

FY 2018, 3rd 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:** A large number of procurements are listed as Activity/Award Type TBD from the time that they are posted to the Business Forecast until just weeks or days before their eventual release. The award type matters for many implementers and typically restricts bidding for some groups. In order to avoid costly preparation for procurements on which bidders may be restricted, we would appreciate if USAID could provide earlier information regarding the anticipated Activity/Award Type.

USAID Response: We will communicate to A&A staff to share this information as far in advance as possible.

2. **Business Forecast:** Does USAID/OAA have any updates regarding if/when it will be possible to "Watch" items on the USAID Business Forecast?

USAID Response: This enhancement is still pending.

3. **Business Forecast:** The creation of the Live Business Forecast has generally been a hugely positive development in our ability to plan for, pursue, and realise, partnership opportunities with USAID. We are extremely grateful for the work the Agency has done to help improve this process over the years and for the proactivity of the Agency in seeking and acting upon partner suggestions. However, there have been several examples over the last 18 months of opportunities being forecasted with anticipated release dates in the very near future, only to have them repeatedly delayed each time the forecasted date approaches. Overall delays compared to the original forecast date have been more than one year for some opportunities, with new release dates published on multiple occasions within that time period. We understand that budget uncertainty has led to delays on procurements. The challenge is that each time an anticipated release date appears on the Forecast, this requires a significant mobilization of human and financial resources to prepare the most relevant and effective proposal design. What is M/OAA doing to be cognizant of these costs when estimating release dates and to trying to be as realistic as possible with forecasted release dates?

USAID Response: We will communicate to A&A staff to share this information as far in advance as possible.

4. **Small and Disadvantaged Business Set-Asides:** There are currently no woman-owned small business set-asides on the forecast. What plans does USAID have to set aside future contracts for women-owned small businesses?

USAID Response:

5. **Broad Agency Announcements:** With USAID's stated commitment to utilize co-creation and co-design in procurement, and the appearance of co-creation as a distinct process in Broad Agency Announcements (BAA), would USAID consider sharing a list of BAA awards, awardees, award type (e.g., contract, cooperative agreement, grant), and award amounts to help implementing partners learn about what works, as well as better gauge return on investment?

USAID Response: As of FY17, when we had begin tracking BAA use within our procurement system. Both assistance and acquisition instruments have been awarded. The BAA is one of many valuable tools for procurement and postings can be found via Grants.gov and FBO.gov. While the BAA uses a co-creation approach as a part of its process, co-creation can and has been used in more methods than just the BAA. USAID has already begun using co-creation in other procurement and non-procurement ways such as Annual Program Statements, in the pre-solicitation/design phase, or implementation.

6. **Length of Awards:** There are a number of solicitations on the forecast that have award lengths of four years (instead of the typical five years). Could USAID please provide additional clarification on the reasoning behind the shortening of award lengths for certain bids, and whether USAID intends to fund more four-year projects in the future?

USAID Response: Increased opportunities for competition remains a goal for USAID. Yes, shorter years is a way to achieve this goal and not necessarily a trend.

7. **Category Management:** We understand that USAID may have met its 35% target for the year for using Best-in-Class vehicles, like OASIS. Can USAID confirm? And can USAID provide any insight into any additional plans to use OASIS for the rest of FY18?

USAID Response: Yes, we are exploring the use of OASIS to meet the Agency's needs.

8. **Small Business Targets:** In the recent report of USAID performance against small business targets, it appears that the number of small businesses working with USAID has decreased. However, looking at the USAID forecast, it is clear that the volume of small business opportunities, particularly in areas that were more recently held by large businesses such as field project implementation, is rapidly increasing. Surveying the small business landscape, it appears that a large number of small businesses are graduating and there are not as many small businesses with field implementation track records prepared to take their place as prime implementers. What is USAID thinking about how to reconcile this issue?

USAID Response:The impact of increasing opportunities for new partners and small businesses remains to be seen. We hope it will be positive and adjust if needed.

9. **Small Business Targets:** We have heard in several USAID meetings and presentations that 15-16 missions have small business targets for 2018. Could USAID please identify those missions? Is it USAID's intention that all missions will have small business targets in 2019?

USAID Response:

10. **Co-Creation:** In regards to the co-creation/co-design process with which AID/W and various missions around the world are experimenting: Is the Agency going to move to a standardized way of conducting the process? Will the Agency be transparent about the funding available for the design outcome? Will the Agency evaluate, and disseminate findings, on the relative cost of co-design versus traditional modes of solicitation? What are the choice of instrument criteria being used to determine the final agreements for co-design processes?

USAID Response: (1)Co-creation is a design approach that brings people together to collectively produce a mutually valued outcome, using a participatory process that assumes some degree of shared power and decision-making. It is a time-limited process that focuses on generating a specific outcome. Co-creation is a technique that can be used at various points throughout the Program Cycle. (Discussion Note: Co-Creation Additional Help) As the definition states, co-creation is a design approach that can be tailored depending on the context of where co-creation takes place within the program cycle. While the manner of facilitation may be standard, how and what happens during a particular co-creation process may vary if it is done at the design phase, during a procurement or at implementation.

(2)Co-creation does not always happen during a procurement. Co-creation can and has been done during the pre-solicitation stage or is just simply incorporated into the solicitation for implementation purposes. Collaboration may or may not require a funding discussion depending on the what the overall outcome is for a particular

co-creation situation.

(3)The use and understanding of co-creation is evolving so we continue to evaluate and determine if co-creation is the most appropriate approach in all situations. Staff education has been ongoing since FY16 on what co-creation is and when it is appropriate to incorporate.

(4)Again, all co-creation approaches are not done during a procurement so choice of instrument is not applicable. When co-creation is used during a procurement, such as the BAA, it is at the Contracting Officer's discretion to make the instrument determination through participating in the co-creation workshops and then ultimately communicating their thoughts with the apparently successful partner. This way the partner and Contracting Officer communicate and determine what the best instrument is together. The Choice of Instrument is done as stated in ADS 300. However, if co-creation is incorporated into an APS or SOO, that is automatically known to be an assistance or acquisition instrument.

11. **Business Forecast:** The excel spreadsheet includes a column "incumbent" but the search mechanism does not include this field to search by. Can "incumbent" be included as a search field?

USAID Response: We will consider the above recommendation.

12. **AIDAR:** An RFP states "full and open competition" on the cover page. But how does the AIDAR clause on geographic code (937) effect eligibility? Does it restrict the eligibility of prime offerors or just the source and nationality of goods and services purchased by the prime?

USAID Response:

13. **Business Forecast:** USAID has programs in 106 countries. Not all countries are mentioned on the forecast: There were 56 countries, that were not mentioned in the forecast. What should we conclude? If the country does not have a submission, can an entry be made on the forecast stating so?

USAID Response:

14. **Small Business Goals:** USAID has established small business goals for 17 missions/countries? What are countries and percentage goals by category for each country for FY18?

USAID Response:

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **Africa:** Rule of Law & Transnational Organized Crime

- a. What is “CPG?”

USAID Response: the acronym for the Conflict Prevention and Governance Division under the Bureau for Africa’s Office of Sustainable Development.

2. **BFS:** When are the next Feed the Future country strategies being released?

USAID Response: There is no information on the release date at this time.

3. **BFS:** Advancing Women’s Empowerment Framework (AWEF)

- a. What are the countries of intervention?

USAID Response: AWEF will be implemented worldwide as the intent is to provide services to the USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS), Feed the Future (FTF) Focused and Aligned Missions, and GFSS Target and Aligned Missions worldwide.

4. **BFS:** Food Security Service Center

- a. Could USAID provide an updates release date for the Food Security Services Center RFP expected to be a small business set aside released from BFS?

USAID Response: The Food Security Service Center follow-on will be issued before or during the month of August and will be a total small business set-aside.

5. **BFS:** Food Systems IDIQ

- a. Given USAID's announcement in the Quarter 2 forecast Q&A that the Food Systems IDIQ is being cancelled, could BFS clarify if a different mechanism for procurements which fall under the GFFS will be released or if all GFFS procurements will be full and open?

USAID Response: The planned IDIQ was to be one of many tools that BFS would use for future procurement actions. Since the IDIQ RFP was not issued, there will, and have been, be other solicitations for funding, however It is not the intent that all GFSS Acquisition and Assistance actions will be full and open. It will depend on market research, program design, and agency need.

6. **BFS:** FTFIL: Grain Legumes

- a. Would USAID please clarify if organizations headquartered in the US and operating in India will be eligible to apply for this opportunity as a primary or subordinate organization?

USAID Response: This award opportunity has already been open and has closed (it was released March 29 and closed May 30). It was open to eligible Title XII organizations, which are defined in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

- b. Would USAID please clarify if organizations headquartered in India (non-US) and operating in India will be eligible to apply for this opportunity as a primary or subordinate organization?

USAID Response: Per the definition of Title XII eligible organizations in the US, No. An organization headquartered in India would not be eligible as a prime awardee. An organization headquartered in India would be eligible to serve as a sub-awardee of a prime awardee, where the prime recipient is a Title XII eligible institution.

- c. Will applicants be required to partner with one of the U.S. university-led Feed the Future Innovation Labs or can new partnerships be formed to apply for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No - applicants were not required to partner with an existing FTFIL to apply to this opportunity.

- d. Does USAID have a new estimated release date for this opportunity (currently listed as 03/29/18)?

USAID Response: This opportunity was released March 29 and closed May 30.

- e. Does USAID anticipate releasing further information about this opportunity before it is released in the form of a Request for Information or any other information?

USAID Response: This opportunity has already been open and has closed.

7. **DCHA:** Following the adoption of the new constitution establishing the Fourth Republic in Chad, is USAID anticipating providing any D&G support for this country?

USAID Response:

8. **DCHA:** many elections have been announced or are supposed to take place in 2018 (legislative elections in Republic of Guinea in the fall 2018, Chad in November 2018 (as announced), Guinea-Bissau (November 2018), Togo (maybe a referendum as well), Cameroon (October, with presidential and local elections), Gabon (no date yet but likely in 2018), Madagascar (general elections, no date but likely 2018). Additional major elections are expected in 2019 and 2020, including in Senegal (presidential, February 2019), Benin (legislative 2019), Burkina Faso (2020), Burundi (2020), Togo (presidential, 2020). Is USAID planning to conduct pre- and/or post-election-related work in these countries?

USAID Response:

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

- a. Could USAID please provide a clarification and update on the ACES IDIQ? Previously, USAID informed that the IDIQ was being redesigned. Now the ACES IDIQ shows up twice in the forecast. Does USAID still plan to release an IDIQ that includes a large business portion?

