.

52. Egypt: Egypt Economic Courts Support

- a. Can USAID please clarify which IDIQ is expected to be used for this activity?

USAID Response: The IDIQ is still under consideration. The Forecast will be updated once an IDIQ is determined.

- b. Can USAID please clarify whether this activity will come out of the DG or EG office?

USAID Response: This activity will come out of the DG office.

53. Egypt: Egypt Economic Governance Flagship Activity

- a. Can USAID please clarify which IDIQ is expected to be used for this activity?

USAID Response: The IDIQ is still under consideration. The Forecast will be updated once an IDIQ is determined.

- b. Can USAID please clarify whether this activity will come out of the DG or EG office?

USAID Response: This activity will come out of the DG office.

54. Egypt: Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation (SIMPLE)

- a. There is currently no follow-on contract listed on the USAID Business Forecast. Will there be a follow-on to this contract?

USAID Response: The current SIMPLE contract ends in July 2020. The Egypt Mission has not yet made a determination on when a follow-on will be procured. The business forecast will be updated once a decision has been made.

55. **EI Salvador:** Does USAID still anticipate funding programs that have a primary focus on Protection and Violence Prevention?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/EI Salvador still plans to fund programs with a primary focus on Protection and Violence Prevention.

56. **EI Salvador:** Citizen Security

- a. Would USAID please elaborate on whether the opportunity has been cancelled or delayed and, if removed, what decisions were made leading to its removal from the forecast?

USAID Response: The Citizen Security opportunity has not been cancelled, but rather postpone to ensure proper design.

57. **EI Salvador:** Power Efficiency and Reliability Improvement

- a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the solicitation?

USAID Response: No

- b. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No. However, USAID/EI Salvador is strongly considering an full and open assistance award to a local organization.

- c. Will this opportunity be full and open?

USAID Response: N/A

58. **EI Salvador:** Supporting Effective Justice in EI Salvador

- a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/EI Salvador is targeting posting the solicitation before February 1, 2018.

59. **Ethiopia:** When does USAID Ethiopia expect to release the next CDCS?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is not in a position to release further information at this time as internal processes and decision making are ongoing.

60. **Ethiopia:** When does USAID expect to publish the Ethiopia Feed the Future strategy?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is not in a position to release further information at this time as internal processes and decision making are ongoing.

61. **Ethiopia:** Pastoralist Areas Resilience Improvement Through Market Expansion (PRIME)

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the Pastoral Resilience Activity/Activities solicitation described in the previous FY18 Q3 Business Forecast Questions and

Responses and what is the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is targeting releasing the solicitation in the 1st quarter of FY19. The award date cannot be determined at this time.

- b. Has there been any change in geography, intermediate results or estimated cost/amount range for the Pastoral Resilience Activity/Activities described in the FY18 Q3 Business Forecast Questions and Responses?

USAID Response: USAID is not in a position to release information on these aspects of the activity at this time as internal processes and decision making are ongoing.

- c. Does USAID plan to release a single solicitation or multiple solicitations for the Pastoral Resilience Activity/Activities? If multiple, what will be the scope and estimated cost/amount range for each of the individual solicitations and the anticipated release dates for each?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia anticipates a single solicitation with an estimated cost of between \$50,000,000 to \$99,000,000. Please see 61 a. for estimated release date of solicitation.

- d. Will there be a follow-on activity, and if so, when?

USAID Response: USAID cannot determine that at this time.

62. Ethiopia: Supporting the Electronic Information Systems in Ethiopia

- a. Could USAID provide a more detailed description of this activity?

USAID Response: The solicitation for this activity was released on November 21, 2018. You can access full information at Fed Biz Opps: <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/AID/OM/ETH/72066318R00016/listing.html>

63. Georgia: Economic Governance Program

- a. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Georgia is considering full and open competition.

- b. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Does USAID intend to restrict competition for this award to local organizations?

USAID Response: No.

- d. Will USAID issue a draft SOW prior to issuing a formal solicitation?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Georgia is not planning to release a draft SOW for the Economic Governance Program at this time.

- e. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for Economic Governance Program remains 3/25/2019?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID/Georgia anticipates issuing a Solicitation on/about 3/25/2019.

64. Georgia: New Education Program

- a. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This will not be a small-business set-aside project.

- b. Has USAID determined the mechanism for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates using an assistance mechanism through a full and open Request for Applications.

- c. Does USAID intend to restrict competition for this award to local organizations?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to issue a draft SOW/PD prior to solicitation.

- d. Will USAID issue a draft SOW or RFI prior to issuing a formal solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to issue a draft SOW/PD prior to solicitation.

- e. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this Program remains 2/28/2019?

USAID Response: Confirmed.

- f. Can USAID provide more information on the building of financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills? Will these activities focus on engaging young people?

USAID Response: Financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills development component will focus on young persons at the primary and secondary education levels. Activities will be implemented primarily in public schools.

65. Ghana: Does USAID anticipate any WASH-related solicitations for Ghana in FY19?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana is currently developing its new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The announcement of future activities aligned with the

new CDCS will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

66. **Ghana:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any agriculture/FTF procurements in Ghana over the next year?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ghana Economic Growth Office is in the midst of developing its Global Food Security Strategy Project Appraisal Document at this time. The announcement of future activities will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

67. **Ghana:** Does USAID have an update on expected health procurements and anticipated release dates?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana is currently developing its new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The announcement of future activities aligned with the new CDCS will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

68. **Ghana:** ADVANCE II

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ghana Economic Growth Office is in the midst of developing its Global Food Security Strategy Project Appraisal Document at this time. The announcement of future activities will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

69. **Ghana:** FTF Ag Technology Transfer Project

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ghana Economic Growth Office is in the midst of developing its Global Food Security Strategy Project Appraisal Document at this time. The announcement of future activities will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

70. **Ghana:** Mobilizing Financing for Agriculture BAA

- a. Could USAID please clarify the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range

USAID Response: The Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range for the BAA has not been established at this stage of the BAA process. We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest from industry, as announced on FBO.gov and www.grants.gov under solicitation number 72064119R00001.

71. **Ghana:** Systems for Health (S4H)

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana is currently developing its new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The announcement of future activities aligned with the new CDCS will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

72. Guatemala: National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance

- a. Per the latest procurement update, this is going to be awarded as a task order. Could you please indicate the intended IDIQ mechanism governing this opportunity?

USAID Response: We intend to use Public Financial Management II (indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity) (PFM II IDIQ), but also reserve the right to change our minds, if warranted.

- b. USAID intend to release an updated draft scope of work prior to the release of the final request for proposals?

USAID Response: since this is planned to be procured under an IDIQ, we likely won't provide a draft SOW, but we will advertise for at least 45 days.

- c. Could USAID please confirm that the solicitation for the NIS Activity is on track for release on the forecast date of 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: no, we need to update the SOW and process other internal documentation first. The RFP won't likely be advertised before February 2019.

73. Guatemala: Nutrition, Maternal Child Health, Family Planning

- a. Does the Nov. 15 date still hold?

USAID Response: The RFA was posted on November 21, 2018.

- b. Could you please share information about the emphasis of different topics and any interventions or activities that will be prioritized?

USAID Response: Please see the RFA.

- c. Could you please share how the award will be weighted across technical sectors (i.e. nutrition, MCH, family planning)?

USAID Response: Please see the RFA.

- d. Given that the forecast has changed numerous times for this specific opportunity, could you please clarify the intended timeline for the RFA release, submission and anticipated award date? Specifically, does USAID plan on adhering to the current RFA release date of October 31, 2018, or anticipate

further delays?

USAID Response: The RFA was posted on November 21, 2018.

- e. The geographic scope of Huehuetenango and Quiche was only clarified in the previous Q&A, not the forecast. Does USAID still intend to limit the project to those two departments? Could USAID provide any further information about geographic scope such as specific municipalities within the departments?

USAID Response: The geographic scope will remain Huehuetenango or Quiche or both.

- f. Please share information regarding any other USG investments that the implementer will be expected to coordinate with. Could you provide supporting documents of relevant USG investments for review prior to the RFA submission date?

