

FY 2017, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

USAID's Business Forecast now provides "live" information throughout the fiscal year. The Agency's Business Forecast is an informational resource on potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID. It is an advanced look at grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that USAID is in the process of developing and plans to issue in the coming year. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Guidelines for Posting Opportunities:** What are USAID's guidelines for posting solicitations on the Business Forecast, FedBizOpps.gov, Grants.gov, and Mission websites?

USAID Response: The ADS requires actions over \$150,000 to be included on the Business Forecast. However, in our guidance to Contracting and Agreement officers we encourage all awards, regardless of the dollar amount, to be included in the Business Forecast. This is a best practice that we continue to communicate to our staff.

The FAR requires solicitations that are over \$25,000 on FBO.gov. For actions that are over \$15,000, but under \$25,000 they are required to be posted in a public place for no less than 10 days. The FAR does not provide specifics on where they must be posted. In these circumstances how they get posted can vary. They can be published in local newspapers, on the Embassy/USAID website, or on FedBizOpps.gov.

2. **New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted:** What period of time does the "New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted" refer to? Not previously forecasted from prior quarter? Many opportunities are listed as New Opportunities, however they've been on the Forecast for multiple quarters. Is it possible for USAID to add or provide visibility into a "Created Date" field, so that we can more easily confirm whether or not an opportunity is truly new?

USAID Response: This option was created prior to the launch of the new Live Feed. Prior to the Live Feed this status was used to identify opportunities that were not included in the previous quarter's Forecast. Given the shift to "live" updates it is still being used to show new opportunities over the last quarter, though the opportunity may not be new if the user is conducting a daily check. The new feature of "Last Modified" date has been added to help our partners identify updates.

3. **Local Opportunities:** Does USAID plan to include indications on the forecast if a procurement will be locally restricted?

USAID Response: USAID is reviewing the feasibility of this enhancement to specifically identify local competitions on the Business Forecast.

4. **Pending Opportunities:** Some of the forecasted opportunities were listed as "pending". Can USAID further define what that entails? Is there a possibility that these "pending" opportunities can be deleted for the next forecast?

USAID Response: This has been corrected on the Business Forecast. Several opportunities were listed as 'pending' as the specific name of the activity had not yet be finalized. To prevent future confusion, we have encouraged missions to not use 'pending' or 'tentative' in the name of the award.

5. **Requests for Task Order Proposals (RFTOPs) on FBO.gov:** We greatly appreciate that USAID is now including Task Orders in the Business Forecast. Would it also be possible to post the RFTOPs on FBO or on the USAID website so they can be viewed by all organizations and not just the IDIQ prime implementers? We realize that bidding is restricted to the prime IDIQ holders, but the RFTOPs still contain valuable information for all organizations that work in, or hope to work in that country and/or sector.

USAID Response: USAID does not plan on posting RFTOPs on FBO.gov or on USAID.gov. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 5--Publicizing Contract Actions specifically excludes orders placed under FAR Part 16.5--Indefinite-Delivery contracts and it is not USAID's intent to go beyond these requirements.

6. **Excel Version of Business Forecast:** Can USAID please confirm that the Excel version of the Business Forecast is inclusive of all opportunities on the searchable live Business Forecast for Missions and Washington, and that it is updated at the same time as the live forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, the Excel version of the Forecast is updated at the same time as the live feed. If you download the Excel version of Business Forecast you will be downloading all of the information available through the Live Feed search tool.

7. **Updates to Live Feed:** Could USAID please provide more information on how forecasted opportunities are updated in the live Business Forecast feed? At the time of submission, a number of forecasted opportunities have not been updated in the live feed since December 2016. What steps will USAID take to ensure forecasted opportunities are updated in a timely fashion or reflect any changes made, particularly in relation to submission dates which have passed? Can you please clarify how often the forecast is expected to be updated?

USAID Response: Opportunities are updated daily in the Business Forecast based on information derived from the Agency's Acquisition and Assistance (A&A) Plan. USAID encourages Agreement/Contracting Officers and program/technical staff to make relevant updates as soon as possible so this information can be made available to the public. Any discrepancies in dates should be brought to the attention of the A&A Specialist assigned to the action. USAID will continue to take quarterly snapshots to manage the data and archive information as needed.

8. **Incumbent:** In the new live feed forecast, information about the 'incumbent' seems to be missing. Following the previous Q&A, we understood that USAID would continue to provide this information (with reference to the 'incumbent' rather than the 'implementing partner'). What is the difference between N/A and TBD? Does TBD mean there is an incumbent for that project already and they are determining if they will get another phase funded or does it mean something else such as sole source? Or are N/A and TBD essentially the same?

USAID Response: These are essentially the same, in that the planned action is a new requirement and there is no incumbent to list. We will work to streamline responses to N/A. Incumbents will be listed when they are available. It is important to note that the Business

Forecast only includes planned competitive activities, so sole source procurements will not be listed.

- 9. Notifications from Live Forecast:** Is it possible for USAID to add a feature that allows you to receive alerts or updates when opportunities have been updated?

USAID Response: We appreciate this suggestion. We have shared this request with our technical team. They are currently looking into the feasibility of creating alert features on the Live Feed. Over the next quarter we will try to scope out the feasibility of the requirement and will share with you a status update on our next call.

- 10. Improving Search Features on Live Feed:** Can USAID add the capabilities to be able to search by more than one operating unit, by a ranges of dates, etc.? What about by specific country?

USAID Response: This is a capability that we identified before rolling out that we wanted to add to the Live Feed. As Mark mentioned, we are working to add these features to the Live Feed. We are hopeful that sometime in the next month or so this will be included on the Forecast.

- 11. Feedback on Live Feed:** Is USAID planning on conducting any user surveys or providing any mechanisms for feedback and suggestions for the new system?

USAID Response: USAID welcomes feedback on the new Live Feed at anytime. Many organizations have been actively sharing feedback and suggestions to the Agency. We have been taking all of the suggestions and working with our technical colleagues for possible enhancements to the system. If you have comments on the new tool, you can send them to businessforecast@usaid.gov.

- 12. Business Forecast Status Change:** It does not appear that this field changes accordingly to actual changes on the Forecast. Can you please explain this field? Can operating units be further encouraged to update the Status Change information each time they modify a record?

USAID Response: This field was created to prior to the Live Feed Forecast to communicate from quarter to quarter updates/changes that have been made in the Forecast. With the new Live Feed and the Last Updated field, the Business Forecast Status Change may need to be revisited. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage operating units to keep this field updated.

- 13. Removing Opportunities from the Forecast:** Could USAID ensure that opportunities that are no longer available are removed from the forecast as well, for ease of comprehension?

USAID Response: Yes, we will continue to reinforce this message to operating units to update the status of their planned actions as they progress through the pre-award process so that closed opportunities do not appear on the Forecast.

- 14. Last Modified Date:** Does this date change when data is updated in fields that are not publically visible on the Forecast?

USAID Response: Correct. The updated date changes anytime a record is edited and saved in the A&A Plan. While you may not see updates/changes that have been made on the Forecast, you can view the last modified date as a verification that information has recently been reviewed and verified.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **Africa Bureau:** Does USAID anticipate releasing opportunities using the TASC4 Africa mechanism in 2017?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a solicitation in 2017.

2. **DCHA:** FY17 Global Reconciliation Fund --

- a. Would DCHA please provide a list of the countries targeted for the FY17 Global Reconciliation Fund?

USAID Response: Georgia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Liberia, South Africa, Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia, Colombia, and Peru.

- b. What is the nature of the support USAID is seeking to assist those in mitigating conflict and reconciliation?

USAID Response: The objective of this funding is to make significant strides in the overall goal of conflict mitigation, peace, and reconciliation through the implementation of people-to-people (P2P) activities in selected eligible conflict-affected countries. P2P programs are one approach among many to conflict prevention, mitigation, and management. While a range of programs and approaches may be considered P2P in nature, most entail bringing together representatives of conflict-affected groups to interact purposefully in a safe space. This type of work can address divisions within a community that may be rooted in group differences such as ethnicity, religion, status, class, or political affiliation. P2P programs generally address patterns of prejudice and demonizing that reinforce the perceived differences between groups and hinder the development of relationships among parties to a conflict. The aim is to create opportunities for a series of interactions between conflicting groups in the community or broader society to promote mutual understanding, trust, empathy, and resilient social ties. The diversity of P2P approaches to conflict mitigation is wide and can encompass peace building and conflict-sensitive development approaches. Country-Specific Program Information will be presented in more detail at the time of issuance.

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

- a. This RFP has been delayed a number of times; can USAID provide an explanation for why the RFP keeps being delayed?

USAID Response: The ACES RFP is contingent on a pre-solicitation Acquisition and Assistance (AARAD) Review, an Agency requirement for all awards at or above \$25M in total estimated cost. ACES has a total estimated cost of up to \$450M, so the AARAD review must be completed in order to authorize the RFP. The AARAD review is not complete, which has delayed the solicitation.

- b. When does USAID expect to issue the pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: USAID expects to issue the pre-solicitation notice immediately following the AARAD approval. We expect this will be in the next month or two.

4. **DCHA:** Analytical Services IV --

- a. The forecast states that the RFP (#SOL-OAA-16-000175) for Analytical Services IV was released on February 13th but it has not yet been posted to fedbizopps or fedconnect. Was the pre-solicitation accidentally listed as the RFP in the Forecast?