USAID Response: The ACES IDIQ RFP was released on June 14, 2018. The RFP can be viewed at fedbizopps.gov by searching for solicitation SOL-OAA-17-000103. Proposals are due on Aug 14, 2018.

The ACES IDIQ may eventually have around eight contractors. About five of them will be small businesses and about three will be large businesses. There will not be a separate ACES IDIQ only for large businesses.

The ACES IDIQ does not show up twice in the Forecast. There are two items in the Forecast titled "ACES". However, one is for the ACES IDIQ (described above) and one is for an ACES Annual Program Statement (APS).

- b. The RFP release date is now listed as June 14, 2018. Is that date correct?

USAID Response: Yes, the ACES IDIQ RFP was released on June 14th, 2018.

- c. Would USAID please confirm whether it intends to issue a pre-solicitation with a draft SOW in advance of the final solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID held an Industry Day in August, 2014 during which the draft SoW was made public. This served as our pre-solicitation.

- d. Will the final solicitation require a response to a sample task order or case study?

USAID Response: Please visit fedbizopps.gov and search for solicitation SOL-OAA-17-000103 for an answer to this question.

10. DCHA: APS for the Active Communities - Effective States (ACES)

- a. Can USAID confirm that the mechanism will be an APS, open to individual PVOs as well as consortiums?

USAID Response: Yes, the APS will be open to individual PVOs as well as consortiums.

- b. Could you provide a realistic anticipated solicitation date – regardless of whether it's in the near or more distant future?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing the APS during October-November 2018 time-frame.

- c. Can USAID please clarify how it intends to use an APS structure for such a large funding pool? Does it anticipate releasing an announcement with addenda or using one mechanism, such as an LWA or BAA, to fund projects? If using a BAA, would USAID consider providing funding levels, suggested duration, and any preferred themes/geographies to help applicants better respond to what USAID is looking for?

USAID Response: USAID is still working on the overall APS structure and a determination is yet to be made.

- d. 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.

11. DCHA: Analytical Services IV IDIQ

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

USAID Response: USAID anticipates an award by September 30, 2018

12. DCHA: DRG Global Trends BAA

- a. Is USAID able to provide further details on the anticipated timing and funding levels for the possible funding opportunities to come out of this BAA process?

USAID Response:

13. DCHA: FEWS NET 7 IDIQ

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

USAID Response: At this time, USAID does not have an updated anticipated award date.

14. DCHA: Global Reconciliation Fund

- a. Notifications from last year's CMM cycle have still not been received in many cases. The previous Forecast Q&A indicated that results would be circulated by Spring 2018. Can you please provide an updated timeline?

USAID Response: USAID/CMM is now in the process of notifying all organizations that had applications sent to Washington, DC for the Step Two review. Notifications will be forthcoming soon.

- b. What is the nature of the work for the FY18 Global Reconciliation Fund?

USAID Response: The FY18 Global Reconciliation Fund Request for Applications (RFA) was posted in Grants.gov on March 7, 2018 and can be found by searching for the opportunity #: 7200AA18RRFA00008

- c. Will the award target services to children affected by conflict?

USAID Response: Prospective applicants are encouraged to read the RFA closely in an effort to determine which types of activities are most likely to be part of a successful application.

15. DCHA: M&E Services

- a. Can USAID please provide more information about the anticipated Request for Proposals (RFP) and the timeline for the RFP release?

USAID Response: USAID/DHCHA/OFDA issued two out of the three FY18 M&E RFP's via the GSA OASIS mechanism. "Syria Humanitarian Monitoring Project" was issued on March 18, 2018. "Nigeria Monitoring Project" was issued on May 2, 2018.

16. DCHA: PEACE IQC

- a. The PEACE IQC period of performance was recently extended for two years. Would USAID please confirm whether or not it intends to release a follow-on? If so, what is the anticipated release date? Does USAID anticipate significant changes to the scope of work?

USAID Response: A determination regarding a follow-on is yet to be made.

17. DCHA: SWIFT V IDIQ

- a. When does USAID anticipate announcing the outcome of these procurements?

USAID Response: We are still in the Evaluation Stage of this procurement. In the procurement process there are always variables affecting the outcome so it would be difficult to give a date of outcome. At this stage we can only estimate Fiscal Year 19 (FY19).

18. E3: ABE LEARN IDIQ

- a. Does USAID expect to re-compete this? Will it be combined with ACCESS?

Response: There is no information available at this time.

19. E3: Artisanal Mining Property Rights (AMPR) Task Order

- a. Could USAID please provide a summarized project description?

USAID Response: The Artisanal Mining and Property Rights (AMPR) Task Order (TO) will be issued as a Statement of Objectives for offerors to develop a Performance Work Statement (PWS). It will support USAID's objective to improve land and resource governance and strengthen property rights for all members of society, especially women. In order to achieve this objective, USAID is committed to incorporating appropriate and applicable evidence, tools, and approaches to address development challenges around ASM and conflict metals and minerals. The AMPR TO will focus on these challenges in CAR. The AMPR TO will also be available to provide short-term technical assistance to USAID Operating Units (OU) worldwide on such topics as the link between ASM and land and resource governance, social cohesion, combating violent extremism, pastoralism, sustainable economic growth, promoting responsible investments, or women's empowerment.

- b. Will E3/LU consider a partial set-aside for small business as an option?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time regarding the business size.

20. E3: Energy II IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm the award date?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time.

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

- a. Could USAID please provide an updated release date?
b. Will this be procured under the PFM II IDIQ?

- c. Will it be set-aside for small-businesses?
- d. Has the expected date of award changed?

USAID Response: There is no new information at this time.

22. E3: PFM II IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm the award date?

USAID Response: The PFM II IDIQ will be awarded no later than July 31, 2018.

23. E3: REPLACE IDIQ:

- a. Will there be a follow on to the REPLACE IDIQ? If so, what is the expected timing of release of an RFP?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time.

24. E3: STARR II IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm the award date?

Response: There is no information available at this time.

25. GC: Paralegal Support

- a. When will this action, expected on June 1, 2018 be solicited for the Office of General Counsel?

USAID Response:

26. GH: Accelerating Scale - Human-Centered Design Services

- a. This solicitation is no longer listed on the forecast. Could USAID provide an update on this procurement?

USAID Response: It should appear back on the BF.

27. GH: Challenge TB

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the status of the TB portfolio re-design mentioned in last quarter's Q&A document?
- b. Can USAID/Washington provide any information on the follow-on, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?
- c. Does USAID intend to release any pre-solicitation materials such as a draft scope of work?

USAID Response: USAID is still in the re-design process and there is no new

information at this time. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov) and the Business Forecast.

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

- a. Would USAID kindly provide information on the **Data Analytics Center** project referenced in the recent CEP-NTDsolicitation and RFI?
 - i. Can USAID provide information on the size and scope of the program?
 - ii. Will it be full and open competition?
 - iii. Will USAID release an RFI prior to competing an RFA?
 - iv. When does USAID anticipate releasing an RFA?

USAID Response: USAID's NTD Division is evaluating the need for a Data Analytics Center to support CEP-NTD. Please continue to monitor USAID's Business Forecast in the coming months for updated information.

29. GH: Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT)

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to EPT-2?

USAID Response: Yes, please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov) in the coming months.

- b. Will there be an RFI prior to competing an RFA?

USAID Response: Yes, please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov) in the coming months.

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

USAID Response: There will be some redesign of the current programs. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov) for information.

- d. Will the EPT 3 awards be direct follow on to the current awards?

USAID Response: See response to c above.

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

USAID Response: Timing may vary. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [fbo.gov](https://www.fbo.gov).

30. GH: The Evidence Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: At this time, there is no information to provide. Please continue to monitor grants.gov and the business forecast for future updates.

31. GH: HIV:

- a. To facilitate planning, can USAID please provide information on any additional anticipated FY19 bilateral opportunities related to HIV?

USAID Response: Bilateral opportunities are not administered out of Washington. Please reach out to the cognizant Mission for specific project information.

- b. Would USAID kindly share its anticipated strategy for competing the next round of global HIV procurements (e.g. AIDSFree, LINKAGES, Project SOAR, ASPIRES, 4Children)?

USAID Response: USAID is designing new projects to support the range of activities currently covered by AIDSFree, LINKAGES, and other central mechanisms. USAID will provide more details as they become available.

32. GH: Integrated Health Systems Improvement Program TO

- a. Could USAID provide an updated solicitation release date beyond the 3/9/18 now listed?

USAID Response: The draft RFTOP was released on 3/9/18. Any updates will be communicated to the IDIQ holders once the IDIQ awards are signed.

33. GH: Knowledge SUCCESS APS

- a. Could USAID provide an indication as to whether this APS will result in a single award for the five-year period, or if USAID intends to make multiple awards?

USAID Response: One or two awards may be made as a result of Round 1 of the APS. More awards may be made in successive Rounds. The actual number of awards under the APS is subject to the availability of funds and the viability of applications received.

- b. If multiple, will those be solicited on a rolling basis?

USAID Response: As stated above, additional awards may be made through successive rounds. Please continue to monitor grants.gov for future dates, which will be provided through an APS amendment.

34. GH: Malaria: To facilitate planning, can USAID please provide information on any additional anticipated FY19 bilateral opportunities related to malaria?

USAID Response: Bilateral program planning for malaria can be found in country annual Malaria Operational Plans (MOPs) that are available at pmi.gov/ResourceLibrary/MOPsPartners. Specifically, bilateral planned investments are summarized in the tables at the end of each MOP document. FY 2019 MOPs are under development, and will be posted on/around November 2019.

35. GH: Maternal and Child Survival Program

- a. Can USAID/Washington provide any information on the follow-on, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: This program is still in design stage. Any updates will be communicated through the business forecast.

- b. Does USAID intend to release any pre-solicitation materials such as a draft scope of work?

USAID Response: This program is still in early design stage. Once it is approved through USAID's internal processes we will engage the partner base.

36. GH: Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention Project (MMDP)

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on?
- b. Will USAID release an RFI prior to competing an RFA?
- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing an RFA?

USAID Response: USAID's NTD Program is evaluating its investment in the MMDP space with regard to current and upcoming global commitments and investments, while also taking into consideration the Program's portfolio transition, progress toward 2020 control and elimination goals, availability of funds, and Agency priorities. Please monitor grants.gov for updates.

37. GH: NextGen GHSMA

- a. Can USAID confirm if this was released under GSA IT Schedule 70?