USAID Response: Please see the RFA.

- g. Could you please clarify if there will be any requirements or stipulations for working with local organizations?

USAID Response: Supporting local organizations as partner countries in their ability to solve their own development challenges is a key element in the Journey to Self-Reliance.

- h. Does USAID anticipate a cost share being required?

USAID Response: Please see the RFA.

74. Guatemala: Policy Education & Youth Project

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on this opportunity, including anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Yes, the anticipated solicitation date will be January 2019. Please note that USAID/Guatemala posted the draft SOW for this project in www.fbo.gov. Here is the link to access the RFI: <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/AID/OM/GUA/RFI-Education-Guatemala/listing.html>

- b. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Yes

75. Guatemala: Sustainable Forests and Water Management

- a. This activity has been under development for an extended period of time. Would USAID please advise if the intended scope has changed?

USAID Response: The Program Description (PD) was revised to include a new

geographic area.

- b. Will USAID issue an RFI for this activity?

USAID Response: A presolicitation notice for the review of a draft Program Description was released for comment on Grants.gov on November 19th.

- c. Does USAID plan to use a multi-phase selection process, inviting and reviewing concept notes and then full proposals of short-listed applicants, or invite only full proposals from all applicants?

USAID Response: USAID will invite only full proposals from all applicants.

- d. Can USAID provide more details on the technical focus?

USAID Response: All interested parties can review the draft Program Description which describes the technical focus. Please email guatemalaproposals@usaid.gov to request a draft PD.

- e. Can USAID provide more details on the geographic scope?

USAID Response: All interested parties can review the draft Program Description which describes the geographic scope.

- f. Is the Guatemala Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity meant to support government agencies and initiatives at the Departmental or National level? What specific agencies does USAID see as key partners in this program?

USAID Response: Please review the draft Program Description.

- g. Is this a new project and not a continuation of the Climate, Nature And Communities In Guatemala project currently implemented by Rainforest Alliance and WWF?

USAID Response: This project does follow from current projects.

- h. What type of funding/earmark will support the project?

USAID Response: This will be funded with Sustainable Landscapes funds.

- i. Does USAID expect any change in the anticipated solicitation date of 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: Yes, the anticipated release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity will be late January 2019.

76. **Haiti:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture programming in Haiti? Does USAID intend to release draft

scopes of work for these programs?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti is still in the early design phase of future agricultural activities and cannot give an estimated time frame as of right now. USAID/Haiti may consider releasing a draft SOW for feedback further into the process, but this timeline is not known as of now.

77. Haiti: Does USAID anticipate releasing any economic growth or FTF procurements in Haiti over the next year?

USAID Response: Yes, but an approximate date cannot yet be given.

78. Haiti: FTF North (AVANSE)

a. Is USAID considering a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti anticipates a new type of agricultural program that supports resilience building in Haiti, but an approximate date cannot yet be given.

79. Haiti: Health Leadership Project

a. Is USAID considering a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti released Health Leadership Project (HLP) Notice of Funding Opportunity on June 29, 2018 with a closing date of October 9, 2018. We are currently reviewing applications.

80. Haiti: Local Enterprise and Value Chain Enhancement (LEVE)

a. Can USAID provide an update as to when this will be awarded?

USAID Response: This activity was awarded in 2013 and a new activity that will build on progress that this activity, as well as others, has made is in the initial design phase. USAID/Haiti intends the new activity to undergo the full and open process, but a solicitation is not likely until later in CY19.

81. Honduras: Foundations for Political Change Activity

a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an opportunity for Honduras in FY19 following the September 2018 RFI?

USAID Response: USAID/Honduras has changed the title for this activity to Strengthening Democratic Foundations and plans to release the activity in FY19.

82. Honduras: Mercado

a. Will there be a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Honduras anticipates releasing a new agriculture activity in FY19.

83. India: India Forestry 2.0

- a. When does USAID expect to issue this award?

USAID Response: This activity is at the end of the negotiation process. ROAA is projecting the award to be issued before the end of november 2018.

- 84. Indonesia:** Does USAID expect to have any education opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: All currently anticipated USAID Indonesia funding opportunities are listed in the Business Forecast. Should new funding opportunities arise, they will be listed on the Business Forecast.

- 85. Indonesia:** Does USAID expect to have any livelihoods opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: All currently anticipated USAID Indonesia funding opportunities are listed in the Business Forecast. Should new funding opportunities arise, they will be listed on the Business Forecast.

- 86. Indonesia:** Does USAID expect to have any health opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: All currently anticipated USAID Indonesia funding opportunities are listed in the Business Forecast. Should new funding opportunities arise, they will be listed on the Business Forecast.

- 87. Indonesia:** Civil Society Initiative (CSI) Support

- a. Can USAID provide an update to the status of this activity?

USAID Response: USAID has elected to issue a cooperative agreement under an existing Leader with Associate award.

- 88. Indonesia:** Program to Extend Scholarships and Training to Achieve Sustainable Impacts (PRESTASI) III

- a. Will there be a follow-on activity? If so, can USAID provide any information?

USAID Response: A full and open follow-on award for the PRESTASI activity is not being contemplated at this time. Currently there is no expectation that the PRESTASI activity will continue beyond the current cohort of scholars.

- 89. Jordan:** Are there any upcoming governance procurements anticipated? If so, can you provide a description?

USAID Response: The Mission is contemplating its future requirements at this time.

- 90. Jordan:** Is USAID/Jordan planning to release any procurements with total and/or partial small business set asides within 2018 or 2019?

USAID Response: The Mission is contemplating releasing a third party monitoring RFP set aside for US Small Business as a component of the Syria Essential Services Program (in addition to the partial set aside IDIQ), pending program approval. The Mission anticipates issuing a sources sought/capability statement request issued for the third party monitoring activity in the near future.

In addition, see responses to questions 91 and 92 below.

91. Jordan: EDE - Matrix Support for Timely Economic Reform Project

- a. Can USAID elaborate on the procurement mechanism for the Matrix project?

USAID Response: The Mission is contemplating utilizing a multi-holder IDIQ with a number of mechanisms set aside for US Small Business. The Mission will conduct market research through a sources sought request to determine available capability in the marketplace. Depending on the responses, the Mission will make a determination on set asides for US Small Business.

- b. Does this replace the previously forecast New Competitiveness Project?

USAID Response: Yes

- c. Is the new Matrix IDIQ project in Jordan a small business set-aside? If not, were there be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: The Mission will conduct market research through a sources sought request to determine available capability in the marketplace. Depending on the responses, the Mission will make a determination on set asides for US Small Business.

- d. Will there be a set aside for small businesses?

USAID Response: The Mission will conduct market research through a sources sought request to determine available capability in the marketplace. Depending on the responses, the Mission will make a determination on set asides for US Small Business.

- e. Because Matrix is currently forecast as a country-specific IDIQ, does that mean USAID intends on issuing multiple awards? If so, what is the current expectation for number of awards? Or, is Matrix intended to be a single award IDIQ, or will there be multiple awards?

USAID Response: The Mission will conduct market research through a sources sought request to determine available capability in the marketplace. Depending on the responses, the Mission will make a determination on restricted (set asides for US Small Business) and unrestricted awards. The market research will help inform the number of IDIQs to be awarded.

- f. Is USAID Jordan planning to issue this project as a single or multiple award single country IDIQ for the purposes of delivering on the objectives?

USAID Response: The Mission will conduct market research through a sources sought request to determine available capability in the marketplace. Depending on the responses, the Mission will make a determination on restricted (set asides for US Small Business) and unrestricted awards. The market research will help inform the number of IDIQs to be awarded.

92. Jordan: Syria Essential Services IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm the procurement mechanism for the Syria Essential Services?

USAID Response: It is anticipated the Mission will issue a RFP with a resulting multi-holder IDIQ contracts, pending approval of the program.

- b. Will there be a small business set aside?

USAID Response: It is anticipated there would be partial set aside for the IDIQ.

The Mission is contemplating releasing a third party monitoring RFP set aside for US Small Business as a component of the Syria Essential Services Program (in addition to the partial set aside IDIQ). The Mission anticipates issuing a sources sought/capability statement request issued for the third party monitoring activity in the near future.