USAID Response: Release of the RFP has been delayed due to several internal clearance process.

- b. Could you please provide an updated anticipated release date?
USAID Response: March 10, 2017.
- c. Does USAID still plan on releasing this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
USAID Response: Yes, it does.
- d. Will implementers (including sub-contractors) of the Analytical Services IV IDIQ be prohibited from bidding on projects that are designed or supported by the Analytical Services IDIQ?
USAID Response: Specific information on how USAID intends to handle such situations will be included in the RFP.
5. **DCHA:** Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism --
- a. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation for the Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism (EISM) on 2/28/17? If not, when is the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: June 01, 2017 is the new anticipated solicitation date.
- b. What percentage of the award will be dedicated to competitive grants?
USAID Response: We anticipate that the majority of the funding in the award will be dedicated to competitive grants.
- c. Does USAID expect EISM to supply technical assistance through sub partners, with their own dedicated budgets, or through technical experts?
USAID Response: It is anticipated that EISM will also be supported by the current technical support contract managed directly by USAID. However, there will likely be instances when specific expertise is needed and EISM would be asked to supply that expertise. It is more likely that this will be done through expertise already contained in the organization or through consultants as opposed subgrants/contracts to other organizations.
- d. Does USAID expect EISM to be awarded to a consortium of groups with technical expertise that match each target population (persons with disabilities, including civilians affected by war and conflict; survivors of torture and trauma; and highly vulnerable children living in adverse circumstances)?
USAID Response: EISM will be awarded to the organization/group of organizations that is most responsive to the call. Note that EISM is not intended to be a technical support contract
- e. What type of funding mechanism is planned to be awarded for EISM?
USAID Response: **USAID Response:** An assistance award is planned.
6. **E3:** The Office of Land Tenure & Resource Management (E3/LTRM)'s Land Technology Solutions (LTS) is listed as an 8(a) set-aside. Please confirm it is an 8(a) opportunity and not a data entry error.
- a. Is the opportunity an 8(a) set-aside?
USAID Response: Yes, it is.
- b. Will it be competitive 8(a) or sole source 8(a)?
USAID Response: It is a sole-source 8(a).
- c. If sole source 8(a), has discussion been held with a short-list of 8(a)'s for a sole source award? What is the timeline for RFP released?
USAID Response: In July 2016, OSDBU facilitated presentations by three 8(a)s to discuss their respective capabilities in relation to the draft statement of work.
7. **E3:** Can USAID provide any insight into which missions/bureaus intend to procure for stand-alone WASH opportunities in the near future? Currently there only appears to be one on the forecast for Haiti and it's limited to WADI contract holders.

USAID Response: There are currently no new stand-alone WASH opportunities.

8. E3: Participant Training and Exchange Data System --

- a. Has this opportunity been cancelled?

USAID Response: This opportunity has been renamed to Training & Exchanges Automated Management System (TEAMS).

- b. The anticipated solicitation release date is 1/15/17. Has this solicitation been released?

USAID Response: This program is still in design phase - anticipated release date is TBD.

- c. Can you clarify the types of services anticipated?

USAID Response: This program is still in design phase - anticipated services are still being clarified.

- d. The anticipated Small Business Set Aside type identifies both 8(a) and Service Disabled Veteran. Is this a composite set aside or does this imply either of these socio-economic categories may be considered?

USAID Response: This will be a small business set-aside. Until the design is complete, the socio-economic categories remain TBD.

9. E3: Can you share some insight on the New Private Capital Mobilization Project (PCMP) and what this will entail?

- a. Will there be multiple awards and set asides for small businesses?

USAID Response: This project is still in the early stages of design. The choice of instrument has not yet been determined.

- b. Can we expect an RFI/presolicitation?

USAID Response: This has not yet been determined.

- c. Does it replace the previously forecasted (but much smaller), DC-based Global Financial Inclusion procurement?

USAID Response: No, this is a new award, not previously forecasted.

10. E3: Learning, Evaluation, and Analysis Project III (LEAP III) --

- a. Can USAID provide an estimate of the timing of when the RFP may be released?

USAID Response: This program is still in design phase - anticipated release date is to be determined.

- b. Would USAID consider releasing a draft Scope of Work for LEAP III prior to RFP release?

USAID Response: USAID will consider a pre-solicitation notice if it is in accordance with the procurement method.

- c. Can USAID confirm if it will be free and open or a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This program is still in design phase - the procurement method is to be determined.

11. E3: New Leadership Public Financial Management III

- a. What does the New Leadership Public Financial Management III project consist of?

USAID Response: Generally, the LPFM III Task Order will be used to provide on-call expert services and short-term technical assistance in USAID partner countries in the realm of public financial management and economics.

- b. Which countries is it targeting and what is the nature of the solicitation?

USAID Response: This Task Order will not target specific countries. It is available globally. The LPFM III will be solicited as a new Task Order issued simultaneously with the PFM II IDIQ.

c. Also, who are the former contractor holders of this contract?

USAID Response: The predecessor Task Order was issued pursuant to the PFM I IDIQ and awarded to Nathan Associates, Inc.

d. Will there be any small business set asides?

USAID Response: The LPFM III Task Order is a Task Order set to be awarded under the new PFM II IDIQ. The LPFM III will not be a small business set-aside.

12. E3: New PFM II IDIQ

a. The Office of Economic Policy updated the New PFM II IDIQ to a duration of 5 years on 1/25/17, rather than 7 years as stated in the FY17Q1 forecast. Can USAID please clarify if implementation of TOs under this IDIQ would be permitted beyond the 5 year span?

USAID Response: The IDIQ's ordering period is five years. However, Orders placed before the end of the five year ordering period may be performed for up to two years after the expiration of the ordering period resulting in a total period of performance of seven years.

b. There is a New PFM II IDIQ anticipated for the Office of Economic Policy as a follow on, what has been the nature of work that has come out of the previous IDIQ to provide us with some perspective?

USAID Response: The PFM I IDIQ provided public financial management and other economic expertise in order to develop policy and assist host countries in the design and implementation of large scale economic and structural reform programs.

13. E3: Can USAID please confirm that the STARR II IDIQ RFP is still expected to be released 2/28/2017?

USAID Response: The date has been changed. It is anticipated the pre-solicitation will be posted on FBO.gov by March 15, 2017.

14. E3: Clean Energy II IDIQ (included in USAID Mission Forecast). The "Anticipated Solicitation Release Date" is 05/01/2017. Can USAID confirm that this is still correct? Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation?

USAID Response: At this time, the anticipated solicitation date has not changed. USAID is planning to release a pre-solicitation, but a date has not been set at this time.

15. E3: E3-ED/Data and Evidence for Education Programs (DEEP) -- Could USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the DEEP contract? Is there an incumbent for this activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity, still in the early stages of design. Some of the work is currently provided via the Secondary Analysis for Results Tracking (SART) mechanism. The intent of this new award is to integrate data management, analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, strategy reporting and external engagement.

16. E3: Utility Partnership Program -- The anticipated solicitation release date is listed as 2/1. Can USAID provide an update?

USAID Response: A pre-solicitation notice was posted to grants.gov on 2/9 and closed 2/24. USAID anticipates the RFA will be issued on grants.gov in early March.

17. E3: Which countries are targeted in the Fisheries Partnership GDA for FY17?

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

18. E3: Will there be opportunities for US-based INGOs to participate in Localworks or are the activities reserved for local organizations? Will all Localworks opportunities be included in the Forecast?

USAID Response: While the focus of *localworks* is on supporting locally-driven programming, funds from this program (known legislatively as the Small Grants Program) are available to organizations that has received less than five million dollars from the US Government over the past five years. Local and US-based organizations meeting that requirement are eligible for funding. Partnership and funding decisions will be made by participating *localworks* USAID Missions with input from local stakeholders and USAID Washington.

19. Food Security (BFS): Advancing Women’s Empowerment

a. Can you provide an expanded Award Description or additional information regarding the technical and geographic scope? Is this expected to be a global call, or are particular countries or regions prioritized?

USAID Response: This technical scope is likely to cover a specific geographic area, most likely Feed the Future countries (www.feedthefuture.gov). At this time, an expanded award description can not be provided, as it is still in the process of being formulated and finalized.

b. Is this envisioned as a mechanism to support Missions to better incorporate gender considerations within food security programs or is it envisioned as global project that will advance women’s empowerment in key communities?

USAID Response: At this time, specific details on the mechanism can not be provided, as the technical scope is still being written and not yet approved. More broadly, the mechanism will focus on increasing women’s participation and productivity among agricultural value chains within Feed the Future countries.

c. Can USAID provide information on the anticipated number of awards, scope for this opportunity?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that one award will be made, however the government reserves the right to make multiple awards if necessary.

20. Food Security: Will ADVANCE III funding to be released this fiscal year or next?

USAID Response: We are unsure of the funding release date at this time.

21. Food Security: The Agriculture Fast Track website indicates that proposals are accepted twice a year. Please provide approximate months when we can anticipate the call.

USAID Response: The Agriculture Fast Track is not related to USAID’s Business Forecast. You will need to contact the program directly.

22. Food Security: Can you please confirm the information related to the “New Legumes Scholars Under Grain Legumes” entry?

USAID Response: It is our intention to release the Grain Legume NFO by the summer of 2017.

23. Food Security: Seed Systems Global Development Alliance

a. Please provide more detail on what is envisioned under this activity.