USAID Response: Yes this was released under GSA IT Schedule 70.

38. GH: YouthPower IDIQ

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to this IDIQ? What procurement mechanism will USAID use? What is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID is currently discussing design options for YouthPower

mechanism, and no additional information available at this time.

- b. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on? If so, does it anticipate releasing a draft scope of work prior to the solicitation release?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

39. LAC: Democracy Programs

- a. Can USAID provide additional description of activities for this newly-forecast, 3-year project?

USAID Response: USAID issued Notice of Funding Opportunity 7200AA18RFA00016 on June 15, 2018.

- b. The estimated May 31 release date has passed, can USAID provide an updated timeframe?

USAID Response: USAID issued NOFO #7200AA18RFA00016 on June 15, 2018.

- c. Is this program expected to cover the entire LAC region or if specific countries will be included in the solicitation.

USAID Response: See the issued solicitation referenced above for details on geographic coverage.

40. Middle East: Governance Integration for Stabilization and Resilience (GISR)

- a. Would USAID please confirm the release date and mechanism for this procurement?

USAID Response: There is no current release date for this activity which is going through the AARAD process.

41. Middle East: Libya Local Governance Civil Society

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

USAID Response: Libya.

- b. Can you please provide more detail on the technical scope of the solicitation?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Is this solicitation a follow on to the Libya Elections and Governance Support (LEGS) program?

USAID Response:No.

- d. Will USAID seek input on design from interested parties prior to the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Most likely not.

- e. Does the Mission intend to release a Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) for Libya before this solicitation is released?

USAID Response: No.

42. OAA: CPA Firm Audits

- a. Is this acquisition still anticipated for a June 30, 2018 release date?

USAID Response: it has been moved to September 30th, 2018.

43. OAA: Worldwide Training IQC

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on contract to Worldwide Training?

USAID Response: Yes

- b. If so, could USAID please update the forecast to indicate the anticipated solicitation date, award type, etc.?

USAID Response: This will be an OASIS award made in 2019.

44. PPL: EVAL-ME IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates beginning the recompile process in early FY2019.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Afghan Urban Water and Sanitation

- a. Which cities are USAID considering for this award?

USAID Response: This procurement was posted on www.fbo.gov under solicitation # 72030618R0002 on March 26, 2018. The due date for receiving proposals was May 29, 2018. The six Afghan cities referenced in the solicitation are; (i) Kabul, (ii) Herat, (iii) Jalalabad, (iv) Mazar e Sharif, (v) Kandahar and (vi) Kunduz.

2. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Program

- a. When is USAID planning to release this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan does not have a planned release date for this solicitation.

- b. Can USAID clarify the mechanism for this program?

USAID Response: This solicitation will likely result in a contract. USAID/Afghanistan has not yet determined the type of contract, however.

- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information notice?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan has not determined whether it will release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information.

- d. Does the implementer of the recently concluded Afghanistan Trade and Revenue project qualify as an incumbent?

USAID Response: The Afghanistan Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Program will be a new activity with new requirements.

3. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Value Chain

- a. Can USAID kindly confirm that the projected award date for Crops and Livestock remains 9/30/2018?

USAID Response: For Afghanistan VALue Chains - Crops, Yes, 09-30-2018 is still the expected award date. As recorded on the Agency A&A plan and business forecast.

As reflected on the business forecast and Agency A&A plan, Afghanistan Value Chains Livestock was awarded on June 9, 2018.

4. Bangladesh: Workforce Development for Bangladeshi Youth

- a. Are there specific workforce areas that USAID are hoping to focus on in this award?

USAID Response: For more information on sectors that are of interest to USAID, please view the Request for Information (RFI) (<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=301973>)

- b. How many grants or organizations are USAID likely to award for this?

USAID Response: USAID intends to award one cooperative agreement.

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

USAID Response: The program description is still being finalized, therefore we have not reached a conclusion on this question, at this time.

- d. When will this procurement mechanism be unrestricted, allowing local implementers to prime?

USAID Response: The solicitation is intended to be full and open competition. Any eligible, responsible, and responsive implementer is welcome to apply.

- e. Does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation on July 12, 2018?

USAID Response: This solicitation will likely not be released on the forecast date. We intend to update the business forecast in July to give offerors a revised timeline.

- f. Will there be a pre-solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend to issue a pre-solicitation.

5. Bangladesh: Read to Learn

- a. Does USAID/Bangladesh plan to release an RFI or draft SOW for the Bangladesh Read to Learn Activity? If so, what is the anticipated timeline?
- b. Is July 16, 2018 still the intended release date?
- c. Will it be released with a multiphase mechanism?

USAID Response: Through negotiations with the Government of Bangladesh, it has been agreed that USAID will support inclusive education for children with disabilities as part of the Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP4). Negotiations are expected to continue in the coming months, and USAID will update the business forecast to reflect government priorities and guidance once negotiations have concluded.

- 6. Bosnia and Herzegovina: Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity (MEASURE-BiH)**
a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: A decision has not yet been made.

- 7. Burkina Faso:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any agriculture activities in FY18 in addition to the Development Food Security activities?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of designing future activities. But at this time, we do not yet have a date on when solicitations will be released. We expect to release solicitations in the FY 18 and FY 19 timeframe. Updates will be made to the business forecast as planning progresses.

- 8. Burma:** Does USAID expect to have any education or livelihoods opportunities in FY19?

USAID Response: Not at this time

- 9. Burma:** USAID/Burma released an RFI for an HIV/AIDS Activity in January 2018. However, this is not on the forecast. Could USAID provide a timeline for solicitation release?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma is still designing the activity. The information will be included in the business forecast as part of the FY19 forecast for next year.

- 10. Burma: Burma Aquaculture Activity**

- a. When will this activity be added to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Business Forecast posting is not applicable for this activity.

- 11. Burma: Burma Community Strengthening Project**

Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity has not been canceled? If so, can USAID provide an anticipated award date?

USAID Response: This opportunity has not been cancelled. The award is anticipated to be finalized by the end of the fiscal year (FY18).

I 2. Burma: Economic Restructuring Activity

- a. Can USAID provide more information about these upcoming projects and update the forecast?

USAID Response: This will be a FY19 action. All FY19 actions will be included in future forecasts.

I 3. Cambodia: Can you please confirm that USAID is not planning any new procurements in Cambodia?

USAID Response: Planned opportunities are listed on the business forecast in accordance with applicable policy and guidance to the extent practicable.

I 4. Cameroon: Does USAID have plans to compete a follow-on procurement for the Cameroon CHAMP Program? If so, when an RFI will be released, and what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID plans to issue a follow-on procurement for the Cameroon CHAMP Program. The details regarding this opportunity will be added to the USAID Business Forecast once we have additional information.

I 5. Central Asia: Central Asia Enterprises, Employment, & Enabling Environments (E4) Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate that this IDIQ RFP will be released on August 1 as noted in the business forecast?

USAID Response: The anticipated RFP release date for E4 has been updated to October 1, 2018.

- b. Are there specific employment sectors that USAID are hoping to focus on in this award?

USAID Response: E4 is intended to be a broad mechanism that will have the ability to focus on different sectors while also addressing issues in the legal and regulatory environment. The first Task Order under E4 will potentially focus on high-growth sectors with the potential to increase jobs and incomes. These sectors might be new areas where USAID has not had significant involvement throughout the region. Agribusiness may still be supported, but at a minimum, the activity will need to avoid duplication of existing bilateral and regional USAID efforts, as well as those of other donors.

- c. Can USAID clarify which regions in each of the countries are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: Because E4 is intended to be a broad and flexible mechanism, it is not focused on any particular region. However, it is anticipated that the first Task Order under E4 will focus on high-growth sectors with the potential to increase jobs and incomes. To achieve this objective, the activity may focus on those regions or corridors with the greatest potential for achieving results.

- d. How many grants or organizations are USAID likely to award for this?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia anticipates that E4 will be a single-award IDIQ with one prime contractor.

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

USAID Response: No. The RFP will ask for full proposals.

- f. Can USAID clarify which IDIQ contract mechanism will be used for this award/action type? Will it be single-holder or multi-holder?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia anticipates that E4 will be a single-award IDIQ with one prime contractor.

- g. Can USAID clarify how this differs from the current *Competitiveness, Trade and Jobs (CTJ)* activity?

USAID Response: CTJ has a heavy regional concentration and is focused on three sectors: horticulture, transport and logistics, and tourism. Conversely, E4 will serve USAID's development needs in areas related to economic growth which are outside of CTJ's activities and is intended to address both bilateral and regional needs. It is anticipated that the first Task Order under E4 will focus on high-growth sectors not extensively covered by CTJ. While some of E4's efforts may involve increasing trade in targeted sectors, trade facilitation itself is not intended to be the focus of E4 and any trade work under E4 would be carefully coordinated with other USAID/donor efforts.

- h. Would USAID/Central Asia consider more flexible/diverse mechanisms, such as cooperative agreements or a co-creation processes to ensure diversity of partners and encouragement of innovative solutions to development challenges?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia anticipates that E4 will be an acquisition instrument issue via a full and open RFP.

I 6. Central Asia: Expanding Tuberculosis Identification, Treatment & Prevention in Ctrl. Asia

- a. Can USAID/Central Asia provide any updated information, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation in FY19, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia anticipates issuance of a solicitation for the Expanding Tuberculosis Identification, Treatment & Prevention during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019.

- b. With the issuance of a stand-alone Kyrgyz Republic TB Control Program RFI in March, has the USAID CAR Mission determined that the Kyrgyz Republic would in fact not be part of the regional Central Asia TB Program?

USAID Response: The new USAID/Central Asia TB activity will include the Kyrgyz Republic in its scope, but only as a minor component since the USAID/Kyrgyz Republic also plans to issue a stand-alone TB award.

- c. Could USAID confirm that Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will be part of the regional program?

USAID Response: Activities will be implemented regionally and in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the Kyrgyz Republic. Among these countries, it is anticipated the majority of the programming will be in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

I 7. Cote d'Ivoire: Cote d'Ivoire Activity to Support Political Transition and Accountability

- a. Does USAID/Cote d'Ivoire have any additional information about the description of this opportunity?

USAID Response: Thank you for your inquiry. The Political Transition and Accountability activity is in full design by USAID/Cote d'Ivoire. Therefore no Program Description is available at this time.

- b. Will it be released as a Cooperative Agreement?

USAID Response: Please refer to Mission's Response under 17(a).

I 8. Colombia: Colombia Lands for Prosperity Activity

- a. Could USAID please share the most recent Land and Rural Development program's quarterly and annual reports to allow potential offerors for the Colombia Lands for Prosperity Activity to better understand work to date?