- c. Will this be a single-holder or multi-holder IDIQ?

USAID Response: It is anticipated to be multi-holder IDIQ.

- d. Could USAID provide a project synopsis?

USAID Response: Be on the look out for a sources sought notice/capability statement request issued in the near future. Also be on the look out for a RFI with a draft SOW and subsequent pre-solicitation conference for additional information.

93. Kenya: Can USAID confirm current plans for any follow-on education awards, after the transition of current Tusome work to the GOK in 2019?

USAID Response: The matter is still being discussed internally.

94. Kenya: Development Food Security Activity

- a. Is Food for Peace planning a Development Food Security Activity RFA in Kenya for the fiscal year 2019?

USAID Response: There are no updates at this time please refer the business

[forecast and Grants.gov](#)

95. Kenya: HIV Private Sector in Kenya

- a. Would USAID please clarify if the anticipated release date of May 30, 2018 is accurate or will the solicitation be released in the future?

USAID Response: This procurement was advertised via GS Schedule. It has been removed from the Forecast.

96. Kenya: Kenya and East Africa Evaluation, Assessments and Analyses (EAA)

- a. The Mission released at the end of August for this requirement. It does not appear on the forecast. Can the Mission add this activity to the forecast?

USAID Response: This activity will be added to the forecast

- b. What is the expected solicitation timeline?

USAID Response: 2nd Qtr 2019

- c. Is the mission considering a partial or full small business set aside or reserve for this IDIQ opportunity?

USAID Response: The mission is considering a small business partial or full set-aside. This will be clearly stated in the RFP.

97. Kosovo: Economic Anti-Corruption

- a. Is this the same as the Economic Governance Activity RFP issued in August of 2018?

USAID Response: Yes, it is the same activity.

- b. Is the forecasted opportunity the follow-on to the Partnership for Development (PFD) Project?

USAID Response: No.

98. Kosovo: Property Rights Program

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on? If so, when, and will there be a draft SOW?

USAID Response: USAID/Kosovo is in the discussion phase with stakeholders and is conducting further analyses. Interested parties should watch the Business Forecast and any communications from USAID as part of our information gathering process.

99. Kosovo: Up to Youth

- a. Can USAID please provide some information explaining why the choice of instrument chosen for this project is an acquisition/contract mechanism?

USAID Response: A decision was made in accordance with ADS 304 that an acquisition instrument is appropriate for this award, as the purpose is to acquire services for the USG.

100. Kyrgyz Republic: AgroHorizon Follow-On Activity

- a. Would USAID please confirm the RFP release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic does not plan to issue a solicitation for a follow-on to AgroHorizon in FY 19.

101. Kyrgyz Republic: Collaborative Civic Organizing in the Kyrgyz Republic

- a. Is USAID able to provide further clarification at this time regarding the government actors to be engaged by civic organizers in this project (e.g., local governance structures, Ministries, Parliament, etc.) and/or the prioritized issues, if any?

USAID Response: This activity will support a demand-driven approach that responds to the priorities of local citizens and civic activists. The government actors engaged will depend on the issues to be addressed. It is expected that the majority of the activities will occur at the local level, but some advocacy will also occur at the national level, potentially targeting Parliament, relevant ministries and, public councils.

- b. Does USAID anticipate that this program will include a significant grant program to support the work of local NGOs?

USAID Response: It is not expected that this program will have a significant grant component, but instead it may use in-kind assistance and non-financial incentives for collaboration and implementation. Some grants and/or financial assistance may be provided to intermediary organizations to provide technical support and/or targeted financial assistance to further specific and time-bound activities. The intent is to support actors with an interest and investment in resolving the key issues.

- c. Will USAID release a draft Scope of Work for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft scope of work for this opportunity.

- d. Will there be an RFI?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing an RFI for this opportunity.

102. Kyrgyz Republic: New Basic Education Activity

- a. Can USAID specify the funding amount?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates that the funding amount will be \$17.5 million to \$19.5 million.

- b. Does USAID anticipate a period of overlap between the New Basic Education Activity's period of performance and ongoing basic education programming in the Kyrgyz Republic? Can USAID describe its vision for how these programs may align or work together?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID expects there will be a 12-month overlap between the USAID Time to Read (TTR) activity and this new activity, and a 12-month overlap with the Improved Assessment and Inclusive Education grant to UNICEF. As the new activity starts up and plans for its in-school implementation, the new activity must coordinate with the other education programs, including TTR and the UNICEF grant, to integrate lessons learned and ensure that the activities can work in synergy to achieve the greatest impact.

- 103. Lebanon:** Does USAID anticipate and new WASH-related solicitations for Lebanon in FY19?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

- 104. Lebanon:** Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development (LIVCD)

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information available at this time.

- 105. Liberia:** Health Systems Strengthening

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to release this RFP by late December 2018.

- b. Will this activity in Liberia contain a significant malaria component?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- c. Could USAID provide an indication of how the scope is expected to change from the current USAID-funded Collaborative Support for Health (CSH) program?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- i. What does USAID see as the most significant programmatic change from CSH?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- ii. Will the same counties be covered or will a new or expanded geographic focus be introduced? Can USAID specify the county focus at this time?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- iii. Will the program be expected to engage at the same levels as CSH, primarily the federal and county level? Or will this new program be expected to engage with district and/or facility level systems as well?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- d. Does USAID anticipate including an HR component that will cover health worker salaries in the targeted areas?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- e. Does USAID anticipate including a performance-based payment component in this program?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

- f. Will USAID expect a significant role for local NGOs/CSOs in this program, or will the focus be on working with the Ministry?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia released an RFI on October 11, 2018 on the Federal Business Opportunities website https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=5697fc7d9c475480043c4f547af2f611&tab=core&_cview=0 that provides specific details to this question. Please refer to the RFI for further information.

106. Liberia: New Youth Activity

- a. Is this activity still planned? If so, can you confirm the Award/Action type?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is in the early design stage. An award/action type has not been defined.

- b. Can you please confirm the geographic scope of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is in the preliminary design stage. A geographic scope has not been determined.

- c. Does the Mission intend to release an updated (post 2017) Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) before this solicitation is released?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is developing an updated CDCS. It is not certain whether the release of the RFP will coincide with the release of the CDCS.

107. Liberia: Policy Dialogue Project (PDP)

- a. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to release this as a full and open competition.

- b. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to release this as a full and open competition.

- c. Does the Mission plan to issue this full and open or will the Mission use an existing IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to release this as a full and open competition RFP by the end of December 2018.

- d. Can USAID confirm if this activity has been cancelled?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to release this as a full and open competition RFP by the end of December 2018.

- e. Given the time that has passed between the December 2017 release of an RFI and draft SOW, does USAID anticipate releasing an updated draft SOW or pre-solicitation before solicitation release?

USAID Response: No, USAID/Liberia expects to release a final RFP by the end of December 2018.

108. Liberia: Water Pipe Network Expansion and Provision of WASH Services in Health Facilities

- a. The release date for this solicitation has been delayed several times since early 2018. Can USAID confirm whether Nov. 15 will remain the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia has delayed the release; it is expected to be released by the end of December 2018.

- b. Can USAID provide more details on the scope of work of the Liberia WASH activity, specifically if this will be strictly a construction expansion project?

USAID Response: This activity will involve expansion of existing water systems in townships and construction/rehabilitation of water systems in health facilities.

- c. Will there be an RFI in advance of this opportunity?

USAID Response: No. No RFI is contemplated for this activity.

- d. Can USAID clarify the difference between this and the ongoing Liberia Municipal Water Project awarded under the A&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: This activity will involve expansion of existing water systems in townships and construction/rehabilitation of water systems in health facilities.

109. Liberia: Youth Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm if it is still planning to release an anticipated Youth Activity in Liberia? If so, can USAID please provide an update on the timing of such a solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is in the early design stage. A release date has not been determined.

110. Libya: Local Governance Civil Society

- a. Can USAID provide more details on the technical focus and description?