USAID Response: “Global Development Alliance” is incorrectly inserted into the Activity Description. This is intended to be a competitive Assistance mechanism, likely to result in a Leader With Associates award. The Program Description is currently being drafted, so no further information is available to be shared at this time. We intend to issue the Notice of

Funding Opportunity no later than mid-April 2017. The Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

- b. Is this expected to be a global call, or are particular countries or regions prioritized?

USAID Response: This is likely to encompass Feed the Future countries (www.feedthefuture.gov).

- c. Are there particular value chains identified?

USAID Response: The Program Description is currently being drafted, so no further information is available to be shared at this time.

24. Food Security: Food Systems IDIQ

- a. Is the anticipated release date still June 2017?

USAID Response: A Request for Information was issued on www.fbo.gov on March 1, 2017, with responses from industry due on March 17, 2017. The anticipated solicitation release date remains June 2017, however this may change based on responses from industry. The RFI includes a current draft Statement of Work.

- b. Does USAID anticipate that the procurement evaluation will take 18 months?

USAID Response: This will depend how many proposals are received and the complexity of the proposal evaluation. In order to provide an accurate timeline, USAID has built in 18 months. This includes the time it takes for submission of initial proposals, establishing a competitive range, and, if necessary, a request for final proposals and final evaluation of those proposals.

- c. Does the agency intend to release a draft SOW, sources sought notice, industry day, or other information for the IDIQ? If so, when can this be expected?

USAID Response: Request for Information was issued on www.fbo.gov on March 1, 2017, with responses from industry due on March 17, 2017.

- d. Could USAID please provide additional details about the scope of this IDIQ?

- i. The description of the Food Systems IDIQ indicates that the "IDIQ Contract will require expertise in project development..."; is the IDIQ intended to include project design activities? If so, will these activities be limited to the small-business set aside to avoid potential conflict of interest?

USAID Response: We are considering all possibilities and this could be a good point to raise as part of the RFI.

- ii. In particular will the IDIQ encompass project design, knowledge management activities for USAID, surge staffing as well as program implementation?

USAID Response: Please see the RFI, which includes a draft SOW.

- iii. What technical areas will be covered by the IDIQ beyond policy and finance that were included in the forecast description?

USAID Response: Please see the draft SOW included with the RFI.

- e. How many awards does USAID intend to make for the Food Systems IDIQ?

USAID Response: Undecided at this time.

25. Food Security and Global Health : How does USAID envision the Food Systems IDIQ, funded by the Bureau of Food Security, overlapping or collaborating with the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity, funded by the Bureau of Global Health?

USAID Response: The Food Systems IDIQ intended to be issued in support of BFS activities will focus on sustainable agriculture led growth and a well-nourished population, as it relates to the Global Food Security Act (GFSa). While an important factor for activities under this IDIQ will be to reduce malnutrition and extreme poverty, another goal is to assist with increasing the potential of local economies and generate increased income for all people, as well as accelerate

inclusive and sustainable economic growth through agriculture. It is possibly that there would be some overlap or collaboration with the other two projects mentioned, however the three projects are intended to be independent of each other, with differing objectives and end goals.

26. Global Health (GH): Global Health Technical Professionals (GHTP) --

- a. Given that the last sources sought notice (SSN) was issued on/around December of 2015, does USAID anticipate issuing a new SSN for the GHTP procurement? If so, can USAID kindly provide an expected release timeline of the new SSN?

USAID Response: The GHTP requirement is being redesigned. Unfortunately, at this time there is no additional information that can be shared. We appreciate the continued interest in this program. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for further updates.

- b. In January 2016 an Industry Day Conference was scheduled and subsequently canceled. Will USAID conduct an Industry Day Conference for this opportunity? Will USAID release a DRAFT solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response: As stated above, the GHTP requirement is being redesigned. Unfortunately, at this time there is no additional information that can be shared. We appreciate the continued interest in this program. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for further updates.

27. Global Health (GH): Multi-Sector Nutrition Activity (MSNA)

- a. Could USAID let us know why this procurement has not shown up on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The activity was not approved until recently. It will be added to the Business Forecast shortly.

- b. Can USAID provide any information on when this opportunity will be released?

USAID Response: We expect to release the RFP in early April.

- c. Does USAID plan to release a draft strategy for comment or directly release a solicitation?

USAID Response: RFI-OAA-16-MSNA was released in October.

- d. Can you clarify the anticipated award/action type?

USAID Response: Acquisition - Cost Plus Fixed Fee stand-alone contract.

- e. Can you share the approximate funding amount?

USAID Response: \$300-\$400 million over a five (5) year period

- f. Will MSNA incorporate any aspects of the current SPRING and FANTA awards?

USAID Response: The MSNA will build on past nutrition investments, including the SPRING and FANTA awards, but will be more closely aligned with USAID's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy 2014-2025.

28. Global Health (GH): Does USAID anticipate a significant shift in the scope of work or emphasis on the result areas for MTAPS (Office of Health Systems (GH/OHS) Award title – Medicines, Technologies and Pharmaceutical Services) now that the award mechanism has changed to a contract? This information will be useful to bidders as they pre-position and work on organizing their partnerships.

USAID Response: No, we don't anticipate a shift in the scope of the program.

29. Global Health (GH): Advancing Progress in Malaria Service Delivery contract

- a. Please confirm the solicitation release date.

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a solicitation to be posted mid March to early April.

- b. Could USAID share if there might be any possibility that this project will be procured using the IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: No, an IDIQ mechanism is not anticipated.

- 30. Global Health (GH):** Prevention of Malaria and Other Mosquito-Borne Diseases through Vector Control IDIQ -- please confirm the solicitation release date.

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a solicitation to be released in mid-March.

- 31. Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Bureau:** Monitoring and Evaluation Services --

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether the solicitation will be a full and open solicitation or come out under the PPL-LER M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: This procurement is set aside for small businesses under the EVAL-ME-IDIQ.

- b. Could USAID please elaborate on the expected activities under this contract, including the type and number of evaluations required?

USAID Response: The activities have not been finalized by the LAC Bureau at this time.

- 32. Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA):** Regarding LPA's Development Outreach and Communications Training RFP, this is slated to be a GSA task order. Which GSA schedule and SIN will the task order be released to?

USAID Response: We are planning to use Schedule 541, SIN 541-2.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Can USAID confirm whether any WADI RFTOPs will be released in Afghanistan in FY 2017?
USAID Response: The Mission is still in design phase and final decisions have not been made on this regard.
2. **Afghanistan:** Can USAID please confirm if you intend to release a “Capacity Building for Ministry of Public Work” program? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: The Mission is still in design phase and final decisions have not been made on this regard.
3. **Afghanistan:** Capacity Building & Extension Activity --
 - a. Will the opportunity include specific geographic locations in Afghanistan? If so, which provinces or geographical areas will be targeted?
USAID Response: This activity is still in design. Final decisions have not been made to this regard.
 - b. Will the program design to strengthen agricultural extension and service delivery be restricted to key value chains? If so, which are those? If not, will it be open for applicants to propose key value chains?
USAID Response: This activity is still in design. Final decisions have not been made to this regard.
 - c. Will the opportunity allow for work through farmer associations and market input suppliers for extension services or is it limited to MAIL?
USAID Response: This activity is still in design. Final decisions have not been made to this regard.
 - d. What type award mechanism will be used?
USAID Response: Mechanism has not been decided, as noted in the Business Forecast of TBD. Once the award mechanism is decided the Business Forecast will be updated to reflect the mechanism.
4. **Afghanistan:** For the Financial Management Support Services in Afghanistan, are you looking for multiple awards or one firm?
USAID Response: USAID intends to award one contract. There are however, no restrictions on offerors teaming up to provide a responsive proposal.
5. **Afghanistan:** Value Chain Crops --
 - a. Could USAID please clarify which regions the project will cover?
USAID Response: This activity is still in early design. Final decisions have not been made to this regard.
 - b. Can you please clarify whether the Value Chain-Crops and Value Chain-Livestock activities under Afghanistan are duplicate awards, two separate awards, or complementary activities under one project?
USAID Response: These will be two separate awards.
6. **Afghanistan:** Value Chain Livestock -- Can you please tell us if there will be a geographic focus in Afghanistan or if the project will be country-wide in scope?

USAID Response: This activity is still in early design. Final decisions have not been made to this regard.

7. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity (AMELA) – Does USAID anticipate any changes to the RFP release date of February 28, 2017?

USAID Response: The AMELA RFP is anticipated to be released during the last week of April, 2017. The Forecast will be updated as the date firms up.

8. **Bangladesh:** New Good Governance Activity: In the FY17 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID said that it did “not anticipate solicitations for good governance activities in the near term.” Has the New Good Governance Activity solicitation been cancelled?

USAID Response: Correct, USAID does not plan to publish a solicitation for good governance activities in near future.

9. **Bangladesh:** Can USAID please confirm that the Social and Behavioral Change Communication (SBCC) Activity listed on the forecast is the follow on to the Mayer Hashia project?

USAID Response: No, Social and Behavioral Change Communication (SBCC) is not a follow on to the Mayer Hashi project

10. **Bangladesh:** Promoting Oversight and Democratic Space (PODS) --

- a. Will this activity include a focus on vulnerable and marginalized populations?