USAID Response: The requested documents are currently accessible in USAID's

Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) under the contract number “AID-514-TO-13-00015” and “LRDP”. In addition to that, all of these documents will be included as attachments in Section J of the Request for Task Order Proposal for ease of reference.

- b. Can USAID indicate under which IDIQ mechanism this task order will be released?

USAID Response: USAID/Colombia intends to release the announced Request for Task Order Proposal under the Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights II (STARR II) IDIQ, currently pending award.

19. DR Congo: Agricultural Activity Planning

- a. On May 22, 2018 a request for information was issued for input into USAID/DRC’s Agricultural Activity Planning. This program does not appear in the business forecast. Can USAID please updated the forecast to include this anticipated program?
- b. Can USAID please share the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID please confirm whether they anticipate this will be a cooperative agreement, a contract, or another type of award mechanism? What will the size be?
- d. Will there be an RFI?

USAID Response: Closing date for this RFI was June 20, 2018. Additional information will be provided when the Mission decides to move on with the program.

20. DR Congo: CARPE GDA

- a. This opportunity has an anticipated release date of 4/18/2018; is there an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The CARPE program has been posted as an APS on grants.gov on June 25, 2018.

21. DR Congo: Electoral Integrity Program (DEIP)

- a. The anticipated release date is 12/10/2018, and the anticipated award date is 3/15/2019. However, the elections are scheduled for 12/23/2018. Will USAID consider releasing the solicitation earlier, or does USAID intend for DEIP to support post-election activities?
- b. Will this be released through the GEPT LWA mechanism or if it will be released through a full and open Request for Application?

USAID Response: USAID/DRC estimates to release the funding opportunity by

July 31, 2018. The funding opportunity will be released through the Global Elections and Political Transitions (GEPT) Leader with Associates (LWA) mechanism.

22. DR Congo: Environmental Policy and Capacity Support Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date as 6/15/2018?

USAID Response: The solicitation is anticipated to be released by August 15, 2018.

23. DR Congo: Promoting Free and Open Media in DRC

- a. When does USAID expect the solicitation will be released?
- b. Will this solicitation be subject to free and open competition, or does USAID anticipate releasing it under a pre-competed mechanism?

USAID Response: The Mission plans to release this funding opportunity on October 17, 2018. The funding opportunity will be released through the Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global) Leader with Associates (LWA) mechanism.

24. DR Congo: RFI

- a. USAID/DRC has issued a detailed RFI soliciting inputs on where/how to address the many challenges which require solutions across locations, sectors and topics. Please clarify how and when the inputs will be put to use.
- b. In April, organizations were invited through an RFI to submit "written information about the capabilities and interest of all public and private parties in participating in a co-creation process to identify innovative solutions to increase access to sustainable Water and Sanitation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". Can you please confirm whether that co-creation has taken place and this BAA is the result or whether co-creation with different stakeholders is still to take place?

USAID Response: The Mission is reviewing the input received in response to the RFI. the co-creation is estimated to take place in September 2018.

25. DR Congo: Sustainable WASH Service Delivery Activity

- a. Will the Sustainable WASH Service Delivery Activity forecasted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have a focus on rural or urban WASH, or will it work in both contexts?

USAID Response: The Mission did not decide on the focus yet.

- b. Could USAID advise on whether the BAA process is likely to result in a grant/cooperative agreement, a contract or another type of award mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID has not decided the type of award yet.

- c. Does the solicitation date of July 9 indicate the date on which new information will next be released, or is the co-creation process expected to have been completed by this date?

USAID Response: The estimated date for the solicitation is estimated in October 2018.

- d. Can USAID confirm and narrow the value of \$50M - \$99.99M indicated in the forecast and given the value, can USAID confirm whether they expect the BAA process will result in one award, or multiple awards?

USAID Response: USAID cannot narrow the estimated value at this stage and number of awards is not known yet.

26. DR Congo: USAID Environmental Policy

- a. 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)?
- b. Does USAID anticipate including an on-the-ground hands-on component to accompany the environmental policy focus?

USAID Response: The solicitation is anticipated to be released by August 15, 2018. This will be a regional program and will cover the Congo basin and the award will include GUC to take this aspect in account.

27. DR Congo: WASH

- a. On March 21, 2018 a request for information was issued for input into USAID/DRC's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Planning. The current business forecast for DRC lists a "sustainable WASH service delivery" that will be issued as a Broad Agency Announcement. Is this the same program referenced in the RFI, or are there two separate programs anticipated?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that this is the same program referenced in the RFI.

- b. Does USAID still plan on releasing this solicitation on July 9?

USAID Response: The estimated date for releasing the solicitation is September

5, 2018.

- c. Could USAID please specify where and when the initial co-creation process workshop is likely to be held to aid planning of staff availability?

USAID Response: The co-creation workshop will be held in Kinshasa in late August 2018.

- d. Could USAID please confirm that this solicitation is a direct follow on from the recently released WASH RFI?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that this is the same program referenced in the RFI.

28. East Africa: Development Outreach and Communications Services for USAID/KEA

- a. Could USAID please confirm that this solicitation will still be issued as a full and open contract in the month of June?

USAID Response: The full and open solicitation was issued on June 18 and is available on FedBizOpps.

29. East Africa: Strengthening Agriculture & Regional Resilience (STARR)

- a. Could USAID provide an estimated release date for the RFP, assuming it is still planned?

USAID Response:

- b. Could USAID also provide the mechanism and an estimated value?

USAID Response:

- c. Could USAID please clarify the geographic targeting of Components 1 and 2?

USAID Response:

30. Egypt: Is USAID planning to add a governance sector opportunity to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

31. El Salvador: When does the Mission anticipate announcing the outcome of the Local Solutions (HICD Pro task order) procurement?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates announcing the outcome by September 30, 2018.

32. El Salvador: Citizens Security

- a. The Q3 forecast states that the funding mechanism will be a contract. Is this confirmed that it is now being released as an open competition?

USAID Response: This will be released as a full and open solicitation.

- b. Would USAID consider a cooperative agreement mechanism to facilitate adaptive management and ensure greater participation of local organizations in the program?

USAID Response: No. However, the award will consist of a grants under contract (GUC) option, which would allow USAID to indirectly work with local organizations.

- c. Can USAID confirm if the 8/31/2018 solicitation release date is still accurate?

USAID Response: No. We hope to release a RFI Mid-July.

- d. Does USAID anticipate that the program to address promotion of citizen security with Populations on the Move (POM) such as returned migrants?

USAID Response: Yes, because the relationship between violence and human mobility is reflected in a series of direct and indirect indicators. This project will partner with POM and others as needed.

- e. Can USAID provide an indication of which Government of El Salvador agencies the program will be expected to directly collaborate with?

USAID Response: The contractor will work directly with the Minister of Justice and Public Security.

- f. Is USAID planning on releasing an RFI or draft SOW in advance of the scheduled RFP release date?

USAID Response: Yes, we plan to release an RFI Mid-July.

33. Ethiopia: What procurement plans does USAID have for continuing work focused on resilience, market development, nutrition and natural resource management in the mostly pastoralists regions of Ethiopia?

USAID Response: The Pastoral Resilience Activity/Activities is a five year activity (ies) that will reduce vulnerability of people and communities in targeted lowland areas of Ethiopia to various climate related shocks and conflicts. The activity will target households in selected districts (woredas) of Oromia, Somali, Afar and potentially South Omo. The Pastoral Resilience Activity will have five interrelated intermediate results – IR 1: Improved Disaster Risk Management Systems and Capacity; IR 2: Diversified and Sustainable Economic Opportunities for People Transitioning Away from Pastoralism; IR 3: Intensified and Sustained Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Production and Marketing; IR 4: Nutritional Status of Targeted Households Improved; and IR 5: Improved Collaboration Learning and Adapting. The total estimated cost is \$44-\$60 mil.

34. Ethiopia: Health Financing Improvement Program

- a. The length is listed as 4-6 months. Was this a mistake and it should be 5 years?

USAID Response: This is likely to be a five-year activity.

35. Ethiopia: PRIME II

- a. What is forecast to follow on the conclusion of the PRIME program, what is the anticipated date, and what is the estimated program amount?

USAID Response:The Pastoral Resilience Activity/Activities is a five year activity (ies) that will reduce vulnerability of people and communities in targeted lowland areas of Ethiopia to various climate related shocks and conflicts. The activity will target households in selected districts (woredas) of Oromia, Somali, Afar and potentially South Omo. The Pastoral Resilience Activity will have five interrelated intermediate results – IR 1: Improved Disaster Risk Management Systems and Capacity; IR 2: Diversified and Sustainable Economic Opportunities for People Transitioning Away from Pastoralism; IR 3: Intensified and Sustained Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Production and Marketing; IR 4: Nutritional Status of Targeted Households Improved; and IR 5: Improved Collaboration Learning and Adapting. The total estimated cost is \$44-\$60 mil.

36. Ethiopia: Supporting Electronic Information Systems

- a. USAID asked for information on small business's ability to provide services on the contract. At this point in time, does USAID have an update on whether this program in its entirety or in portion will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: We have no update on that at this time.

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation?

USAID Response: A pre-solicitation will be issued if a contract is contemplated, as required by the FAR.

37. Ghana: Agriculture Technology Transfer (ATI)

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to his activity? If so, what is the timeframe?

USAID Response: As we transition from implementation of Feed the Future into the Global Food Security Strategy, we are undertaking a full strategic review of all of our current and future programming to ensure that it will contribute to the objectives as outlined in our Strategy. We do not yet know if this activity will have a direct follow-on.

38. Ghana: Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Research & Piloting

- a. This opportunity shows a release date of December 8, 2017. Could USAID please update the “Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?”

USAID Response: Solicitation was already released on the date of the business forecast. APS is open for a year.

39. Ghana: Ghana ADVANCE II

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to his activity? If so, what is the timeframe?

USAID Response: As we transition from implementation of Feed the Future into the Global Food Security Strategy, we are undertaking a full strategic review of all of our current and future programming to ensure that it will contribute to the objectives as outlined in our Strategy. We do not yet know if this activity will have a direct follow-on.

40. Ghana: Feed the Future

- a. Could USAID provide an update on planned Feed the Future programming in Ghana?

USAID Response: As we transition from implementation of Feed the Future into the Global Food Security Strategy, we are undertaking a full strategic review of all of our current and future programming to ensure that it will contribute to the objectives as outlined in our Strategy. It is too early for us to be able to provide an update on planned GFSS programming in Ghana.