USAID Response: USAID/Libya seeks to support the foundation of a more unified Libyan state by prioritizing local-level activities that foster stability and

accountable governance while reinforcing the need for a positive linkage between the national government and subnational government administration and citizens. Activities are expected to strengthen the capacity of municipal institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector and informal groups to better address community problems. Additionally, activities are expected to seek to harness targets of opportunity to advance the sub-national policy reform agenda and promote inclusiveness of marginalized groups such as, women, youth and ethnic/religious communities.

- b. Does USAID foresee any delay in the release date of 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: Yes. To date, USAID/Libya is at the planning stages. The planned release date has been changed to the 2nd quarter of FY19.

- c. Does USAID foresee the technical scope for the Libya Local Governance and Civil Society call to be focused on the strengthening of civil society and local municipality relations and/or will it include capacity building of civil society actors?

USAID Response: Please see the above description.

- d. Does USAID plan to use a use a multi-phase selection process, inviting and reviewing concept notes and then full proposals of short-listed applicants, or invite only full proposals from all applicants?

USAID Response: This information will be provided in the solicitation. Please continue to monitor www.grants.gov and www.fbo.gov websites for business opportunities with the USAID/Libya programs.

- e. Is USAID considering merging the Libya Local Governance and Civil Society solicitation with the Libya Public Financial Management solicitation (both for Libya)? If so, what mechanism would be used for the solicitation?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Libya does not intend to combine these two activities.

- f. Will USAID issue a pre-solicitation or RFI for the Libya Local Governance and Civil Society opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Libya does not plan to issue a pre-solicitation.

- g. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: No. This is not a Task Order under PFM II IDIQ.

111. Macedonia: Governance Performance Improvement Activity (GPIA)

- a. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: A decision has not been made.

- b. Will this include an e-governance component?

USAID Response: Specific programmatic interventions cannot be shared beyond the information that is included in the business forecast.

- c. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: Procurement methods are still being reviewed.

112. Macedonia: Informed Citizen Media Activity (ICMA)

- a. The forecast shows the RFP release date as 10/15/2018. Would USAID please update the solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is now Jan. 7, 2019.

- b. Can USAID please provide some information explaining why the choice of instrument chosen for this project is an acquisition/contract mechanism?

USAID Response: In accordance with USAID policy, the requisite portion of the Selection of Instrument will be published with the solicitation.

- c. Is there a possibility this activity will be awarded under a Cooperative Agreement or other Assistance instrument?

USAID Response: No.

- d. Has USAID determined if this procurement will be full and open or a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: No.

113. Malawi: There is a new HIV Prevention RFA coming out in October of 2019, according to the forecast. Please clarify if the expected release date of October 2019 is correct or if it was a typo on the USAID Forecast. If it was an error, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: There is a typo on the expected NFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) release date. USAID/Malawi anticipates to release the NFO on January 31, 2019.

114. Malawi: Malawi Biodiversity

- a. Is this a follow-on to the current Fisheries Integration of Society and Habitats project implemented by URI/CRC?

USAID Response: Yes.

- b. Could USAID/Malawi please provide sufficient information to distinguish major differences in the scope of work between this and the Sustainable Landscapes activity?

USAID Response: The BD will focus on fisheries in Lake Malawi while the SL will focus on reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Forestry sector. The SL will work mainly with the demand side (of urban populations) of urban centers for charcoal by promoting alternative Energy options. The SL will concentrate on Forest Reserves that will be impacted the most by deforestation and forest degradation from charcoal production. The geographic focus of the BD activity are the Mangochi, Dedza, Salima, and Nkhotakota Districts of Lake Malawi.

- c. Will USAID/Malawi release a draft RFA in advance of the business forecast release date of Jan. 28 and Jan. 11, respectively?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Malawi has no intention to release a draft NFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity).

- d. What is the expected award/action type?

USAID Response: The expected award type is assistance.

115. Malawi: Malawi HIV Prevention Activities

- a. Could USAID provide an update for the anticipated procurement release date for Component Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is planning to combine all anticipated HIV/AIDS prevention activities into one Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) and interested applicants can choose to apply. One of the components is Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision and the anticipated release date for this combined NFO is January 31, 2019.

116. Malawi: One Community OVC

- a. Will both international and local organizations be eligible to prime the follow-on?

USAID Response: The One Community OVC is an ongoing activity. The planned increase of the total estimated amount will be done on the non-competitive basis as authorized by Justification for Restricted Eligibility (JRE) using PEPFAR Expedited Procurement Procedures (EPP) waiver.

- b. What is the anticipated release date for the follow-on?

USAID Response: Please see the response above.

117. Malawi: Sustainable Landscape

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the new "TBD" Activity described as the Sustainable Landscape Activity is the same procurement for which an RFI was

posted titled Malawi Sustainable Management of Priority Forests and Bordering Watersheds activity on FBO.gov on 6/12/2018.

USAID Response: This is the same procurement.

b. Is this a follow-on opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes.

118. Mali: In the Q3 Business Forecast, USAID indicated that once the 5-year strategy for USAID/Mali's Global Food Security Strategy country plan was approved, that USAID/Mali would enter an activity design phase. As the GFSS was released on August 31, 2018, would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture/ Feed the Future programming? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work for these programs?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. It is unlikely there will be any procurement before summer of 2019. No decisions have been made on specific procedures. Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

119. Mali: The recently released Mali Global Food Security Strategy has 3 components: Component 1: Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural-Led Growth, Component 2: Resilience Among People and Systems and Component 3: Promoting a More Integrated Approach to Health, Nutrition, and WASH Interventions. Is there an associated timeline for the procurements?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

120. Mali: Are any resilience related opportunities being planned for Mali and can we expect any new opportunities forthcoming to the forecast for Mali?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. If this is a specific reference to activities funded by the USAID-internal Resilience Challenge Fund, the Mission will not receive those funds in the short term, pending program development. . Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

121. Mali: Does USAID anticipate any WASH-related solicitation for Mali in FY19?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali anticipates a solicitation for a Rural Water Governance Infrastructure contract of approximately \$15-20 Million in mid-calendar year 2019. The project is still under development. Please continue to follow www.fedbizopps.gov for details of the opportunity.

122. Mali: Cereal Value Chain (CVC)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the Mali CVC project and what would be the anticipated value of the new project?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

- b. Does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI related to the follow-on to the Mali CVC project and when would be the release date of the RFI?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. No decisions have been made on specific procedures. Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

123. Mali: EESA

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this and the ERSA activity?

USAID Response: No solicitations for the Education sector are planned at this time.

124. Mali: Feed the Future

- a. Will USAID-Mali consider a follow on activity to the Livestock and/or Cereal activity in Mali?

USAID Response USAID/Mali is continuing to develop its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. Please continue to follow this Forecast, www.grants.gov, and www.fedbizopps.gov.

125. Mali: SSGI

- a. Are there any details pertaining to the follow-on activity USAID can share?

USAID Response: There will not be a follow-on activity as that term is usually used. New solicitations that include many of the current SSGI activities are expected to be announced sometime in early-mid 2019. Please continue to follow www.grants.gov.

126. Mexico: Rule of Law Project

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement?

USAID Response: The status as noted in the Business Forecast is the current status.

127. Moldova: Tourism Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for the opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Moldova released a sources sought to conduct market research on October 5, 2018. Once further information is available, it will be added to the Business Forecast.

- b. Can USAID please confirm the mechanism for this anticipated activity?

USAID Response: Once further information is available, it will be added to the Business Forecast.

- c. When does USAID plan to add this to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Once market research has been analyzed and the mission has made internal decisions.

128. Morocco: Civic Education, Elections and Political Process Monitoring Activity

- a. The description of this project that was included in the forecast suggests that this opportunity will be limited now to local organizations. Can USAID please confirm whether this is the case? If so, does USAID anticipate the release or development of any other electoral or political engagement programs for international organizations?

USAID Response: This is planned to be a full and open competition released under an Annual Program Statement (APS). It will not be restricted to local organizations.

- b. Can USAID please provide clarity on the technical scope of the project and whether there will be a youth engagement focus?