USAID Response: The response depends on the definition of 'vulnerable/marginalized'. The program is expected to provide for advocacy for democratic rights, freedom of expression, media freedom, and CSO's ability to address Government's' misconduct. Anyone who is a victim of an authoritarian government's suppression can be called vulnerable. However, if you speak of Vulnerable/marginalized in the traditional sense(minority groups), then probably no.

- b. Is this solicitation on track to be released in April 2017?

USAID Response: USAID contemplates a 2 stage process for the solicitation. We anticipate releasing an invitation to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) in April 2017. The EOIs will go through a selection process and only the selected organizations will receive a NFO from USAID.

- c. Has USAID determined if this will be routed through Elections and Political Transitions LWA?

USAID Response: USAID has not determined to route this through Elections and Political Transitions LWA. Please see above response.

11. **Bangladesh:** The USAID/Bangladesh Marketing Innovations for Sustainable Health Development (MISHD) project for family planning strengthening through the private sector is in operation.

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the System Strengthening for Family Planning project will also work directly with the private sector?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID anticipates that the System Strengthening for Family Planning project will work with the private sector, including NGOs, in some aspects.

- b. What will be the mechanisms for coordination across the public, NGO, and private sectors for delivery of family planning services among the related USAID/Bangladesh-supported projects?

USAID Response: The mechanism(s) will be determined later; however, the award will link with the public, private and NGO sectors.

- c. Can USAID share any information on whether this is the release date of the NOFO/RFP or RFI?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates the NOFO/RFP will be posted by July 1, 2017 and based on the revised expected award date; this action is moved to the FY18 Business Forecast. Please follow the Business Forecast for any change.

12. Bangladesh: System Strengthening for Family Planning -- USAID/Bangladesh has announced and started working on a procurement for health financing for achieving universal health coverage (UHC).

- a. How does USAID/Bangladesh see the relationship between the Health Financing/UHC project and the System Strengthening for Family Planning procurement?

USAID Response: Both projects support aspects of the WHO health system building blocks.

- b. Does the Mission anticipate the System Strengthening for Family Planning project will also involve work in health finance?

USAID Response: No. The Mission does not anticipate the System Strengthening for Family Planning activity to work in health finance.

- c. Will it be procured under a contract (RFP) or cooperative agreement (NOFO)?

USAID Response: The type of instrument will be determined later.

- d. Will USAID/Bangladesh release an RFI before the NOFO/RFP? If yes, when?

USAID Response: No. USAID does not anticipate releasing a RFI before the NOFO/RFP.

- e. Are family planning services expected to be a paid benefit under Health Financing/UHC?

USAID Response: Yes.

- f. Is this a follow-on to an existing project or if it is a new activity?

USAID Response: No, the proposed action is a new activity.

- g. Will the service delivery and related support in will be national in scope or targeted to certain regions or districts?

USAID Response: Yes, it will be targeted to certain regions or districts.

- h. The Total Estimated Cost is stated as \$25M - \$49.99M. Can USAID share more information on whether they anticipate awarding one or several awards under this procurement? And the final award amount?

USAID Response: One award is anticipated with a final TEC within this stated range.

- i. Assuming that the System Strengthening for Family Planning project will work in urban areas, does USAID foresee a systematic way of working and collaborating with the Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives (MOLGRDC)?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID will support family planning in rural, urban and peri-urban areas, and anticipates working with those entities that oversee those areas.

- j. Apart from postpartum family planning and possible integration of family planning with well-child services such as immunization, does USAID anticipate inclusion of broader integration of family planning with other services (e.g., other outpatient and inpatient services) as part of a strategy to reduce missed opportunities for family planning?

USAID Response: Yes.

- k. We note in documentation from the last Bangladesh DHS and other related documents, such as the mid-term evaluation of Mayer-Hashi II, reduced acceptance of family

planning due to religious reasons, myths, and misconceptions, and the influence of those factors on stagnation of CPR and method mix. Given this situation, what will be the communications/SBCC scope of the System Strengthening for Family Planning procurement vis-à-vis other current or planned procurements?

USAID Response: The System Strengthening for Family Planning procurement work in SBCC will be limited as USAID has another award in SBCC.

13. Barbados: Regarding the Monitoring & Evaluation/PMP project in Barbados, who are the PPL IDIQ Holders, can you share?

USAID Response: USAID's list of IDIQ holders is available on USAID.gov. You can access the site directly here: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaids-partners>.

14. Benin: Private Sector Service Delivery

a. Is a follow-on to an existing project or it is a new activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

b. Can USAID share more information on the proposed program description?

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

c. What technical areas will be part of the contract with respect to service delivery?

USAID Response: The award will include malaria, family planning and maternal and child health activities.

d. Could you also please confirm the solicitation release date. Is the April 28, 2017 release date for an RFI or a RFP?

USAID Response: April 28, 2017 is the anticipated RFP release date subject to internal clearances. An RFI might be posted ahead of the RFP.

e. Does the mission still intend for this to be a contract, or will they change the funding mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Benin is planning for a contract subject to internal clearances and approvals.

f. Could USAID please indicate what the estimated funding envelope for the set-aside contract is, and whether there would be one or more than one set-aside contracts?

USAID Response: USAID/Benin is not planning a set-aside contract

15. Benin: Benin New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities

a. Is this a follow-on to an existing project or it is a new activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

b. Would this opportunity be through PMI funding? If so, would this be a follow on to ARM3?

USAID Response: USAID/Benin is planning to use PMI funds for this activity and this will be a new activity.

c. Would USAID kindly provide any details on the LOE and/or delivery of consumables (if any) for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No information available at this time.

d. Would a recipient of The Global Fund for malaria be permitted to bid on this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Benin plans to issue a full and open funding opportunity

e. Can USAID share more information on the proposed program description?

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

- f. Is it known what activities within RH, MCH and malaria will be included?
USAID Response: No further information is available at this time.
- g. Please confirm the solicitation release date.
USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is 12/28/2017 subject to internal clearances.
- 16. Bosnia/Herzegovina:** Bosnia/Herzegovina Sustainable Development Activity -- In the responses to questions on the FY2017 Q1 Business Forecast, USAID stated that the IDIQ under consideration for the Bosnia/Herzegovina Sustainable Development Activity is "Making Cities Work". Has USAID reached a decision on the IDIQ? Is the Making Cities Work Bosnia opportunity a small business set aside
USAID Response: USAID/BiH anticipates the utilization of the Making Cities Work" IDIQ mechanism for this procurement. USAID/BiH has not yet made a determination whether this will be a small business set-aside.
- 17. Bosnia/Herzegovina:** Would USAID please confirm that the update to the Bosnia/Herzegovina Small and Medium Enterprise Activity is indeed a cancellation?
USAID Response: This is to confirm that the SME Activity has been cancelled. If anything changes in the future regarding this activity, subsequent quarterly Business Forecast will reflect that.
- 18. Burkina Faso:** Could USAID please confirm if Burkina Faso will remain in the Office of Food for Peace FY18 DFSA solicitation cycle?
USAID Response: Yes. Currently, the solicitation is in the design stage.
- 19. Burma:** Maternal and Child Health Systems Strengthening --
- a. The title has changed from Maternal Newborn Child Health Activity to Maternal and Child Health Systems Strengthening (HSS). Has there been a change in technical scope of the bid with a greater emphasis now on HSS?
USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity including the technical scope will be posted on grants.gov.
- b. Is the solicitation release date of 03/15/2017 still accurate?
USAID Response: This is the anticipated Notice of Funding Opportunity release date.
- c. There are a few major holidays soon after the potential release date, particularly on March 23rd, March 27th and April 11-20th. During these dates, many offices and businesses will likely be closed which would make for a less successful proposal development environment for all parties. Is it possible your office would consider releasing this opportunity after the holiday period or consider a longer proposal development timeframe to ensure an optimal proposal development process and product?
USAID Response: We are aware of the upcoming holidays and will be taken into consideration.
- 20. Cambodia:** Evidence to Policy --
- a. Could USAID please elaborate on the anticipated activities of this Award?
USAID Response: Additional information will be posted on the Business Forecast once available.
- b. In particular, could USAID clarify the envisioned means of "generating evidence"?
USAID Response: "Generate evidence" means to generate global standard evidence that identifies critical knowledge gaps and validates interventions and innovative approaches

specifically linked to and based on activities conducted by USG's projects focusing on improving healthy behaviors, health financing, and quality.

c. Can you please clarify the award mechanism?

USAID Response: This will remain TBD until the Agency has made a determination.

21. Cambodia: The Cambodia Eastern Plains Landscape solicitation, scheduled for release March 30 has the Award/action type is listed as "TBD": When do you anticipate a decision will be made regarding award/action type?

USAID Response: USAID/Cambodia expects to have a decision on the award/action type within

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few weeks. The 'Anticipated Solicitation Release Date' for this activity has been changed to April 17, 2017; the 'Anticipated Award Date' remains the same. It is possible that this activity may be solicited as under restricted eligibility or a sole source opportunity depending on the final requirement and results of the market research.

22. Cambodia: Health Quality Activity

a. The "Cambodia Health Quality Activity" is anticipated to be released on March 31, 2017. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation on that date?

USAID Response: The 'Anticipated Solicitation Release Date' for this activity It is likely to change to a later date - we will update the date in the Business Forecast when known.

b. Is this a new activity or a follow-on to the existing USAID QHS activity (which is in Yr. 3 of implementation)?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

c. Will USAID be releasing an RFI prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response: Request for Information (RFI) is expected to be issued on www.grants.gov.

d. Can you please let us know the award type?