41. Ghana: West Africa Municipal WASH

- a. As the award amount is \$10M-\$25M across five years, would the Mission consider a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Thank you for your question. USAID/West Africa is still developing its procurement approach.

- b. Could USAID please update the anticipated award/action type for the West Africa Municipal WASH activity?

USAID Response: Thank you for your question. USAID/West Africa is still developing its procurement approach.

- c. Can USAID confirm that the new solicitation date of August 1, 2018 is the most accurate?

USAID Response: This solicitation release date of August 1, 2018 is the most accurate.

42. Georgia: Does USAID/Georgia plan to release any cooperative agreements in FY18?

USAID Response: No

43. Georgia: Economic Security Activity

- a. Could USAID provide an estimated timeline for releasing a pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: The estimated date for presolicitation Notice is the end of October 2018 (FY19)

- b. Can USAID provide more information regarding the expected scope of work for this program?

USAID Response: The Pre-solicitation notice will have information regarding the SOW.

44. Georgia: Mission Evaluation Mechanism

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: At this moment, we do not anticipate the rebid.

45. Guatemala: Justice and Transparency Project

- a. Could USAID please confirm the current release date on the Business Forecast of 7/16/2018 is accurate?

USAID Response: We are still anticipating a release date of the second or third week of July.

- b. Does USAID intend to issue a pre-solicitation notice for this activity?

USAID Response: No, but we will give extra time for review, Q&A, and proposal preparation.

46. Guatemala: National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance

- a. Will there be market research performed to see if there are small businesses that can participate in this solicitation?

USAID Response: We always do market research and all factors are taken into consideration.

- b. Given the delay in anticipated release date, are any changes to the draft PWS expected before release?

USAID Response: Yes and we will give offerors plenty of time to review and proposal preparation. At this time, we do not anticipate a SB set-aside, but we strongly encourage subcontract plans with Small Businesses

- c. Could USAID please confirm that it still intends to issue a solicitation on 9/28/2018?

USAID Response: We are planning for October 2018.

47. Guatemala: Nutrition, MCH and Family Planning

- a. Will the anticipated solicitation date for the Guatemala Nutrition, MCH and Family Planning opportunity still hold at June 29 in light of the recent natural disaster in the country? Will the scope of work change?

USAID Response: We are now anticipating a release date of approximately August 15. The SOW is not expected to change significantly.

- b. Can USAID provide the target geographic areas for this award?

USAID Response:The target geographic areas are Huehuetenango and Quiche.

- c. Can USAID describe the anticipated balance between Nutrition, MCH, and Family Planning interventions expected on this award?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated with the following information about the anticipated project: *The purpose of the activity is to achieve significant and sustainable improvements in nutrition and health outcomes of target select municipalities of the Western Highlands which will result in reductions in stunting, anemia, micronutrient deficiencies, and maternal*

and child morbidity and mortality in both prevalence and severity. This will occur as the result of improving service delivery and strengthening health systems.

48. Guatemala: Policy, Education & Youth Project

- a. Could USAID please provide more information in the synopsis for the policy education and youth project?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated with the following information: *The Proyecto Todos Preparados contract will support the Government of Guatemala (GOG) to improve implementation of key policies to elevate the quality of early grade education and youth workforce development. Specifically, policies targeted by this contract promote: 1) development of emergent literacy skills among girls and boys, and 2) access to demand-driven education and training opportunities among young women and men. The contract will support policy implementation based on a partnership and sustainability approach, including close collaboration with other U.S. Government (USG) interventions, other education sector donors, civil society organizations, and private sector entities. In addition, a thorough communication strategy will support GOG efforts to communicate policies to a broad range of stakeholders, and an electoral strategy will support civil society efforts to ensure key policies are understood and prioritized ahead of the 2019 Guatemalan presidential election and sustained into the new administration.*

- b. Is this project a follow-on activity or a new activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity, but will build on USAID Guatemala's previous education projects that included policy components.

49. Guatemala: Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity

- a. Is USAID still in the design phase for this award?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is still in design phase for this award.

- b. Will there be a draft SOW?

USAID Response: There are no current plans to post a program description in advance of Solicitation.

- c. Is the solicitation still anticipated on or about July 31, 2018?

USAID Response: It is anticipated to be posted before August 2018.

- d. Does USAID still intend to make an assistance award vs. an acquisition?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID still intends to make an assistance award

50. **Haiti:** Does USAID/Haiti anticipate any new agricultural programs in FY19?

USAID Response: Yes, we expect two new agricultural programs in FY19.

51. Haiti: OVC

- a. What is “OVC?”

USAID Response: Orphans and Vulnerable Children

- b. Can USAID provide an award summary for this opportunity?

USAID Response: OVC II will address the needs of OVC in Haiti, ensuring adequate access to a wide range of prevention, care, and treatment services based on the changing needs and circumstances of OVC, their caregivers and families. Ensuring a continuum of care between facility-based PMTCT, pediatric HIV and community-based OVC activities, requires that beneficiaries be able to access a variety of community-based supportive services, including health, nutrition, education, protection, psychosocial support, economic strengthening, and other social services.

- c. Is this considered a follow-on to any existing USAID awards?

USAID Response: The OVC II activity evolved from an earlier OVC activity that ran from December 2013 to December 2018.

52. Haiti: Health Leadership Project

- a. Could USAID provide an updated solicitation release date for the Health Leadership Project beyond the 4/20/18 now listed?

USAID Response: 6/29/18

53. Haiti: Improving Governance in Haiti Initiative (IGHI)

- a. Would USAID please confirm the status and intended release date for this procurement?

USAID Response: 7/31/18

54. Haiti: Platform for Investment Mobilization

- a. Does USAID expect this opportunity will return to the Forecast?

USAID Response: No

55. Haiti: Vérification des Résultats pour la Santé (VRS) II

- a. This activity forecasted still lists an anticipated release date of 4/13/2018. Could USAID please provide an updated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: 7/27/18

56. India: Does USAID anticipate any new water and sanitation solicitations in India for this fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes, two new awards that came as a result of a selection process under an APS. One has been awarded on June 18, 2018 and the seconds is expected before Sep. 28, 2018.

57. India: Forest PLUS

- a. Does USAID anticipate completing the award by Sep. 28, 2018?

USAID Response: Yes, we are currently projecting to complete the award process before this date. This procurement is at the end of the evaluation stage.

58. Indonesia: Civil Society Initiative Support (CSI)

- a. Can USAID confirm the mechanism for the Civil Society Support Initiative?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early phase of design and no determination as to type of instrument has been made.

- b. Does USAID plan on issuing this solicitation through a free and open competition or will eligibility be restricted to certain entities? Will USAID accept applications from international organizations?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early phase of design. Market research is currently being conducted to determine whether any eligibility restrictions are appropriate.

- c. Does USAID intend to issue a Request for Information for this opportunity?

USAID Response: It is likely that a Request for Information will be issued for this opportunity; the timing of release of the RFI has not yet been determined.

- d. Does USAID still intend to issue an RFA/RFP for CSI at the end of September?

USAID Response: Please see recent updates to the Business Forecast, indicating that the issuance date has been moved to later in CY2018.

59. Indonesia: Tuberculosis Private Sector Activity

- a. The RFP mentions a potential Challenge TB follow-on. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity and when it might be released?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia cannot confirm if there will be a follow-on activity for Challenge TB nor when it may be released, since it is not a Mission-based award.

60. Jordan: Will the next basic education project in Jordan include a Kindergarten component, considering progress made in the sub-sector recently and USAID's long prior history of support?

USAID Response: Any future projects will be aligned with USAID's and Government of Jordan's strategies.

61. Jordan: Civic Initiative Support Program

- a. Will this activity be re-competed? If so, when?

USAID Response: There are no plans to re-compete this project at this time.

62. Jordan: EDE New Competitiveness Project

- a. Could USAID verify the expected procurement size for the new Jordan Competitiveness activity? It was previously forecasted at a larger value, but now is shown at the value of \$10-25M, considerably smaller than the current program.

USAID Response: The business forecast accurately reflects our current intentions.

- b. This is now slated to be a small business set-aside. Please confirm that this is accurate.

USAID Response: This is accurate.

- c. Does USAID/Jordan anticipate releasing another procurement in the economic growth/workforce development space that is open to other than small businesses?

USAID Response: At this point and time, the business forecast reflects our current procurement intentions.

- d. Does USAID plan to publish a draft scope of work or other pre-solicitation notices prior to the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: Pre-solicitation notice is currently being considered.

- e. Will this be a task order under the PFM II IDIQ or other contract mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID is investigating all possible procurement vehicles.

63. Jordan: Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Project (MELP)

- a. This opportunity shows a release date of April 1, 2018. Could USAID please update the “Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?”

USAID Response: The new “Anticipated Solicitation Release Date” is approximately mid to late September 2018.

64. Kenya: Are there any Food for Peace development activities planned for Kenya?

USAID Response: USAID/KEA has no information regarding a potential procurement at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any upcoming opportunities.

65. Kenya: Afya Jijini

- a. Does USAID intend to release any education follow-on to this current project?

USAID Response:

- b. Does USAID anticipate a re-bid of project(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response:

66. Kenya: HIV Private Sector in Kenya

- a. Is there an update, as the anticipated solicitation release date on the most recent forecast has already passed?

USAID Response:

- b. Is this opportunity only eligible for local organizations applicants?

USAID Response:

- c. Will this be a national-level program?

USAID Response:

67. Kenya: Kenya Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises (KAVES)

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

USAID Response: USAID/KEA does not anticipate a follow-on to the KAVES activity at this time.

68. Kosovo: Commercial Justice Activity

- a. What is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is mid to late July 2018.

69. Kosovo: Economic Anticorruption

- a. Is this expected program to be released as a full and open competition, or is it to be released under the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: It is anticipated to be full and open competition.

- b. Is the anticipated release date still July 2?

USAID Response: Anticipated release date is late July 2018. This will be updated in the Business Forecast.

70. Kosovo: Preventing Youth Violent Extremism

- a. Does USAID plan to issue one or multiple awards, considering the budget range (\$10M-\$24.99M)?

USAID Response: One award is anticipated.

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

USAID Response: The goal of the Activity is to empower youth in Kosovo to promote their own development and become responsible citizens, thereby strengthening their resilience to radical ideologies.

- c. Will there be a pre-solicitation notice or RFI?

USAID Response: There will be a pro-solicitation notice.

71. Kosovo: Property Rights Program

- a. Will there be a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Kosovo has no information to provide. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast for any updates.