USAID Response: Youth engagement is encouraged but not necessary. Applicants could engage Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), women, or other socio-economically marginalized groups as well.

- c. Will this APS be restricted to local organizations?

USAID Response: No

129. Morocco: Midterm Evaluation of RFS National Program for NPR Activities

- a. Has this project been cancelled or placed on hold?

USAID Response: This project has been put on hold.

130. Morocco: Performance Evaluation of Reading for Success (RFS)

- a. Has this project been cancelled or placed on hold?

USAID Response: This project has been canceled.

131. Morocco: Project Appraisal Document (PAD)

- a. This opportunity is no longer in the forecast. Is USAID releasing an RFP soon?

USAID Response: This project is currently being redesigned to better respond to the needs of USAID/Morocco. No solicitation release date has been approved as of right now.

132. **Mozambique:** Multiple solicitations have been released recently where only local organizations are eligible to apply as prime applicants. Do you anticipate this being a trend moving forward in Mozambique? Are there any sectors where this is more likely to occur? Can you please share any insight to the USAID strategy for this approach?

USAID Response: The purpose of foreign aid is to end the need for its existence. We provide development assistance to help partner countries on their own development journey to self-reliance. We believe that, where appropriate, national innovations, collaborations and solutions are best placed to support country agendas for self-reliance and we will continue to work within the larger development community to find lasting solutions that result in the kind of transformation that allows countries to truly lead, finance and manage their development priorities. Setting aside awards to local organizations is one of the approaches that we are utilizing to assist Mozambique in the journey to reaching self-reliance.

133. **Mozambique:** Mozambique ECHO

- a. Will USAID please confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Solicitation released on April 3, 2018. Closing date for receipt of proposals was May 21, 2018. Current Status: Evaluation.

134. **Mozambique:** Transformation Nutrition

- a. Will USAID release an RFI?

USAID Response: It is not foreseen that USAID/Mozambique will be issuing an RFI for this solicitation.

- b. Will this activity be released on Nov. 26?

USAID Response: At this time we do not anticipate that a solicitation will be released on November 26, 2018.

- c. Could USAID please clarify if international organizations will be allowed to participate as part of a locally led consortium?

USAID Response: At this time we cannot release this information.

135. **Namibia:** HIV Prevention VMMC

- a. Will this opportunity be restricted to local organizations only?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this opportunity will be restricted to local

organizations.

136. Namibia: Prevention of Care and Treatment Activities

- a. Does USAID plan to release a procurement for this activity?

USAID Response: The potential activities referenced in RFI-673-18-00001 include the “HIV Prevention - VMMC” and “Sustaining Epidemic Control (Key Populations)” currently referenced in the business forecast. Other potential upcoming HIV prevention, care and treatment activities are in early design with no information on timing available at this point.

137. Namibia: Sustaining Epidemic Control (Key Populations)

- a. Can USAID confirm that this replaces RFI=673-19-00001 “Strengthening Technical Assistance and Response (STAR) for Sustainable HIV Prevention and Treatment among Key Populations”?

USAID Response: This refers to the same potential activity as the one described in RFI-673-19-00001.

- b. Can USAID confirm the expected release date?

USAID Response: While subject to change, the business forecast states as the tentative date July 2019.

138. Nepal: EGRP

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Nepal envisages providing education technical assistance in Nepal.

139. Nepal: Nepal Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: USAID has no further information at this time.

140. Niger: NCES

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: USAID has not yet made a determination on future basic education programming after the closure of NECS on September 30, 2019. USAID will undergo a process of consultation and assessment to inform the future of the education portfolio in Niger.

141. Niger: Niger Government Accountability and Policy Reform Activity

- a. Can USAID provide any information about the geographic focus of this project? Is it intended to be focused on Niamey or it is intended to be nationwide?

USAID Response: The Niger Government Accountability and Policy Reform

Activity will be a nationwide activity.

- b. Is USAID still expecting to release an open solicitation on or around November 16, 2018?

USAID Response: USAID is planning to release the open solicitation in December 2018.

- c. Does USAID plan to use a limited competition mechanism for this procurement? Or, will it be full-and-open?

USAID Response: Full and open Cooperative Agreement. Notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) will be posted on Grants.gov website.

- d. Can USAID confirm that this is the same opportunity as the “Niger Accountability” program which was earlier removed from the Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes. Note: It was not removed but the title was updated.

- 142. Nigeria:** The forecast currently lists four opportunities for Nigeria to be released in the November 30-December 18, 2018 timeframe. Could USAID please clarify which of these are the priority for release?

USAID Response: The Feed-the-Future West Africa Trade and Investment Activity (Trade Hub) and the State-to-State Local Governance Project are priority for release.

- 143. Nigeria:** Feed the Future West Africa Trade and Investment Activity (WATH)
a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft SOW or RFI prior to release of the RFP?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft SOW or RFI for the Trade Hub project.

- b. Which countries will WATH target?

USAID Response: The Activity will target the West African Region with a focus on Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana and Cote D’Ivoire.

- c. What will be the focus of the value chains?

USAID Response: USAID will provide overall guidance in the solicitation on the inclusion of some products and sectors (particularly to ensure the inclusion of cereals, livestock, and other food security priority value chains).

- d. We respectfully request that USAID please reconsider the timing of the anticipated release date. Given that a holiday period in Nigeria would immediately follow the anticipated release date of these solicitations, Offerors would likely face significant constraints in their ability to reach key organizations, businesses, and government entities during the critical early period of proposal

development, and individual proposed staff.

USAID Response: The solicitation release date will factor in the period of the forthcoming holiday season.

144. Nigeria: Rural Resilience

- a. Will USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date will be reflected in the next Business Forecast update as it is undergoing internal review and clearances.

- b. Will this be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: No.

145. Nigeria: State-to-State Local Governance Project

- a. Will USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is reflected in the Business Forecast.

- b. Would USAID consider releasing an updated draft SOW?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing another draft SOW.

146. Nigeria: Social Services for AIDS-affected Orphans, Vulnerable Children, and Adolescents

- a. Can USAID please specify the release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date will be reflected in the next Business Forecast update.

147. Nigeria: West Africa Municipal WASH

- a. Can USAID confirm November 29 as the release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: This is not USAID/Nigeria activity.

- b. Can USAID confirm the award/action type for this opportunity? It has alternated as both a contract and task order.

USAID Response: See response above.

148. Pakistan: Can USAID/Pakistan provide any additional information, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date for the anticipated Implementation of Health Activities in Tribal Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa activity noted in the RFI released on July 16?

USAID Response: The project scope and award mechanism are under discussion. The process is in the early stage and therefore to soon to provide anticipated timing of the solicitation or award.

149. Pakistan: Pakistan 3PSM Activity

- a. This is listed as a partial small-business set aside. Does this mean that USAID anticipates making multiple awards, some of which will be set aside for small businesses?

USAID Response: Yes, the Mission intends to issue multiple awards under this IQC. Several of the awards will be set aside for small business entities. The RFP will outline the number of awards to be made as well as to which type of business entities.

- b. Will there be a an initial task order RFP that comes with the overall RFP, and if so, will small-business bidders be required to bid on the initial task order?

USAID Response: To be determined, once the RFP is issued it will outline all requirements to potential offerors.

150. Pakistan: Pakistan Commercial Agriculture Project

- a. Does USAID plan to re-bid this project?

USAID Response: No.

151. Pakistan: Pakistan Women's Economic Empowerment and Transformation (WEET)

- a. Does USAID have an estimated release date for the Pakistan WEET Activity?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing the NFO during the 2nd Quarter of the Fiscal Year.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: No, Mission does not anticipate issuing a pre-solicitation "type" notice before the NFO is released.

152. Pakistan: Pakistan Youth Development Project (PYDP)

- a. Will USAID be releasing an RFI for this activity?

USAID Response: There is no plan of any RFI at this stage.

- b. Can USAID specify the anticipated funding amount?

USAID Response: The current funding amount has been updated in the business forecast to \$25M.

- c. Does USAID still anticipate a February 28, 2019 release date?

USAID Response: The current anticipated date of release has been updated in the business forecast to March 31, 2019.