USAID Response: This will be a Cooperative Agreement as already specified in the Business Forecast.

23. Cambodia: HIV Civil Society

a. Can you please provide the award type?

USAID Response: This will remain TBD until the Agency has made a determination.

b. Can USAID please provide additional information on the upcoming HIV Civil Society solicitation?

USAID Response: There is no information available at the moment; a Request for Information (RFI) may be released.

c. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of March 31, 2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: The 'Anticipated Solicitation Release Date' for this activity It is likely to change to a later date. The date in the Business Forecast will be updated when known.

24. Cameroon: We understand that USAID funds programming around violent extremism in the country through the Cameroon Peace Promotion Project and the USAID/OTI Northern Cameroon Program. Are additional opportunities to be expected around this topic? Does USAID also anticipate funding pre-electoral work around the presidential, legislative, senatorial, and sub-national election cycle planned in 2018?

USAID Response: No. USAID has not currently received funding for these types of activities in Cameroon and does not have specific opportunities planned at this time.

25. Central Asia: Power the Future -- Does the mission expect any small business requirements as part of the RFP?

USAID Response: No, it does not.

26. Colombia: How is the general process of coordination and the specific transfer of opportunities between The Community Development and Licit Opportunity (CDLO) and the Producers to Market Alliance (PMA) expected to happen? Will it require formal documents signed by different contractors? Has the PMA been awarded?

USAID Response: USAID foresees that CDLO's initiatives will mutually complement other activities in the USAID/Colombia Mission. Close coordination at the strategic and tactical levels will be required between the Community Development and Licit Opportunities (CDLO) Activity and Producers to Markets Alliance (PMA), Regional Governance Activity (RGA), Afro-Colombian and Indigenous Program (ACIP), Victims Institutional Strengthening Program (VISP), Victims Participation and Collective Reparation Program and activities from the Office of Transitional Initiatives (OTI). For the two specific activities mentioned in the question (PMA & CDLO), a protocol to ensure coordination and transfer of opportunities will be developed for both contractors, once both contracts have been awarded.

From the CDLO perspective, where the intervention geography of both programs overlap and the productive line is useful for PMA's purposes (mainly export), it is expected that as soon as an organization is strong enough to become partners with the private sector, CDLO coordinates with PMA to make the handover. While it is not envisioned that these handovers will require formal documents signed by different contractors or a formal agreement between them, the Contractor(s) must map community/regional development needs and create packages of interventions that are sensitive to, incorporate, and/or complement other USAID activity efforts to avoid duplication. PMA is finalizing the award process.

27. Cote d'Ivoire: Does USAID have plans to publish any RFA/RFP for new awards in Cote d'Ivoire in FY2017?

USAID Response: USAID does not have specific opportunities planned at this time, but updates can be expected.

28. DRC: The Integrated HIV and AIDS Project (IHAP) is not listed on the forecast any longer since the deadline for submission as passed and only the awards are pending. So is there a revised date on when an award is expected? The original award date was listed on the forecast as 7/15/17. Please confirm this date.

USAID Response: Agreements are being finalized at this time and awards will be made before the end of March.

29. DRC: Community Protection and Recovery in Areas Affected by the Lord's Resistance Army -- Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 4/03/2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: Solicitation will be released by the current anticipated date.

30. Ecuador: There are currently no opportunities in the Forecast for Ecuador. Does USAID anticipate there being any opportunities for Ecuador this fiscal year?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ecuador mission has closed, as such there are no planned opportunities.

- 31. Egypt:** The Egypt *STEM Teacher Preparation Program* had an anticipated solicitation release date of February 21, 2017. That date has now passed without the RFP being released, and the anticipated solicitation release date has not been updated. Can you please advise on a new anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Thank you for the question. The new anticipated release date for the RFP is March 30, 2017.

- 32. El Salvador:** Regional Integrated Trade Solicitation: Could USAID provide further description of the anticipated program emphasis and participating countries?

USAID Response: The program will be focused primarily on the Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.

- 33. El Salvador:** Clean Energy Program -- Has USAID made a determination as to the acquisition strategy? Is USAID planning on releasing the El Salvador regional energy program under the Clean Energy IDIQ? Is it anticipated to be local only, or full and open?

USAID Response: At this time no decision has been made as whether this procurement will be for full and open or under an IDIQ. Will decide soon.

- 34. Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Pastoralists Areas Resilience Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME) activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to this existing award?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is currently assessing this issue. It is likely that a new award will be designed that has at least some similar activities.

- b. If so, can USAID please provide information on the status of this activity, such as anticipated release date, funding level, duration, etc.

USAID Response: As stated above, USAID/Ethiopia is still assessing this issue and no further information is available at this time.

- 35. Ethiopia:** Could USAID provide an update on the procurement status of the Ethiopia's EHIP Water Supply and Management activity, currently scheduled to be released on 3/31/2017, including whether it will be under the WADI Mechanism?

USAID Response: Our current best estimate is that the solicitation will be released on or about August 1, 2017 and the plan is being updated to reflect this. There is currently no plan to utilize an existing mechanism to procure this requirement.

- 36. Ethiopia:** The current mission forecast lists Ethiopia HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity as a TBD award type. Could USAID please provide additional information about the award type for this anticipated activity?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time as planning and design are still ongoing.

- 37. Ethiopia:** ILEPGS: Improved Learning for Ethiopian Primary Grades Students

- a. Would USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release date? It currently reads 1/16/2017.

USAID Response: It has been updated to March 15, 2017.

- b. Please advise if USAID anticipates making one or multiple awards for this procurement.

USAID Response: One award is currently anticipated, though USAID/Ethiopia reserves the right to make multiple awards in appropriate circumstances.

38. Georgia: Disability Rehabilitation Services Program

- a. Can USAID confirm whether it still plans to use an LWA mechanism for this procurement?

USAID Response: Georgia expects to *award* an LWA

- b. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of February 27, 2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: USAID/Georgia expects to release this in the next 45-60 days. We will update the Business Forecast to reflect this information.

39. Georgia: Georgia Clean Energy activity (included in USAID Mission Forecast). The “Anticipated Solicitation Release Date” is 03/17/2017. Can USAID confirm that this is still Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?

USAID Response: Yes, it is the anticipated release date.

40. Georgia: Would USAID please provide an update on which IDIQ the mission is considering to use to issue the Georgia New Energy Activity task order? IDIQ selection information is very useful to bidders to assess eligibility and prepare for upcoming solicitations accordingly.

USAID Response: We currently expect to issue a RFTOP under the Global Clean Energy IDIQ for Non-CPCs.

41. Ghana: Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA)

- a. Would USAID consider issuing this contract under the EVAL-ME IDIQ given the scope and size of this contract?

USAID Response: Yes, we are considering issuing the contract under the EVAL-ME IDIQ or the MEO IDIQ.

- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI, draft SOO, or pre-solicitation notice for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No, it does not.

- c. Is there an incumbent for this procurement?

USAID Response: No, there is not.

- d. Could USAID please clarify which West African countries this Award will focus on?

USAID Response: The key focus countries will be Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon.

42. Guatemala: PASCA 3.0 -- A Draft Program Description was released for PASCA 3.0, but it has not been included to the Business Forecast Live feed.

- a. Is USAID anticipating providing more details regarding this opportunity in the Live Feed?

USAID Response: USAID will include the information in the Business Forecast upon receiving Mission Management approval for the Concept.

- b. Can USAID confirm that this will be a Regional Program? Or will it be specific to Guatemala?

USAID Response: As stated in the program description that was posted on Grants.gov, this will be a regional program.

- c. Has USAID confirmed the Award type?

USAID Response: Yes, a cooperative agreement.

- d. Has USAID determined when the full solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: No.

- 43. Guatemala:** The Guatemala National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance activity has an anticipated award date of November 2017, meaning it would be implemented concurrently with the Guatemala Fiscal and Procurement Reform Project currently underway, with similar activities and stakeholders under both projects. Could USAID provide more information about the relationship you envision between these two projects?
USAID Response: The NIS and FPR projects both have coordination language in the statements of work that outlines the minimum requirement for ensuring that both partners share information and avoid duplication of efforts. The FPR award is 2-3 years and focused on two Government of Guatemala ministries and two objective areas. The NIS project is much broader and will be for 5 years.
- 44. Guatemala:** Could you please confirm if Communities Building Peace Together (CBPT) and Community Engagement for Peacebuilding Project (Formerly listed as "Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project") are different opportunities and that there will be separate RFA for each one?
USAID Response: No, this is the same opportunity.
- 45. Guatemala:** Guatemala Metrics -- Could USAID please clarify whether the Metrics opportunity will be a SB set-aside, an IDIQ TO, or a full & open competition?
USAID Response: USAID still has not made a final determination on whether it will be a SB set-aside or not. USAID does not anticipate awarding a Task Order.
- 46. Guatemala:** Community Engagement for Peacebuilding Project:
a. Would USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release date? It currently reads 2/24/2017.
USAID Response: USAID updated the solicitation release date to reflect 4/28/2017.
- 47. Guatemala:** Is the USAID/Guatemala's Conflict Vulnerability Assessment available to the public?
USAID Response: Yes, you may find it at: <https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1862/guatemala-conflict-vulnerability-assessment>.
a. Can USAID either provide the link or the attachment of the Spanish version through grants.gov or fbo.gov?
USAID Response: You may find it at: <https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1862/guatemala-conflict-vulnerability-assessment-spanish>.
- 48. Guatemala:** Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity:
a. Has USAID determined the Award Type?
USAID Response: The Business Forecast is up to date. We have not determined the type of instrument at this time.
b. Can USAID confirm if this is a follow on to an existing project or if it will be a new stand alone project?
USAID Response: This is a new project, although it is our intention to build on elements from the Climate Nature and Communities in Guatemala project with Rainforest Alliance. As per the name, we intend to continue work with forestry enterprises including to renew and extend concessions. However, we intend to add other elements as well.