72. Kyrgyzstan: AgroHorizons

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic is tentatively planning a new agricultural activity for FY2019. An expected value of this activity would be approximately \$10 to 15 million.

73. Kyrgyzstan: Enterprise Competitiveness Activity (ECP)

- a. Does USAID expect to issue an award?

USAID Response: An award has been issued and notice posted on fbo.gov.

74. Kyrgyzstan: Tuberculosis Control Program

- a. Can USAID/Kyrgyz Republic Asia provide any updated information, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation in FY2019, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic anticipates issuance of a funding opportunity for the Tuberculosis Control Program during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019.

75. Lebanon: Does USAID anticipate any new water and sanitation solicitations in Lebanon for this fiscal year?

USAID Response: No.

76. Lebanon: Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development (LIVCD)

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on activity? If so, what is the expected timeframe?

USAID Response: No.

77. Lesotho: Karabo ea Bophelo (KB) Activity

- a. Does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for this opportunity during FY18?

- b. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated funding amount?
- c. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity will not be restricted to local organizations only?

USAID Response: This procurement has been cancelled. The information was updated in the A&A plan.

78. Liberia: Agriculture Value Chain Services

- a. Can USAID clarify which regions in Liberia are currently under consideration?

USAID Response:

79. Liberia: Gbarnga Grid Extension

- a. is this a Power Africa task order?

USAID Response:

- b. Is this an equipment purchase or technical assistance services for the power grid?

USAID Response:

80. Liberia: Health Systems Strengthening Activity

- a. Will this activity in Liberia (NAICS Code: 541990) contain a significant malaria component?

USAID Response:

- b. Could USAID provide an indication of how the scope is expected to change from the current USAID-funded Collaborative Support for Health (CSH) program?
 - i. What does USAID see as the most significant programmatic change from CSH?
 - 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?
 - 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:

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

USAID Response:

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

USAID Response:

- e. 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:

- f. Can USAID confirm if July 31 is still the projected RFP release date?

USAID Response:

81. Liberia: New Youth Activity

- a. Can you please confirm the Award/Action Type?

USAID Response:

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

USAID Response:

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

USAID Response:

82. Liberia: Policy Dialog Project (PDP)

- a. This is described as an IDIQ. Does this mean it will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ? If the mission plans to make it a task order under the PFM II IDIQ, will it be set aside for small businesses? If it will be a mission-level IDIQ, will it be single-award or multiple-award?

USAID Response:

83. Liberia: WASH

- a. Can USAID please provide any details on the scope of work and/or mechanism of this activity?

USAID Response:

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

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

USAID Response:

- b. Will a pre-solicitation or RFI be released in advance of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

85. Liberia: Youth Cross-Cutting

- a. Can USAID provide more details on the technical focus of the opportunity and an anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- b. Can USAID please clarify the mechanism under which it will be competed?

USAID Response:

86. Macedonia: Governance Performance Improvement Activity (GPIA)

- a. Is the anticipated release date still Sep. 30, 2018, and is the anticipated award length still one year?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is December 31, 2018 and anticipated award length is four years.

87. Malawi: Does USAID anticipate any re-bid of projects(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response: At this point in time, USAID/Malawi is not planning to re-bid any of the projects within the current OVC portfolio.

88. Malawi: Disability Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm a revised release date for this TO/DO?

USAID Response: The anticipated revised release date for this TO is October 2018.

89. Malawi: Sustainable Management of Priority Forests and Bordering Watersheds

- a. Could USAID please add this procurement to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: At this point in time, the Malawi Mission does not have sufficient information regarding this procurement to include it in the Business Forecast.

- 90. Mali:** Can 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 currently finalizing a 5-year strategy for its Global Food Security Strategy country plan. Once the strategy is approved, USAID/Mali will enter an activity design phase. Once activities have been approved, USAID/Mali will indeed look for ways to partner with organizations able to help us achieve our strategy, which will include USAID assistance and/or acquisition methods. We currently are not able to anticipate and publish a firm procurement schedule.

- 91. Mali:** In response to whether USAID planned to solicit any additional Mali programming in the lead-up to the elections later this year, USAID replied that the response was forthcoming. Can USAID please provide an update on any additional programming expected?

USAID Response: No additional programming in support of elections is anticipated.

- 92. Moldova:** Power Generation Feasibility Study

- a. Will the Mission consider a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This RFP closed on June 15, but USAID/Moldova remains committed to working with small businesses.

- 93. Morocco:** Performance Evaluation of the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) Activities

- a. Has the Mission determined if this will be a small business set-aside?
- b. Can USAID provide further details on the scope of work?

USAID Response: This solicitation will be a small business set aside.

- 94. Mozambique:** Does USAID anticipate any re-bid of projects(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response: We do anticipate rebidding the FCC activity which is entering its 4th year in the next Fiscal Year. We have not yet started any firm discussions.

- 95. Mozambique:** Community HIV Activity in Zambezia

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

USAID Response: At this time USAID/Mozambique intends to restrict competition to local organizations.

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

USAID Response: No, USAID will only issue a formal solicitation.

- c. Does USAID intend to include a prevention component within the SOW and will adolescents be included as a target population?

USAID Response: USAID will include the adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) prevention activities in the PD

96. Mozambique: Quality Health Services Initiative

- a. Is USAID planning to release an RFI?

USAID Response: No, USAID will only issue a formal solicitation

97. Namibia: USAID/Namibia released an RFI for a Prevention, Care and Treatment Activity in March 2018. However, this is not on the forecast. Could USAID provide a timeline for solicitation release?

USAID Response: This RFI was for the purpose of designing multiple new activities. Subsequently in May 2018 an RFI was issued for USAID/Namibia Scaling up Access For Expanded Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Services (SAFE). The anticipated solicitation release date is pending but expected at end of FY18 or in FY19. Updates relating to other Prevention, Care and Treatment Activities will be made as planning progresses.

98. Namibia: Namibia Prevention, Care and Treatment

- a. Will USAID have an expected release date and expected value range for the solicitation?
- b. Is the opportunity anticipated to be local or open competition?
- c. What type of organizations will be eligible to prime the opportunity?

USAID Response: Namibia Prevention, Care and Treatment refers to multiple potential activities that are in planning. The anticipated solicitation release date is pending but expected at end of FY18 or in FY19 for the USAID/Namibia Scaling up Access For Expanded Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Services (SAFE) activity. For the SAFE activity, USAID is currently considering restricted eligibility to local Namibian organizations as prime recipients/contractors with

substantial involvement of U.S.-based subrecipients/subcontractors to a threshold of 20 percent of the value of the award to provide specialized technical support in the areas of quality management and U.S. Government administration and compliance. Further information regarding expected value range for the activities will be provided when available.

99. Niger: Does USAID anticipate releasing any agriculture activities in FY18 in addition to the Development Food Security activities?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of designing future activities. But at this time, we do not yet have a date on when solicitations will be released. We expect to release solicitations in the FY18 and FY19 timeframe. Updates will be made to the business forecast as planning progresses.

I 00. Niger: Niger Accountability Project

a. Can USAID please confirm that this will be released on July 2?

USAID Response: Solicitation for the Niger Accountability Project will not be released on July 2, 2018. The proposed activity is at design phase. It may likely be at the last quarter of FY18 or the first quarter of FY19.

I 01. Nigeria: Of the forecast solicitations, can USAID confirm the expected order these solicitations will come out?

USAID Response: Please see revised solicitation dates in the Business Forecast.

I 02. Nigeria: Agricultural Competitiveness & West Africa Trade Hub

a. Does USAID have plans for the RFI stage for the Nigeria AgCompete/West Africa Trade Hub opportunity, given the many changes in the activity's scope of work?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate an RFI at this time. However, during the solicitation period, sufficient time will be allowed for questions from potential offerors.

b. Can USAID please clarify if it still plans to release the AgCompete solicitation on June 29?

USAID Response: The proposed activity is undergoing internal approvals that have taken longer than expected, USAID anticipates releasing the solicitation in the last quarter of FY 18.

c. Does USAID/Nigeria have updates regarding the previously mentioned tentative bidders conference?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a bidders conference at this time given logistical challenges of this regional procurement. However, during the solicitation period, sufficient time will be allowed for questions from potential offerors.

- d. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated targeted WATH countries and the anticipated relationship between Nigeria and the overall WATH program?

USAID Response: Prioritized West African countries will be Nigeria, Senegal and Cote D'Ivoire. The activity will be managed from Nigeria.

I 03. Nigeria: Rural Resilience

- a. Can USAID please kindly confirm the anticipated solicitation release date of 6/29 is accurate?

USAID Response: We cannot confirm the solicitation date at this time however, the forecast will be updated to reflect more accurate dates as additional information becomes available.

- b. Is this still at the design stage and when will additional information be posted to the forecast given its re-design?

USAID Response: See response a.

- c. Will the outcomes of the National Conversation and ongoing discussion about the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus affect the design or timing of the planned Rural Resilience RFA?

USAID Response: No.

I 04. Nigeria: SHARP

- a. Can USAID/Nigeria provide an update on this procurement?

USAID Response: The solicitation has closed and SHARP is in the negotiation/award phase.

- b. Of the forecast solicitations, can USAID confirm the expected order these solicitations will come out?

USAID Response: Please see revised solicitation dates in the Business Forecast.

I05. Nigeria: Social Services for AIDS-Affected Orphans, Vulnerable Children & Adolescents

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of July is accurate as forecast?

USAID Response: This activity is in the design phase, USAID anticipates releasing the solicitation in the last quarter of FY18.

- b. Can USAID please provide the dollar value breakdown based on geography?

USAID Response: The dollar value breakdown based on geography has not been finalized.

I06. Nigeria: State-to-State Local Governance Project

- a. What is the timing of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is August 1, 2018.

- b. Could USAID kindly provide an update on the status of this opportunity? Is there clarity on the target states that this program will likely work?

USAID Response: Target states are under discussion, however states (subject to change), will be delineated in the solicitation for planning/bidding purposes.

- c. The estimate cost range for this project increased from \$25-50 million to \$50-100 million. Is this increase the result of any changes to the scope of work?

USAID Response: \$25-50M represents the base award and \$50-100M represents the base with options. These estimates are subject to change.

I07. Pakistan: When does the Mission anticipate announcing the outcome of the Capacity Development Services Small-business Set Aside procurement?

USAID Response: Mission Pakistan anticipates awarding this procurement by August 31, 2018.

I08. Pakistan: Communications Outreach Program (COP)

- a. Could USAID please update the “Small Business Set Aside” status for COP, if known?