- d. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on activity? If so, does USAID have an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not plan to have a follow-on.

153. Pakistan: Performance Management Support for Pakistan (PERFORM)

- a. There is currently no follow-on contract listed on the USAID Business Forecast. Will there be a follow-on to this contract?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet made any decision on the follow-on contract. As soon as there is a decision, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

154. Pakistan: Sindh CMP

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not plan to have a follow-on.

155. Peru: Amazon Indigenous Rights & Resources

- a. The current business forecast shows estimated release date of 1-2-19. Is this still the expected release date?

USAID Response: The current estimated expected release date is 1/16/2019.

156. Peru: Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the solicitation is on track for release on the forecast date of 1/15/2019?

USAID Response: this activity has been removed from the Business Forecast until further notice in accordance with current Mission Strategy.

- b. Does USAID intend to issue a request for information, draft scope of work, or other pre-solicitation notice for this activity?

USAID Response: this activity has been removed from the Business Forecast until further notice in accordance with current Mission Strategy.

- c. Is USAID considering releasing this procurement as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: this activity has been removed from the Business Forecast until further notice in accordance with current Mission Strategy.

157. Peru: Peru Combating Environmental Crimes Activity

- a. Could USAID please update the forecast solicitation release date?

USAID Response: o/a January 2, 2019.

- b. Could USAID please indicate under which IDIQ contract this will be released?

USAID Response: this activity will be competed under STARR II IDIQ.

158. Peru: Peru Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for Sustainability

- a. The proposed scope of work in its entirety will be well beyond even a budget of \$9.9M Please provide an updated budget estimate that enables potential small business offerors to better focus value added service offerings for USAID/Peru

USAID Response: A Request for Information (RFI) was released in July 2018 with a draft Statement of Work and Statement of Objective (SOO). Many responses were received to the RFI and in those responses no comments or concerns were received on the budget. The budget was double checked from the ground up and having experience with Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for Sustainability in the past, the Mission is comfortable with the \$9.9M budget.

- b. Are there updates to the Mission's core and "less definitive" parts of the Scope of Work given developments in Peru, budgeting considerations, or ongoing work on the updated CDCS for Peru ? If so, please share those to enable potential small business offerors to better focus the recruiting, partnering, and related planning the Mission asked them to do in anticipation of a mid-November 2018 RFP.

USAID Response: The Mission has no additional updates to the Mission's core and "less definitive" parts of the Scope. Complete information will be forthcoming in the November/December release of the RFP (estimated timeframe).

159. Peru: Platform for Green Growth

- a. Will USAID be adding this to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: this activity is currently under early stages of market research and design. However, information for this activity is still very limited. Therefore, it may be included into the Business Forecast in the future.

160. Peru: SERVIR Amazonia

- a. Can you please provide an update on the status of this solicitation? It is no longer listed on the Business Forecast

USAID Response: USAID Peru confirms that this activity is listed in the Business Forecast. USAID is reviewing the applications submitted in response to the RFA issued.

161. Peru: Transparent and Accountable Public Investment Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the solicitation is on track for release on 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: The Activity is still in approval process the A&A Plan will be updated to show the solicitation release date.

162. Philippines: Analytical Support

- a. This has been in the forecast for quite some time with the note that the activity is on hold and could be removed from the forecast. Does USAID/Philippines anticipate releasing the Analytical Support procurement in FY 2019?

USAID Response: USAID/Philippines will no longer continue with this activity. This has been canceled and removed from the Business Forecast.

163. Philippines: Biodiversity and Watershed Improved for Stronger Economy and Ecosystem Resilience (B+WISER) Program

- a. We understand that this project has recently ended. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on to this project? If so, when is the expected solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID/Philippines does not anticipate a follow on activity to B+WISER project at this time.

164. Philippines: Philippines Youth Activity

- a. Can USAID please clarify under what type of mechanism the Philippines Youth Activity solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast currently reflects the choice of instrument, which is a Cooperative Agreement.

- b. Does USAID expect that the Philippines Youth Activity solicitation will be a multistage mechanism?

USAID Response: To be determined.

165. Philippines: PNG Biodiversity Program

- a. Can USAID/Philippines please confirm that the PNG Biodiversity opportunity will come out as a full and open solicitation, and not under an existing IQC or IDIQ?

USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity for this program was issued on November 26, 2018. Please visit Grants.Gov.

166. Philippines: Water Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm November 30 as the release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The solicitation is anticipated to be released in January 2019.

- b. Would USAID confirm it does not intend to issue a small business set-aside for this opportunity?

USAID Response: To be determined.

- c. Does Manila have any further details on the type of mechanism (RFP, RFA or IQC, etc.) that this will be issued under?

USAID Response: The chosen instrument type is a contract, as currently reflected in the Business Forecast. No further information on the specific type of contractual mechanism is available at this time.

167. RDMA: Asia Enhancing Growth and Development through Energy (EDGE) Initiative

- a. RDMA released an RFI in September for EDGE. This does not appear on the forecast. Will the Mission add this activity to the forecast?

USAID Response: The forecast has been updated with information on the first anticipated activity related to Asia EDGE. RDMA's role in the Interagency Asia EDGE initiative is currently being defined, and we anticipate that key strategic decisions further clarifying this instrument will be made soon.

- b. What is the expected solicitation timeline?

USAID Response: We anticipate advertising our initial Asia EDGE activity between January and March 2019.

- c. Will there be a pre-solicitation in advance of this opportunity?

USAID Response: A pre-solicitation is anticipated.

- d. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time RDMA anticipates an acquisition instrument for the first Asia EDGE activity.

168. RDMA: Better Preparing Lower Mekong Youth for the 21st Century Workforce

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing one solicitation as a result of this RFI?

USAID Response: RDMA is utilizing the information gathered from the RFI to refine our SE Asia youth workforce engagement strategy. At this time we have not determined the mechanism or number of solicitations that may result from this strategic planning.

- b. If more than one solicitation will be issued, can USAID provide further information on the planned number of awards?

USAID Response: We will update the Business Forecast with more information on the planned number of awards once we have more information on our anticipated funding in this area.

- c. What is the timeline for solicitations resulting from this RFI?

USAID Response: At this time we have no definitive information to share regarding the timeline.

169. RDMA: Networks for Peace

- a. Could USAID update the Award/Action type and amount, if known?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA is still engaged in design for this activity, and will update the award/action type as soon as these details are internally confirmed.

- b. Will USAID release a draft Scope of Work for this opportunity?

USAID Response: A number of co-creation tools and strategies are being considered for this activity, including a draft scope of work.

- c. Will there be an RFI released?

USAID Response: At this time, no decision has been made regarding issuing an RFI for this activity.

- d. Is this a follow-on to existing programming?

USAID Response: No, this activity is related to new funding and guidance provided by the USG related to this programmatic area.

170. Rwanda: Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Services

- a. Could USAID also provide the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda is using the information received in the recent RFI to craft a procurement strategy. Additionally, we are considering our GIS requirements and how best to meet those needs. At this time we have not determined if a solicitation will be released. If we determine to make a GIS award, we will release additional information on the Business Forecast.

171. Rwanda: Rwanda Health Systems Strengthening

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If there will be a new project, what is the expected release date for the procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a follow-on. The Mission intends to use a centrally-funded IDIQ for the new award.

172. Rwanda: Orora Wihaze

- a. What is the current anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The estimated release date for Feed the Future Orora

Wihaze is January 07, 2019.

- b. Will there be additional agriculture activities to complement this program?

USAID Response: There are other ongoing activities in the economic growth portfolio that complement this program. For more information please see the CHAIN and S-Time Project Appraisal Documents in the following links

CHAIN PAD; https://www.spring-nutrition.org/sites/default/files/events/spring_webinar.pdf

S-TIME PAD; <https://www.usaid.gov/rwanda/newsroom/documents>

- c. We respectfully request that USAID please reconsider the timing of the anticipated release date. Given that a holiday period in Nigeria would immediately follow the anticipated release date of these solicitations, Offerors would likely face significant constraints in their ability to reach key organizations, businesses, and government entities during the critical early period of proposal development, and individual proposed staff.