- 49. Guatemala:** Harnessing Emerging Political Leadership for an Accountable Guatemala -- Would USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release date? It currently reads 2/10/2017.
USAID Response: This funding opportunity was released on www.grants.gov on February 24, 2017. The funding opportunity number is RFA-520-17-000002.
- 50. Guatemala:** USAID/Guatemala's Creating Economic Opportunities activity has a limited focus on youth workforce development, and important challenge and strategic development opportunity in the region. Does USAID plan to address this topic in Guatemala through other programming in 2017?
USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala does plan to address this topic in Guatemala through other programming in 2017, particularly through an award resulting from the Broad Agency Announcement mechanism.
- 51. Guinea:** Does USAID intend to solicit any agricultural or food security programs in Guinea, as was indicated on the February 2016 forecast?
USAID Response: Not at the current time.
- 52. Guinea:** The current mission forecast lists Guinea Presidential Malaria Follow-On Activity as a TBD award type. Could USAID please provide additional information about the award type for this anticipated activity?
USAID Response: Not at this time, it is still being finalized.
- 53. Haiti:** Health Service Delivery Project -- is the solicitation release date of 3/31/2017 still accurate?
USAID Response: Yes, it is still accurate.
- 54. Haiti:** For the USAID/Haiti Health Information Systems, could USAID please confirm if this opportunity is still expected to be released at the end of February?
USAID Response: We expected this opportunity to be released the first week of March 2017.
- 55. Haiti:** The Haiti WASH opportunity has a forecast release date of 2/17, which has now passed. Is USAID able to provide an updated estimate on the timing for release of this solicitation?
USAID Response: The Haiti/WASH opportunity is expected to be released in late March or early April 2017 as reflected in the updated Business Forecast.
- 56. Haiti:** The Haiti Room to Learn Task Order under the ABE ACCESS IDIQ has been removed from the forecast. Can you tell us whether this has been cancelled, postponed, or modified in some other way?
USAID Response: The Room to Learn Task Order has been cancelled.
- 57. Honduras:** Can USAID confirm if there are any other activities for Honduras that were omitted from the forecast?
USAID Response: At this time, no activities have been omitted from the Forecast.
- 58. Honduras:** *Honduras Transparency Anti-Corruption Activity*
a. Will the Honduras Transparency Anti-Corruption Activity cover public financial management components? If so, which elements could be covered?
USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early stages of the design phase, no further information is available.

- b. Can USAID provide a description of the scope of this upcoming activity? Is USAID able to provide any additional information about the activity?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early stages of the design phase, no further information is available.

- c. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation notice or draft program description?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early stages of the design phase, no further information is available.

- d. Can you please clarify the mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early stages of the design phase, no further information is available.

- e. Will the activity be competed as free and open?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the early stages of the design phase, no further information is available.

- f. Since the release date is very soon could USAID please clarify what is meant by tentative?

USAID Response: The word “tentative” was used as we were unsure of the name/title of this activity. The Award Title has been updated to Civil Society and Media Activity.

- g. Can you provide an update on the release date?

USAID Response: The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date has been updated to June 30, 2017.

- h. Can USAID provide an estimate for the total award amount?

USAID Response: The Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range has been updated to \$10M - \$24.99M.

59. Honduras: Public Financial Management and Public Accountability Activity

- a. Would USAID consider releasing a draft Scope of Work for the Honduras Public Financial Management and Public Accountability Activity?

USAID Response: The mission has decided to award this activity under the existing PFM IDIQ; a Request for Information containing a draft concept detail was released and shared with all PFM IDIQ holders

- b. With the ordering period of the existing PFM IQC set to expire in September and the performance period expiring in September 2020, is the Honduras PFM RFP still expected come out as a task order under the existing PFM IDIQ?

USAID Response: Initially the PFM activity was expected to be for a 5-year period with a higher TEC, however the mission has decided to use the existing PFM IDIQ, which ends on 2020. The timing of this IDIQ conforms with the timing of our mission’s CDCS; hence, the TEC is expected to be \$9-10M over a 3-year period. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date has been updated to April 30, 2017.

- c. The latest Mission projection indicates a PFM project that will be released under the PFM IDIQ estimated at \$4-9M. However, the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) from September 2016 indicates two much larger 5-year PFM-related RFPs will be coming out soon (between \$17-25M). Could USAID please confirm which is correct?

USAID Response: Please refer to the reply of the Question 59.b.

60. Jordan: Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “WRE - Construction & Operations Management Task Order under Global Architect-Engineer Services II IDIQ” to be 7/13/2017?

USAID Response: This action is still in the discussion stages. A date will be provided once it becomes known.

- 61. Jordan:** Creating Economic and Employment Opportunities through Partnerships (CEEEO):
- Is CEEEO replacing the Workforce Development II opportunity?
USAID Response: Yes, it is.
 - If this is a new opportunity not replacing WFD II, whether WFD II is still anticipated?
USAID Response: This opportunity is replacing WFD II.
 - What the anticipated scope of work for CEEEO?
USAID Response: The scope will be posted on FBO.
 - Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for Jordan CEEEO?
USAID Response: Yes, it does.
- 62. Kenya:** Can you provide an update on the Accelerating Progress Against TB in Kenya?
USAID Response: This activity is not on the Business Forecast for USAID/Kenya. If a decision is made to begin procurement activities, additional information will be placed on the Business Forecast.
- 63. Kenya:** Family Planning/Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
- We noticed that the title is now “Family Planning/Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Kenya”, whereas previously it also included “in the Eastern Counties in Kenya.” Does this mean the opportunity will no longer have a regional focus in the Eastern Counties? If so, will it now have a national scope?
USAID Response: The opportunity will now have a national scope.
 - Can USAID provide additional information on the counties included under this opportunity? If there will be multiple awards, can USAID provide the number of awards and the regions/counties for each award?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates making one award from this procurement action. regions/counties will be identified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.
 - With the bid amount increasing substantially from \$10-25 million to \$50-99 million, has there been a change in technical scope of the bid, such as an increased focus on commodities or otherwise? Or is this increase simply reflective of the increased geographic coverage the bid will have?
USAID Response: The geographic and technical focus of the procurement have been expanded.
 - Can USAID share a draft scope of work or provide any additional information on activities envisioned?
USAID Response: No.
 - Could USAID confirm if the anticipated solicitation release date remains 3/31/2017?
USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to be released on or before 3/31/2017.
- 64. Kenya:** Kenya Feed the Future (FTF) Crop and Dairy Market Systems Development Activity
- Confirm whether the design of this activity is complete?
USAID Response: The design of this activity is not yet complete.
 - Confirm whether an RFI/draft scope will be released prior to the solicitation?
USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate release of an RFI/SOW/PD prior to the solicitation at this time.
 - Could USAID include a description of the activity?
USAID Response: Yes, a brief description of the activity will be added to the Business Forecast.
 - Could USAID please clarify the Award/Action Type?
USAID Response: The type of award is TBD.

- e. Confirm whether this activity is intended as a direct follow-on to any current program? Will this be a follow-on to the ongoing KAVES project? Has the geographic scope increased?

USAID Response: This information is not available at this time.

- f. Provide any clarification on the expected weight of crops vs. dairy in this activity?

USAID Response: This information is not available at this time.

65. Kenya: Related to the Kenya FTF Livestock Market Systems Development Activity, would USAID/Kenya:

- a. Clarify or provide any background around the decision to use the LWA mechanism for this procurement?

USAID Response: This information is not available at this time.

- b. Provide additional details on the technical scope and value of each associate award?

USAID Response: This information is not available at this time.

- c. Clarify whether it will release and compete the Leader award and two associate awards as separate procurements or, will one bidder be awarded all three?

USAID Response: For additional information on the LWA mechanism please visit:

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303.pdf>. USAID intends to award the Leader and two Associate Awards at the same time.

- d. Do you anticipate the Leader award will be a cooperative agreement or contract?

USAID Response: For additional information on the LWA mechanism please visit:

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303.pdf> .

- e. May an organization participate in more than one bid, for example as Leader and as a potential sub-partner under another Leader's bid?

USAID Response: This activity is still under design. That information is not available at this time.

- f. Regarding exclusivity: will USAID require that Leaders not stipulate exclusive arrangements with sub-partners?

USAID Response: This activity is still under design. That information is not available at this time.

- g. May a Leader participate in direct implementation of the associate awards?

USAID Response: For additional information on the LWA mechanism please visit:

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303.pdf>

- h. Could you please confirm whether this opportunity will focus on the five previously-targeted FTF Northern Kenya counties of Turkana, Marsabit, Isiolo, Wajir, Garissa?

USAID Response: As noted in the Business Forecast, this LWA will support Feed The Future programming in Kenya's northern counties.

66. Kenya: Kenya Strategic Information at the Country Level Program

- a. Would the successful bidder on the Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level Program be precluded from bidding on other opportunities in Kenya?