USAID Response: After finalizing its market research on doing a “Small Business Set Aside” award, USAID/Pakistan has decided to utilize Full and Open Competition for this activity.

I09. Pakistan: Multi Sectoral APS

- a. Can USAID please provide additional information on the award description? Is this APS meant to function like a Global Development Alliance?

USAID Response: Awards will be assistance in nature not limited to Cooperative Agreements, Grants, Fixed Amount Awards (FAA), Collaboration Agreements, and Public Private Partnerships. The program may partner with the public and private sector, local, and international organizations to co-create, co-fund, and utilize innovative interventions to solve Pakistan's development challenges. Please refer to grants.gov -APS 72039118APS00001.

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing the Mission's 2018-2023 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) in advance of the solicitation's June 29, 2018 release date?

USAID Response: Mission Pakistan's new CDCS will be posted as soon as it is approved.

I 10. Pakistan: Policy and Performance Support Mechanism(3PSM)

- a. Please clarify whether or not this will be a set-aside, and whether it will be a single award or multiple award IDIQ, so that potential bidders can plan accordingly.

USAID Response: Response: 3PSM will be a multiple award IDIQ that will include set-asides for small businesses.

I 11. Pakistan: Sindh Enabling Environment Activity

- a. When will this appear on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Sindh Enabling Environment Activity will be the first task order issued under the 3PSM IDIQ. This task order will be awarded simultaneously with the IDIQ; therefore, it will not appear on the Business Forecast.

I 12. Pakistan: Women's Economic Empowerment and Transformation

- a. Has the Mission decided to cancel this procurement?

USAID Response: No, this remains an approved activity. The tentative release date for the RFP will be during the 2nd Quarter of FY19.

I 13. Pakistan: Youth Development Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a request for information?

USAID Response: USAID/ Pakistan does not anticipate releasing a Request for Information at this time.

- b. Will this be released as a contract?

USAID Response: Choice of instrument still under discussion.

- c. Does the Mission still anticipate a July 15, 2018 release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan anticipates revising the solicitation release date.

- d. Would USAID kindly clarify whether the Pakistan Youth Development Project (PYDP) and the Youth Workforce Development Partnership (YWDP) are two different opportunities, or the same opportunity? If they are the same opportunity, would USAID kindly clarify if the opportunity will be released using an RFA or a BAA mechanism?

USAID Response: Request for Information (RFI) for Youth Workforce Development Partnership (YWDP) is not going to result into an activity. However, the information gathered from this RFI can be utilized and fed into activities under different sectors.

- e. Could USAID please confirm that this is a new opportunity and that there is no predecessor to this project?

USAID Response: Pakistan Youth Development Project (PYDP) is a new opportunity.

- f. Does USAID anticipate a shift in approach to priority areas within Pakistan based on the recent vote to merge the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)? The forthcoming CDCS reflects support to FATA. If it is now part of an established and recognized province, what does that mean for the trajectory of USAID's development assistance to that area?

USAID Response: USAID is still focused on expanding its engagement with government entities along the Afghanistan/Pakistan borders to include the areas formerly known as FATA/KP. The goal still remains to increase economic opportunities through entrepreneurial empowerment, creating employment opportunities and improving interconnectivity among its city centers.

114. Peru: Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform

- a. Can USAID confirm the release date?

USAID Response: The activity is still under design and release date is TBD.

- b. Will the Mission formally engage with industry prior to the RFP release?

USAID Response: The Mission may engage with industry via RFIs prior to release of the RFP but that will depend on the final design for the activity.

- c. Will the Mission release a Draft RFP or Draft SOW?

USAID Response: See response to previous question.

- d. Is the Mission considering holding an Industry Day?

USAID Response: The industry may engage with industry via RFI but it's not planning an industry day at this point.

- e. Has the Mission already held a non-FBO advertised Industry Day or industry consultation? If so, can the Mission share background and outputs?

USAID Response: No, the Mission has not held industry day or industry consultations.

115. Peru: Transparent Accountable Public Investment (TAPI):

- a. Please clarify whether this project is expected to be a small business set-aside or not.

USAID Response: This project is still in design. It is not yet known whether this requirement will be a small business set-aside.

- b. Please clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ. Will there be a draft SOW?

USAID Response: This project is still in design. However, it is not anticipated to be a task order under an already-existing IDIQ. It is possible that a draft SOW will be released.

116. Philippines: Early Grade Reading Activity:

- a. Does USAID intend to issue one or numerous solicitations on August 30, 2018?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the solicitations/notices of funding opportunity will not be posted on the same date.

- b. Does USAID/Philippines expect that all expected awards for the basic education program will be funded within a total amount of \$25M - \$49.99M?

USAID Response: Each award under the basic education program is anticipated to be in the \$25M-\$49.99 range.

- c. Can USAID please clarify what type of mechanism this solicitation will be released under?

USAID Response: To be determined.

- d. Does USAID expect that all awards made under the new basic education program will be of the same award type?

USAID Response: To be determined.

117. Philippines: Marawi Response Project

- a. Can USAID/Philippines specify when this solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: A notice of funding opportunity (NFO Number: 72049218RFA00005) was issued and posted at Grants.gov on April 25, 2018 with a submission deadline of May 25, 2018.

- b. Is this project still anticipated to be a Cooperative Agreement rather than a contract?

USAID Response: Yes, the award will be a Cooperative Agreement.

- c. Does USAID anticipate that the PAD will be implemented in conjunction with the Government of the Philippines' federal agencies, or will it have a more local government focus?

USAID Response: Please refer to the NFO.

- d. Can USAID confirm that the two areas of interest are natural resource management and climate change and water?

USAID Response: Please refer to the NFO.

- e. Will USAID publish comments received on the concept paper prior to the RFA (or RFP) release?

USAID Response: All comments received in response to the Request for

Information (RFI) were considered in the finalization and posting of the NFO. Such comments were not made public.

118. Philippines: PNG Biodiversity Program

- a. Can USAID please confirm that there will be a cost share component for this opportunity? If so, can USAID please confirm what the estimated percentage will be?

USAID Response: The requirement for cost share has not been finalized pending finalization of the program description. If cost share is required, the percentage or amount thereof will be based on the final program description. This element will be included in the notice of funding opportunity.

- b. Can USAID explain their rationale for indicating this opportunity as a cooperative agreement in the business forecast?

USAID Response: An assistance instrument (cooperative agreement) was selected because the principal purpose is not to acquire services from the recipient but to provide financial assistance to the recipient to expand support for improved customary land management through policy enhancement and capacity building. A cooperative agreement (as opposed to grant) was selected because of the “substantial involvement” between the Agency and the recipient in the implementation of the program.

119. Philippines: Water Activity

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

USAID Response: The award date is expected in the second quarter of 2019. Since the program activities have not been finalized, the type of procurement (assistance versus acquisition) is yet to be determined.

- b. Will there be an RFI?

USAID Response: We anticipate issuing a Request for Information (RFI) prior to the issuance of the solicitation/notice of funding opportunity.

- c. The concept paper referenced in the forecast includes water and sanitation, biodiversity and climate change. Can USAID confirm whether the solicitation is expected to only focus on water and sanitation or will the solicitation encompass all three areas?

USAID Response: The activity will focus on water and sanitation.

- d. Can USAID explain the cause of multiple delays?

USAID Response: This procurement is subject to availability of funds. Once the funding level is determined, the package for this procurement will be finalized.

I 20. RDMA: Asia Learning and M&E Support Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

USAID Response: Currently no decision has been made on a rebid for this project.

I 21. RDMA: China Mekong Environment Program

- a. Is this project still anticipated as a Cooperative Agreement rather than a contract?

USAID Response: The China Mekong Environment Program will be a Cooperative Agreement.

- b. Is there updated timing for RFA release?

USAID Response: The RFA (#72048618RFA00003) was posted to Grants.gov on March 12, 2018.

- c. Will there be a project safeguards review process undertaken related to this project in conjunction with the US Embassies and the host Governments?

USAID Response: All relevant and applicable stakeholders in the region will be engaged as necessary for the implementation of activities.

- d. Is there an existing mechanism in place to support coordination on this program with the donors and multilateral organizations?

USAID Response: There is not an existing mechanism in place, but one of the expectations of the Cooperative Agreement will be for the implementer to coordinate with various stakeholders active in the region in similar activities.

- e. Will the activities be based exclusively on existing USAID allocated projects, or will the activities include other donor funded projects where possible?

USAID Response: Any potential coordination with other stakeholders and projects will be led by the implementer.

- f. Which type of safeguards framework does USAID anticipate using?

USAID Response: International best practices for environmental safeguards will be applied as appropriate.

I 22. RDMA: Laos Business Environment

- a. Please clarify whether or not this will be a small business set-aside.

USAID Response: Currently no decision has been made on whether this will be a small business set-aside.

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

USAID Response: A number of different mechanisms the project have been discussed, including IDIQs, but currently no decision has been made.

- c. The name recently changed, but the award description remains the same. Will the award description change to align with the award title change?

USAID Response: The award description will be updated as the design process proceeds and more information about the description is known.

- d. Will this activity be limited to local Laos organizations?

USAID Response: No decision has been made on whether or not local limited competition will be utilized.

- e. Will there be an RFI and/or pre-solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Since the original award date has been pushed back and the design period extended, this is still TBD.

I 23. Rwanda: Does USAID anticipate any re-bid of project(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response: The USAID/Rwanda Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program continues through 2020 and we anticipate starting the design process in October 2018. Any updates on this program will be provided in the business forecast after that date.

I 24. Rwanda: Can USAID specify what activities it is planning in Rwanda in light of the recent 2017 election?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda recently did a mid-course stock taking of our Country Development Cooperation Strategy. During this process we reflected on our progress to date in light of contextual dynamics including the 2017 elections. Our current strategic focus does not include direct support for electoral processes in Rwanda. Please note that a public memo outlining the results of our mid-course stocktaking will be available in July, 2018. Further, the Office of Democracy and Governance anticipates conducting an assessment in 2018 to assist our ongoing strategy development.

I 25. Senegal: Agriculture Value Chain Services

- a. The new release deadline is now June 25, moved from April 30. Please let us know how firm this new release date is and if there are any factors that might lead to yet another move in dates

USAID Response: The revised released date is set for August 6, 2018. USAID/Senegal will stick to this date as much as possible. However, the upcoming policy on revised AARAD might have an impact on the planned solicitation release date. USAID/Senegal will update the business forecast to change the planned release date to August 6, 2018.