USAID Response: The estimated release date for the RFP has been revised to January 07, 2019.

173. Rwanda: Twiyubake OVC

- a. What is the current anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Mission has not made a decision whether to do a follow-on to this Activity.

- b. Will international and local organizations be eligible to prime for the follow-on?

USAID Response: A decision has not been made at this time.

174. Senegal: The Business Forecast lists a number of Broad Agency Announcements anticipated to be total small Business Set-Asides released in June 2018. Would USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for these BAAs and a confirmation they will be small business set-asides?

USAID Response: The Small Business Applied Research (SBAR) Pilot Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), a small business set-aside, was released in the Spring of 2018. USAID/Senegal received a healthy response across all of its 5 Problem Areas. The Mission has completed its evaluation of concepts under 3 of the Problem Areas, and has notified offerors accordingly. The concepts submitted under the remainder 2 Problem Areas (Smallholder Agriculture and Energy for Productive Agriculture Use) are still being evaluated.

175. Senegal: Agriculture Value Chain Services

- a. Could USAID comment on whether December 21, 2018 is a firm date for the RFP?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal plans to release the solicitation on December 21, 2018. This is pending internal approvals.

- b. Will there be a pre-solicitation or an RFI associated with this activity?

USAID Response: No, USAID/Senegal does not plan to issue an RFI nor hold a Pre-Solicitation Conference for this activity. The solicitation will be 'on the street' for a sufficient amount of time to allow for meaningful industry review with adequate time for questions and answers.

- c. Could USAID please clarify whether the forecast "Agricultural Value Chain Services" opportunity, with Operating Unit of Senegal, refers to a project under the RISE II program in Burkina Faso and Niger, or whether it is an activity in Senegal itself?

USAID Response: The Agriculture Value Chain Services activity is part of the USAID/Senegal Bilateral portfolio (an activity planned for Senegal) and is distinct from RISE II.

176. Senegal: Civil Society Assistance to Chad

- a. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: No. This opportunity is not limited to local organizations.

- b. Can USAID clarify through which APS it intends to solicit this opportunity?

USAID Response: A new APS not affiliated to any existing APS.

177. Senegal: Integrated Health Service Delivery

- a. Can USAID please specify the release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: A release date has not yet been finalized, but we anticipate December 2018 or January 2019.

- b. Will operation research or evidence utilization be included as part of this project?

USAID Response: This will be specified in the solicitation. Applicants will propose the interventions they think are needed to achieve the activity results.

178. Senegal: Niger Government Accountability and Policy Reform Activity

- a. Is this the RISE II governance activity?

USAID Response: The Niger Government Accountability and Policy Reform Activity is a RISE II supporting mechanism at the national-level. In addition to this

Activity, USAID is also designing a new RISE II Local Governance Activity that will work in close collaboration with other RISE II partners. In Niger, there will be two distinct governance activities under RISE II.

- b. Is USAID planning a separate governance activity for Burkina Faso?

USAID Response: Yes. For RISE II.

179. Senegal: Resilience and Natural Resource Management

- a. Could USAID please confirm the mechanism type it intends to use to issue this procurement?

USAID Response: This activity is now being solicited as an Associate Cooperative Agreement Award under the Sustainable Water Partnership (SWP) Leader with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement Award No. AID-OAA-L-16-00006. Therefore, this activity is no longer available to industry as an upcoming opportunity. The Business Forecast was updated.

180. Senegal: Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE II)

- a. In a recent update to the forecast, USAID significantly increased the funding level/range for the Health Service Delivery (HSD) opportunity. Could USAID provide additional information regarding the scope of work and the reason for the increase of funding?

USAID Response: We can not provide additional information at this time.

- b. If this opportunity is still anticipated, what mechanism is USAID planning on using?

USAID Response: Award is planned as assistance (cooperative agreement).

- c. Will this go through a pre-competed mechanism, or will it be full and open?

USAID Response: We anticipate full and open.

- d. Could you confirm if the geographic scope for RISE II HSD remains the same? If not, could you please provide details on the geographic scope?

USAID Response: The geographic scope for HSDA will be Tillaberi, Maradi and Zinder in Niger, and Centre-Nord, Est, and Sahel in Burkina Faso.

- e. Does USAID plan on issuing the Backbone Support and Learning as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This has not been decided at this time.

- f. Would organizations that are implementing other RISE II procurements be precluded from implementing a prime or sub role on Backbone Support and

Learning?

USAID Response: This has not been decided at this time. But we don't anticipate any limitations or preclusions. Organizations implementing other RISE II procurements can still be considered for Backbone Support and Learning.

- g. Is USAID planning a youth-focused activity as part of RISE II strategy to address youth vulnerabilities to violent extremism in the Sahel?

USAID Response: This is not yet determined.

181. Senegal: Senegal Backbone Support and Learning

- a. Can USAID provide an update on this opportunity, including anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Activity is still under design, we anticipate that it would be released in January 2019.

- b. Will this be released as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This has not been decided at this time.

182. Senegal: Water Security and Resilience (RISE II)

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether the previously forecast RISE II Water Security and Resilience opportunity will indeed be released on 11/16/18 under full and open competition?

USAID Response: This activity is now being solicited as an Associate Cooperative Agreement Award under the Sustainable Water Partnership (SWP) Leader with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement Award No. AID-OAA-L-16-00006. Therefore, this activity is no longer available to industry as an upcoming opportunity. The Business Forecast was updated.

183. Somalia: New Somalia Education Activity

- a. What is the expected release date for this activity (currently listed as 6/25/2018)?

USAID Response:The RFP for this activity, 72062318R00004, was published on FedBizOpps on November 17, 2018 and can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.fbo.gov/notices/56d3e83d55d7ae6e5e63ca0f52096c00>

184. Somalia: Somalia Program Support Services IDIQ

- a. is expected to end in July 2019. There is currently no follow-on contract listed on the USAID Business Forecast. Will there be a follow-on to this contract?

USAID Response:A follow-on is currently under consideration. The Business Forecast will be updated as additional information is available.

185. **South Sudan:** Does USAID intend to release any global health opportunities in FY2019?

USAID Response: The mission is currently working on the design of the activity, we hope to post an opportunity in the last quarter of the FY 2019.

186. **South Sudan:** Does USAID intend to release any education opportunities in FY2019?

USAID Response: The mission is currently working on the design of the activity, we hope to post an opportunity in the last quarter of the FY 2019.

187. **South Sudan:** Monitoring and Evaluation

a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated proposal release date?

USAID Response: The mission is currently working on the design of the activity, we hope to post an opportunity in the last quarter of the FY 2019.

b. Will this activity be re-bid?

USAID Response: The mission is currently working on the design of the activity.

188. **Southern Africa:** Beyond the Grid

a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated award and project start date?

USAID Response: Awarded November 13.

189. **Southern Africa:** Environmental Partnership and Innovation

a. Are the 2 awards for up to \$1 million each required to be multi-country, or may proposals be submitted for only one country or another?

USAID Response: The Annual Program Statement has been posted and describes eligibility; see www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=309834

190. **Southern Africa:** Karabo ea Bophelo

a. Can USAID please provide an update on whether this is anticipated to return to the forecast? If so, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date and whether an RFI is intended to be released before a full solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates the return of this opportunity to the business forecast in late January 2019. USAID does not plan to release an RFI and the release date of the solicitation is pending.

b. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated funding amount?

USAID Response: The funding amount will be detailed in the business forecast.

- c. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity will not be restricted to local organizations only?

USAID Response: Restrictions to competition will be detailed in the business forecast.

191. Southern Africa: Making the Future Work

- a. The RFI was published in late December 2017. Following comments received, has USAID made a determination on whether they will be procuring this opportunity?

USAID Response: No solicitation is anticipated to result from this RFI.

192. Southern Africa: Monitoring and Evaluation to Collaborate, Learn, Adapt and Knowledge Management (MECLAK) IDIQ

- a. When does USAID anticipate announcing the outcome of this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID hopes to make an award announcement in approximately February 2019.