USAID Response: No.

- b. Is an organization that is already implementing large projects in Kenya precluded from bidding on the program?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Could USAID please confirm which countries would be included and if the anticipated solicitation release date remains 3/17/2017?

USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity will include the counties to be covered under this activity. The forecast has been updated to reflect a later solicitation release date.

- 67. Kosovo:** Are there any anticipated delays to the release of Kosovo Inclusive Municipal Governance, currently forecasted to be released March 15th?”
USAID Response: Yes, this is delayed until April/May.
- 68. Kosovo:** New Civil Society Award
- a. Can USAID provide a program description?
USAID Response: Not at this time. We’re still in very early design.
 - b. Are international organizations eligible?
USAID Response: Unknown at this time.
 - c. What is the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: We’re still in very early design.
 - d. The USAID Forecast currently lists the award type as TBD. Does USAID have an update on the choice of mechanism for the New Civil Society Award opportunity?
USAID Response: No. We’re still in very early design.
- 69. Kyrgyz Republic:** The Executive Good Governance project is no longer on the Forecast. Is USAID still planning this activity?
USAID Response: A number of adjustments to the Mission's forecast have been necessary and it is not clear when or if the activity will be advertised. We encourage organizations to continue to monitor www.fbo.gov, www.grants.gov, and the USAID Business Forecast for changes.
- 70. Kyrgyz Republic:** Kyrgyz Enterprise Development -- Amendment 1 to Sol-176-16-0001 listed the opportunity is cancelled until further notice. Will USAID be issuing a resolicitation in the upcoming Fiscal Year?
USAID Response: A number of adjustments to the Mission's forecast have been necessary and it is not clear when or if the activity will be advertised. We encourage organizations to continue to monitor www.fbo.gov, www.grants.gov, and the USAID Business Forecast for changes.
- 71. Kyrgyz Republic:** New Youth Activity: Will international organizations be eligible to submit an application?
USAID Response: No. Although partnering arrangements are encouraged, competition for this award will be limited to local organizations.
- 72. Laos:** The following opportunity was removed from the USAID Business Forecast after Q1: Laos Basic Education Project, \$10-\$25M 5-year activity expected out for solicitation on 3/15/2017. Can you please provide follow-on information?
USAID Response: For this fiscal year, this activity is now anticipated to be implemented through funding to another donor’s program (delegated cooperation agreement) and not directly implemented by USAID.
- 73. Laos:** Does USAID expect the anticipated Let Girls Learn opportunity will appear on the forecast in the next quarter?
USAID Response: This activity will not appear on the forecast in the next quarter.
- 74. Lebanon:** Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on activity to the Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development Project which ends in September 2017?
USAID Response: No.

75. Liberia: Liberia Political Party Strengthening: Can USAID please provide an updated anticipated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: This is expected to be released in March.

76. Liberia: Was Phase 1 Beyond the Grid in Liberia issued as a contract or cooperative agreement? Who was the awardee? Has the acquisition for Phase 2 Beyond the Grid in Liberia been developed?

USAID Response: Phase 1 Beyond the Grid was awarded as a Cooperative Agreement to The Shell Foundation (AID-OAA-A-16-00001) as a part of an overall Grand Challenge for the Power Africa Initiative. To date there are no phase two plans due as we are still ramping up Phase One.

77. Madagascar: Could USAID/Madagascar provide an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for Mikajy, now that the one listed in the Mission Business Forecast (2/15/2017) has passed?

USAID Response: USAID now anticipates a solicitation release date of 3/15/2017.

78. Mali: Girls Leadership and Entrepreneurship through Education (GLEE)

a. Is any additional information available about the anticipated release date? It currently reads 2/1/2017.

USAID Response: USAID/Mali has compiled all comments received on the RFI and is now drafting the RFP. The final solicitation may be released not later than early April 2017.

b. Can you share updated info on the estimated total cost since the last forecast update was made in December?

USAID Response: The total estimated cost ceiling for this activity is \$15 million.

c. The forecast has the duration as 5 years, but the draft RFI has it listed at 3 years. Could USAID confirm the duration of the project?

USAID Response: USAID will revise the Forecast to provide the correct project duration.

d. The opportunity was also listed as 'TBD' under the small business set aside column on the USAID FY17 Qtr 2 Business Forecast.

USAID Response: This activity will be advertised for full and open competition. The forecast will be updated accordingly.

79. Mali: We understand that USAID is interested in pre-electoral support for the 2018 national elections. Does USAID intend to release a solicitation for this type of work? If yes, what is the anticipated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The type of pre-electoral support for the 2018 national elections is still under discussion within the Mission in Mali. It is anticipated that a solicitation, if any, will be released o/a end of July 2017 or earlier.

80. Malawi: The ASPIRE Mid-Term Performance Evaluation in Malawi has an anticipated release date of 12/5/16? Is this meant to be 2017?

USAID Response: The RFTOP was issued on December 5, 2016 under the EVAL-ME IDIQ, AID-SOL-OAA-14-000054.

81. Mexico: Kindly advise if the opportunity for the Government of Mexico "Renewable Energy and Social Impacts Mexico", solicitation number RF152316002, will be released in Qtr 2. And, which Mexican government agency is involved in the opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Mexico released the solicitation on February 27, 2017. The

opportunity is limited to Mexican entities. USAID/Mexico will be working most closely with Mexico's Ministry of Energy.

82. Moldova: Would USAID please confirm that the Moldova Open Justice task order is still expected to be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Yes.

83. Mozambique: The Integrated Malaria Program (IMaP) is not listed on the forecast any longer since the deadline for submission has passed and only the awards are pending. So is there a revised date on when is award expected? The original award date was listed on the forecast as 9/20/17. Please confirm this date.

USAID Response: USAID/Mozambique still expects an award by 9/20/2017.

84. Mozambique: We understand that a new large-scale HIV & AIDS focused project in Mozambique is expected in 2017 - possibly a continuation of the current project known as "Clinical and Community HIV/AIDS Services Strengthening" (CHASS). Can you clarify if and when a new solicitation is expected to be released, awarded and any information about the expected ceiling and mechanism?

USAID Response: Currently USAID/Mozambique only has one HIV/AIDS clinical and community service delivery project (CHASS Niassa), which is schedule to end in July 2018.

USAID/Mozambique is currently working on the design of a new HIV/AIDS clinical and community services activity that will replace CHASS Niassa. The solicitation is expected to be released around July 2017 with an estimated award date on/before June 2018. It is estimated that the ceiling for this acquisition award (contract) will be approximately \$350 million over a five year period.

85. Nepal: State of Social Inclusion in Nepal 2017

a. Is there an incumbent for this activity?

USAID Response: No.

b. The award/action type is listed as "Fixed Amount Award (FAA)."

i. What is the definition of this type of award?

USAID Response: Please see ADS 303.

ii. Is this acquisition or assistance?

USAID Response: Assistance.

iii. Does this indicate competitive or sole source?

USAID Response: USAID/Nepal anticipates making a sole-source award.

86. Nepal: Nepal Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) activity

a. Will the new activity for which an RFI was recently released replace the Health for Life Project, or be a separate procurement? Please confirm that this is the rebid for the USAID Nepal Health 4 Life project and confirm the solicitation release date.

USAID Response: HSS is a new procurement and will build on the outcomes of the Health for Life project.

b. An RFI was released on the 10th of February, with a Response Due Date of February 23, 2017. If an organization doesn't respond to the RFI, does that make that organization ineligible to apply as a sub or prime later on, once the RFA is released?

USAID Response: No. Organizations that did not respond to the RFI will still be able to respond to the solicitation.

c. Does USAID anticipate the RFA will be released on 4/19/2017 as stated on the forecast?

USAID Response: The estimated dates on the Business Forecast are accurate. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and grants.gov for more information on this opportunity.

- d. The Total Estimated Cost for the procurement is stated as \$25M - \$49.99M, which is a very wide range. Can USAID share more information on whether they anticipate awarding one or several awards under this procurement? And final award amount?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates making a single award in the dollar range provided, however reserves the right to make multiple awards.

- 87. Nepal:** Does USAID expect the anticipated Let Girls Learn opportunity will appear on the forecast in the next quarter?

USAID Response: No.

- 88. Nepal:** Nepal Community Reconstruction IDIQ -- Will the RFP for the IDIQ be released before the related task order under the A&E Global IDIQ is awarded?

USAID Response: Yes.

- 89. Niger:** Could USAID please confirm if Niger will remain in the Office of Food for Peace FY18 DFSA solicitation cycle?

USAID Response: Yes. Currently in design stage.

- 90. Nigeria:** In the current forecast, we observe no entries for USAID/Nigeria related to private sector health, family planning, and/or child health. Could USAID please indicate if it plans to issue solicitations involving private sector health, family planning, and/or child health in the coming quarters? If so, could USAID elaborate on the types of programs and their anticipated release dates?

USAID Response: Solicitations involving these sectors will be posted after they have gone through internal review and approval stages. Several actions are still at the concept paper stage.

- 91. Nigeria:** AgCompete

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for the new AgCompete activity to help potential new implementing partners better understand the objectives of the program?

USAID Response: USAID will consider releasing an RFI, if prudent. The solicitation is anticipated to be released in May 2017.

- b. Please provide the geographic regions for the Nigeria Agriculture Competitiveness Project?