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

USAID Response: Offerors will have to propose a limited set of strategic food value chains (key cereal [Rice, Maize, Millet], horticulture [fruits and vegetables], and small ruminants) with high potential for market demand, nutrition enhancement, and entrepreneurship development opportunities for women and youth.

- c. Can USAID clarify which regions in Senegal are currently under consideration?

USAID Response: The Feed The Future Senegal Zone of Influence is under consideration. It covers 129 communes located in 18 departments across 8 administrative regions (Saint Louis, Matam, Fatick, Kaolack, Kaffrine, Ziguinchor, Sedhiou, and Kolda).

- d. Will the solicitation cap the funding close to \$25M?

USAID Response: The planned Total Estimated Cost (TEC) is \$40M

I 26. Senegal: Backbone Support and Learning

- a. Can USAID confirm whether this will be an RFA or RFP?

USAID Response: Discussions are ongoing; no decision has been made yet on

mechanism.

- b. Is USAID planning any youth-focused activity to address youth vulnerabilities to violent extremism in the Sahel?

USAID Response: USAID as an agency has elevated its focus on youth and this will be reflected in all USAID programming including this activity.

- c. Will this project support only the agriculture portfolio

USAID Response: No, it's scope is broader than agriculture.

- d. Does USAID intend to release a RFI/sources sought/draft scope of work?

USAID Response: It's very likely. But no decision has been made on that yet.

- e. Is this activity a follow-on to the SAREL project?

USAID Response: No decision has been made on that yet.

- f. What countries be eligible?

USAID Response: This activity will focus on the countries covered by USAID Senegal's Sahel Regional Office, particularly Burkina Faso and Niger, but there could be changes in the future.

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

USAID Response: Discussions are ongoing on this point and we have not reached a decision yet.

I 27. Senegal: Fisheries, Biodiversity and Livelihoods

- a. Will there be a geographic focus? What regions is USAID looking at?

USAID Response: The focus area is potentially the entire coast of Senegal, from Saint-Louis to Cap Skiring, considering all Local Artisanal Fisheries Councils (CLPAs)

I 28. Senegal: Resilience and Natural Resource Management

- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date and mechanism for the Resilience and Natural Resource Management opportunity under RISE II?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is August 2018. Determination on

mechanism is yet to be finalized.

- b. Can you confirm whether this will be an RFA or RFP? Will there be an RFI?

USAID Response: There will be an RFI and there may be a pre-solicitation conference. At this time the instrument determination has not yet been finalized.

- c. Does USAID intend to issue a request for information for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes.

- d. Will the solicitation cap the funding close to \$25M?

USAID Response: This is yet to be determined.

- e. Will there be a preference in selection of geographic focus?

USAID Response: Yes, to remain co-located to other RISE II interventions, or adjacently-located as contextually appropriate.

- f. Will there be an emphasis on cereal crops, or is the emphasis wider?

USAID Response: This is not a value chain activity.

- g. Is there an incumbent for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The new Activity will build heavily upon RISE I experiences but may not closely resemble all current programming approaches.

I 29. Senegal: Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE II)

- a. Does USAID expect to release additional activities related to RISE II? If so, can USAID provide details on the technical focus of these activities?

USAID Response: The Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE) II program represent a basket of activities planned under the RISE II strategy. At present, the following activities are already in the updated business forecast: Backbone support and learning; Resilience and Natural Resource Management; and Integrated Health Service Delivery. As designs are finalized, more individual activities planned under the RISE II strategy would continue to be posted in the Business Forecast, Grants.gov and FBO websites.

I 30. Senegal: Rule of Law Policy Reform Project

- a. Can USAID confirm that this is no longer planned for Senegal?

USAID Response: This action is planned for implementation at the Republic of Niger. But the procurement process is going to be handled from USAID/Senegal.

I31. Senegal: SBAR Solicitations

- a. What happens to previous SBAR submissions, will the process continue as normal or will they be replaced with expected thematic SBAR solicitations as published within this forecast?

USAID Response: Previous SBAR solicitations received 52 concept papers. The first review was done by the SBAR team in the US and now the concepts papers are being reviewed by the Senegal/TEC teams. The process is still ongoing.

I32. Somalia: New Somalia Education Activity

- a. What is the new anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- b. Can USAID confirm current plans for any follow-on education awards?

USAID Response:

I33. Somalia: Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG)

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on? If so, what is the timeline?

USAID Response:

I34. Somalia: Support for International Family Planning and Health Organizations

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on? If so, what is the timeline?

USAID Response:

- I35. South Sudan:** Does USAID anticipate any new water and sanitation solicitations in South Sudan for this fiscal year?

USAID Response: No.

I36. South Sudan: Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP)

- a. Would USAID/South Sudan please confirm the release date for this?

USAID Response: USAID/South Sudan anticipates release of the solicitation in July 2018.

- I 37. Southern Africa: District Inclusive Education Support Project (DIESP)**
a. Can USAID please confirm the status of this funding opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Southern Africa is still planning this activity.

- I 38. Sudan:** USAID mentioned that the Mission anticipated issuing an APS targeted towards civil society. Can USAID provide any update on this process?

USAID Response:

- I 39. Tajikistan: Tajikistan Agribusiness Competitiveness Activity (TACA)**
a. When is USAID anticipating releasing this solicitation?

USAID Response:The solicitation was released in March, and the award made in June.

- I 40. Tanzania:** Does USAID anticipate any re-bid of projects(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania will solicit OVC program in late CY2020 or early CY2021.

- I 41. Tanzania: Malaria Bednet Delivery**
a. When is USAID anticipating releasing this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania expects to release the solicitation in 4Q of FY2018.

- b. Will an RFI be Released?

USAID Response: The RFI was released on April 27, 2018 and closed on May 8, 2018.

- I 42. Uganda:** Does USAID anticipate any re-bid of projects(s) within the current OVC portfolio?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate release of any OVC actions this fiscal year. Please continue to watch fbo.gov and grants.gov for future funding opportunities.

- I 43. Uganda:** USAID/Uganda recently issued an RFP for work on Inclusive Agricultural Markets. Could the Mission please provide an update on future planned tenders?

USAID Response: An RFI 72061718R00011 was issued with a closing date of May 11, 2018 for comment as part of market research/feasibility study. Analysis is underway. Please continue to watch fbo.gov and grants.gov for future funding opportunities.

I 44. Uganda: Feed the Future

- a. Would USAID consider releasing the Feed the Future Uganda Inclusive Agricultural Markets Activity as a cooperative agreement or grant?

USAID Response: No.

I 45. Uganda: Inclusive Agricultural Markets Activity

- a. Would USAID confirm that the 7/13/2018 release date remains the same?

USAID Response: It is forecasted to release o/a that date. However it is merely a forecast and thus you should watch the appropriate web portal for funding opportunities.

I 46. Uganda: LARA Program

- a. Are there any plans for a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate release of any action this fiscal year. Please continue to watch fbo.gov and grants.gov for future funding opportunities.

I 47. Uganda: Uganda Learning Activity

- a. Would USAID please clarify whether the contractor for this activity would be precluded from receiving USAID awards to implement related programs in Uganda?

USAID Response: Potentially yes, if it was found to be in conflict of interest.

I 48. Vietnam Does USAID expect to have any education or livelihoods opportunities in FY19?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time.

I 49. Vietnam: Bien Hoa A&E Remediation Project

- a. Is this RFP is still planned, and (2) if so, the updated schedule for RFP release?

USAID Response: Yes and it is planned for a July release.

I 50. West Bank/Gaza: Multiple Water System Task Orders

- a. Can USAID confirm further details regarding scope?

USAID Response: Preliminary notice of these Task Orders will be provided to the four holders of the Building Foundations IDIQ on June 21, 2018.

- I 51. Yemen:** We have been excited to see several solicitations for long-term programming in Yemen over the last several months. However, none of these have been included on the Business Forecast and turnaround times have been very tight. Can USAID include future Yemen opportunities on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: There have been several solicitations for long-term programming included in the Business Forecast. Turnaround times have indeed been very tight. This is due in part to the rapidly shifting environment in Yemen and the need to respond quickly to the crisis in Yemen. We will try to be as proactive as possible in the future about posting solicitations with longer turnaround times.

- I 52. Zambia:** Could USAID/Zambia advise when it will share their decision regarding the Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance contract?

USAID Response: The evaluation stage has been completed and offerors will be notified within the next month. The Mission is trying to ensure that SUNTA and SUNLE are awarded simultaneously and appreciate your patience.

- I 53. Zambia:** Does USAID/Zambia anticipate any additional solicitation FY18 other than *Evidence for Health and Women and Newborn Hospital NICU Improvement Activity* listed?

USAID Response: The Mission will continue to update the business forecast as additional solicitations come up. The current list is what is envisioned for the time being.

- I 54. Zambia:** Could USAID please advise on the timing of a new CDCS for Zambia?

USAID Response: At this time it is expected to be finalized by December 14 (mid-month), 2019

- I 55. Zambia:** Could USAID/Zambia confirm whether it intends to issue an OVC solicitation over the next 12 months?

USAID Response: No OVC-specific solicitation is expected over the next 12 months.

I 56. Zambia: Can USAID please provide an update on procurements related to its updated social protection strategy, as referenced in the FY2018 Q2 Questions and Responses?

USAID Response: USAID Zambia expects to issue one solicitation related to the social protection strategy, possibly in the next 12 months.

I 57. Zambia: Evidence for Health

a. What is the updated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The Evidence for Health solicitation was released on April 26, 2018 and can be found on www.fbo.gov Solicitation Number: 72061118R00006.

I 58. Zambia: Prevention, Care & Treatment Partnership Project II

a. Will there be a follow-on or similar activity?

USAID Response: USAID does not expect to issue a follow-on to ZPCT II.

I 59. Zambia: Production, Finance, and Improved Technology (PROFIT+)

a. When will this program close?

USAID Response: PROFIT+ closed in May 2017

b. Could USAID please indicate if it is considering a follow-on activity, or similar program?

USAID Response: USAID is currently developing their next 5-year strategy, during which time a potential follow-on activity will be considered.

I 60. Zambia: Time to Learn

a. Will there be a follow-on activity? If not, will the Mission design an alternative project that involves education for secondary school students?

USAID Response: Current plans are focused on Early Grade Reading interventions. This approach combines schools previously targeted by both Time to Learn and Read to Succeed. The scholarship component under TTL was PEPFAR funded and currently, the Education Office does not receive any PEPFAR funding.

I 61. Zimbabwe: ENSURE

a. Will there be a follow-on?

USAID Response: This award is made in DCHA/Food for Peace office in

Washington. It was recently extended for two years. There is no decision on an extension at this time