193. Southern Africa: Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management

- a. A solicitation was released at the end of 2017. Proposals were due by the end of January 2018. This is no longer on the forecast. Is there an updated timeline and/or expected award date?

USAID Response: USAID hopes to make an award announcement in approximately February 2019.

194. Tanzania: Malaria Bed Net Delivery Project

- a. Will an RFI be released?

USAID Response: A draft performance work statement along with a request for feedback on April 27, 2018.

- b. Will USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated solicitation date for the Tanzania Malaria Activity?

USAID Response: USAID will update the forecast to reflect a future date. At this time, we are not certain enough to provide a firm estimated date.

195. Tanzania: Tanzania Vector Control Activity

- a. Will USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: USAID will update the forecast to reflect a future date. At this time, we are not certain enough to provide a firm estimated date.

196. Tanzania: Tusome Education Program

- a. Would USAID please confirm if it intends to release a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania needs to start negotiations with the government of Tanzania in 2019 to decide on this question. If the Government of Tanzania wants a follow-on activity, USAID will likely go that route.

197. Tanzania: Women's Empowerment Activity

- a. Can USAID provide additional information about the nature of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The NOFO was released on October 19, 2018 on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

198. Thailand: Does USAID expect to have any education opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: At this time, there are no education opportunities related to Thailand anticipated for the forecast.

199. Thailand: Does USAID expect to have any livelihoods opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: At this time, there are no livelihoods opportunities anticipated related to Thailand for the forecast.

200. Thailand: Does USAID expect to have any health opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: At this time, there are no health opportunities for Thailand anticipated for the forecast.

201. Uganda: USAID/Uganda had previously announced a procurement that would focus on access to finance and investment. Is this procurement still anticipated and if so, when would it be released? Will USAID provide a pre-solicitation?

USAID Response: This procurement is no longer envisioned.

202. Uganda: Combating Wildlife Crime Activity

- a. Would USAID confirm whether this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this will be a full and open procurement.

203. Uganda: Family Planning Flagship Activity

- a. Does USAID have an update on details and timing for release of the procurement?

USAID Response: No. It is still currently in the design phase. Please continue to monitor the forecast and [grants.gov/](https://www.grants.gov/) [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov/) for upcoming opportunities.

- b. Does USAID have an estimated amount range for this activity?

USAID Response: No. It is still currently in the design phase.

204. Uganda: Feed the Future Uganda Inclusive Agricultural Markets

- a. Is this still expected to be released in November 2018?

USAID Response: Solicitation Number 72061719R00002 was issued on 11/08/18 in [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov/).

205. Uganda: Multi-Sectoral Nutrition, Maternal, Newborn and Child Activity

- a. This is not on the USAID Business Forecast. Does USAID have an update on the type and timing for release of the procurement?

USAID Response: No. It is still currently in the design phase. Please continue to monitor the forecast and [grants.gov/](https://www.grants.gov/) [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov/) for upcoming opportunities.

- b. Does USAID have information about the potential funding amount for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No. It is still currently in the design phase.

206. Uganda: Social Behavior Change and Transformation (SBC4T)

- a. Does USAID have an update on details and timing for release of the procurement?

USAID Response: No. It is still currently in the design phase.

- b. Is this expected to be a cooperative agreement or contract?

USAID Response: It is currently envisioned to be a cooperative agreement but this is subject to revision.

207. Uganda: Uganda Health Systems Strengthening Activity

- a. Is the anticipated start-up date still May 2019?

USAID Response: This date is still anticipated, but like all forecasts subject to change.

208. Uganda: Uganda Inclusive Agricultural Markets Activity

- a. Is the anticipated release date still 11/30/2018?

USAID Response: Solicitation Number 72061719R00002 was issued on 11/08/18 in [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov/).

- b. Can you confirm if this will be a contract or is a cooperative agreement mechanism still being contemplated?

USAID Response: It is a contract.

209. **Uganda:** Uganda Learning Activity

- a. Would USAID please update the estimated award date?

USAID Response: It is anticipated award will be made early in the New Year (2019).

210. **Ukraine:** Cybersecurity

- a. What is the relationship, if any, to this BAA and the “Cybersecurity for the Ukrainian Energy Sector” activity described the the publicly available 22 CFR 216?

USAID Response: The “Cybersecurity for Ukrainian Energy Sector under the E&E Regional Development of Regional Energy Market (DREM) project” IEE is not the IEE for the BAA in the forecast. These are different activities.

211. **Vietnam:** Does USAID expect to have any education opportunities on the forecast in FY 2019?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time and we will update the forecast should there be any.

212. **Vietnam:** Does USAID expect to have any livelihoods opportunities on the forecast in FY 2019?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time and we will update the forecast should there be any.

213. **Vietnam:** Does USAID expect to have any health opportunities on the forecast in FY 2019?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time and we will update the forecast should there be any.

214. **Vietnam:** Strengthening Provincial Capacity

- a. Will USAID confirm that this F&O opportunity will be released soon? Will you provide an approximate date?

USAID Response: This solicitation has been released.

215. **Vietnam:** Support Service Contract

- a. Will USAID please confirm that this opportunity will be full and open?

USAID Response: The Mission has not made a definitive determination yet.

- 216. West Africa:** USAID released a pre-solicitation for a new local works program on fbo.gov. This opportunity is not listed in the forecast. Could USAID provide additional context and information on this opportunity such as potential release date, anticipated mechanism, and size of the opportunity?

USAID Response: The RFI information has been updated in the Agency A&A Plan and is now available in the current version of the Business Forecast.

- 217. Yeman:** Does the Yemen Mission anticipate any new FY 19 opportunities that are not currently on the business forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, we are currently designing several possible activities in the areas of democracy and governance, education, and economic growth. These opportunities will be included on the A&A Plan when the designs are completed and approved.

- 218. Yemen:** Health Systems Strengthening

- a. Is this award still expected? If so, could you clarify the anticipated solicitation and award dates?

USAID Response: A Broad Agency Announcement (Yemen Systems, Health and Resiliency Project - BAA number 72027918R00001) was released on May 30, 2018 and award(s) are anticipated to be made in July-August 2019.

- 219. Zambia:** In the two previous USAID Q&A periods, USAID referenced an upcoming social protection opportunity. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be open to both international and local organizations? What is its projected release date? What is its anticipated funding size?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

- 220. Zambia:** On 10/4/2018, USAID released a RFI and Market Research for Local Zambian Organizations working in HIV Treatment. Can USAID please confirm how many opportunities are anticipated to be released under this opportunity, as well as the programmatic scope of work and estimated award amount for any opportunities anticipated in result of this RFI? Will there be additional RFIs released before an official solicitation is published?

USAID Response: We are currently discussing design options for the activity based on the information from the RFI responses and the activity has not been approved yet. Please continue to monitor www.FBO.gov and the business forecast, for updates.

- 221. Zambia:** Would USAID Zambia please provide any available details regarding a potential solicitation for cervical cancer?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan a solicitation for cervical cancer. Should we

have activities related to cervical cancer, they will be integrated into existing activities/opportunities

222. Zambia: Alternatives to Charcoal

- a. Is this considered a follow-on to the Community Forests Project implemented by Bio-Carbon Partners?

USAID Response: No. This will be a new activity.

- b. Will the new project be targeted to Zambian organizations, or would international firms be eligible to apply?

USAID Response: It is anticipated be a full and open competition. No restrictions.

- c. What type of funding/earmark will support the project?

USAID Response: Sustainable Landscapes funding.

223. Zambia: Evidence for Health

- a. Could USAID provide an anticipated/updated procurement release date?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released 4 May, 2018 and closed on 20 June, 2018. USAID/Zambia is currently evaluating the proposals.

224. Zambia: Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition Continuum of Care Technical Assistance Activity

- a. Could USAID provide an anticipated procurement release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is early 2019.

- b. Can USAID indicate the anticipated dollar value?

USAID Response: The anticipated dollar value is under \$40M

- c. Does USAID have an update regarding its anticipated release date, value or SOW?

USAID Response: See responses to 223.a and 223.b above. The draft performance work statement was posted to FBO.gov as part of an RFI in October 2018.