USAID Response: Anticipated regions are as follows: Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi & Niger States. Other states such as Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, and Gombe States may be considered as resources and security permit.

- c. Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 3/15/2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date has been postponed to May 2017. The Forecast has been updated.

- 92. Nigeria:** Ag Investment -- Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 3/15/2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date has been postponed to May 2017. The Forecast has been updated.

93. Nigeria: Rural Resilience Project

- a. Can USAID kindly confirm the date of the expected release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is June 2017, the Forecast has been updated.

- b. Will a pre-solicitation be released?

USAID Response: No.

- c. Has USAID made a decision on the choice of mechanism?

USAID Response: No.

- d. Can USAID please provide additional detail regarding the anticipated scope of work for the Nigeria Rural Resilience opportunity?

USAID Response: The SOW will be included in the solicitation which is anticipated to be released in June 2017.

- e. Please provide the geographic regions for the Rural Resilience Project? Will the solicitation specify the grouping of focus states into zones, or will bidders be able to propose any constellation of states?

USAID Response: Geographic regions are TBD.

- f. USAID indicated that up to three awards would be made for the Nigeria Rural Resilience opportunity. Are three awards still expected? If multiple awards are envisioned, can USAID please clarify if the split would be made by geographic region?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates one award.

- g. Is USAID considering modifying the solicitation release date to coincide to when the Abuja airport is open?

USAID Response: No. Please see (a) above.

- h. Will the Mission hold a bidders conference? If so, as the Abuja airport will be closing in March, when does the Mission anticipate holding this conference?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate holding a bidders' conference.

- i. Is the \$25M - \$49.9M range the amount per award, or will this be divided among multiple awards?

USAID Response: This is the range for the anticipated award for the Rural Resilience Project.

- j. Are there particular aspects of resiliency that will be prioritized (i.e. those related to climate change vs social/political dynamics)?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

94. Nigeria: State to State Governance Project

- a. What is the nature of the State to State Local Governance project in Nigeria? Can you provide a description of the scope of the activity?

USAID Response: A description of the scope of the State to State Local Governance project in Nigeria is available at:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=255c10abc7d4a4d5f3d0472c1d1e75d7&tab=core&_cview=1

- b. The anticipated release date for the Nigeria State-to-State Local Governance Project has shifted on the last few Mission Forecasts. Is USAID confident that the RFP will be released on March 30, 2017, as per the most recent Mission Forecast update?

USAID Response: We are currently working towards the March 30, 2017 release date. However, if there are changes, the new date will be communicated accordingly.

95. Nigeria: Can USAID provide an update on the procurement status of the Nigeria Urban Water Sector Reform Program, which is missing from the current live forecast? In the FY 17, Q1

Questions/Answers, USAID confirmed that the activity would be under the WADI mechanism, is this still accurate?

USAID Response: Task Orders are not listed in the Forecast, however this activity will fall under the WADI mechanism. The SOW is undergoing internal review and approval.

96. Nigeria: Will the USAID/Nigeria Agribusiness Investment Project be a small business set-aside or not?

USAID Response: USAID is not anticipating a small business set aside. However, small businesses are encouraged to apply and will receive consideration.

97. Nigeria: Nigeria SHARP opportunity

a. Can you please confirm the release date?

USAID Response: We anticipate a release date o/a week of March 13-24, 2017.

b. Is there an incumbent for this activity? Is this building off an existing USAID activity?

USAID Response: No.

98. Pakistan: Pakistan Capacity Development Services

a. The release date has passed for this procurement; could USAID kindly provide an update for the new solicitation date?

USAID Response: The activity design is in the final stages and the Agency Business Forecast has now been updated to reflect the revisions to this activity.

b. The "Award/Action Type" is listed as an "IDIQ". Will this be a country-level single award IDIQ?

USAID Response: The action is now broken into two separate activities, one will be implemented through a country level single award small business set aside contract and the second will be implemented through a multiple award IDIQ under full and open competition.

c. Will it be a total small business set aside? An RFI went out in December seeking the capacity of small businesses, what has been the outcome and influence of this as we do not see this project being set aside for small businesses yet there were many firms that responded that can meet the technical scope, project management and addressing security concerns?

USAID Response: Please see response to question b. above.

99. Pakistan: Pakistan Community Resilience Activity (included in USAID Mission Forecast). The "Award/Action Type" is listed as "Task Order/Delivery Order (TO/DO)". What IDIQ will these TO/DO be issued from?

USAID Response: This procurement will utilize the PEACE IDIQ.

100. Paraguay: Does USAID anticipate any education opportunities this coming year?

USAID Response: Paraguay is implementing a two-year "Inclusive Education" pilot project to promote the inclusion of People with Disabilities (PwD) in public and private schools. The pilot focuses on improving the curricula and increasing opportunities for inclusive education and inclusion through sports.

101. Peru: In recent forecasts, USAID/Peru listed a number of forthcoming opportunities in the water, environment, and alternative development sectors. The current USAID live forecast website does not list information about any of these opportunities. Could USAID offer any updated information about USAID/Peru's procurement plans in 2017?

USAID Response: A PAD is under review, and other activities/requirements are being finalized. In addition, several other opportunities are currently listed in the A&A Plan and Business Forecast. It is expected to list more opportunities in the near future.

- 102. Peru:** Securing Water Supply in the Context of Climate Change Activity -- The activity was released in March 2016 but does not show up on the forecast. Can USAID/Peru please provide an update as to the status of this activity?

USAID Response: The PAD activity is under internal review process.

- 103. Peru:** Amazon Regional Environment Program: Can you please provide an update on the status of this anticipated program which has been referenced in the SERVIR Amazonia forecast description?

USAID Response: SERVIR is listed in the Business Forecast with current updates.

- 104. Peru:** Is the opportunity titled "SERVIR Amazonia" out of USAID/Peru the singular activity that has resulted from previous forecasted opportunities in biodiversity (such as Amazonia Verde) or does the Mission intend to issue more opportunities related to biodiversity or the environment in the near future?

USAID Response: SERVIR Amazonia is an activity under USAID's Amazon Regional Environment Program. There will be other Regional biodiversity opportunities.

- 105. Philippines:** Early Grade Reading and TA Support -- Previous forecasts it listed a "Philippines Early Grade Reading and TA Support" solicitation.

- a. Does USAID intend to issue this solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, but timing of issuance is TBD.

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

USAID Response: No, not at this time. TBD.

- c. Does USAID intend to share a draft SOW for comment?

USAID Response: While we support draft solicitations, no decisions have been made at this time concerning any release of a draft solicitation, whether acquisition or assistance.

- 106. Philippines:** Environment Sector Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the "Environment Sector Activity(ies)" to be 3/31/2017?

USAID Response: The estimated date of release is April/May 2017.

- b. Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation for the Philippines Environment Activity?

USAID Response: To be determined.

- c. Can you provide details on the award/action type?

USAID Response: The award type/s is/are to be determined.

- d. Will there be a number of solicitations released?

USAID Response: The number of solicitations (whether assistance or acquisition) may change. Accordingly, no final decision has been made.

- e. Do you have any additional details that can be provided?

USAID Response: No additional details can be provided at this time.

- 107. Philippines:** Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms

- a. The current mission forecast lists Philippines Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms as a TBD award type. Could USAID please provide additional information about the award type for this anticipated activity?

USAID Response: Currently contemplating assistance - competitive restricted to local organizations. (A&A plan to be revised accordingly).

- b. Can USAID please provide additional information on the upcoming "Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms?"

USAID Response: Currently contemplating assistance - competitive restricted to local organizations. (A&A plan to be revised accordingly).

- 108. Philippines:** Analytical Support -- Under which IDIQ or mechanism is this expected to be released?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently designing this activity. Mechanism is TBD.

- 109. Philippines:** Could USAID please clarify whether the "Collaboration, Learning and Adapting" solicitation will be a free and open solicitation or come out under the PPL-LER M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: Currently contemplating to use the PPL EVAL-ME IDIQ.

- 110. RDMA (Thailand):** Could USAID kindly provide a detailed description for the Low Carbon, Sustainable Urban Development in China project under the Regional Development Mission for Asia?

USAID Response: The "Low Carbon, Sustainable Urban Development in China" activity will foster cooperation with China on pressing environmental issues and enhance business opportunities for U.S. firms in the large and expanding Chinese market, while reducing global air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The activities include working with Chinese townships, city, and provincial governments; civil society organizations; and the private sector. Interventions to reduce emissions would entail fostering strategic partnerships between Chinese and U.S. public and private sector leaders, academic institutions, and civil society.

RDMA will be removing this item from the Business Forecast as we are not currently planning on moving forward with a competitive solicitation.

- 111. Rwanda:** Is the Rwanda Health Service Delivery Activity listed in the forecast a new activity or a follow on to an existing project? If it is a follow on to a project, could USAID please clarify the name of the project and the incumbent?

USAID Response: This is a new Activity. However, some of the interventions will be carried over from the on-going Maternal and Child Survival Program with JHPIEGO.

- 112. Rwanda:** Orara Wihaze

- a. Can you provide any updates on the expected timing of the procurement?

USAID Response: The solicitation for this procurement is expected to be released by 03/30/2017.

- b. Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 2/28/2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation dates has changed to 03/30/2017.

- c. Is this a follow-on to a current or recent project?

USAID Response: No, this is a not a follow-on of any recent project. The Feed the Future Rwanda Orora Wihaze activity will focus on new livestock value chains.

- d. Can you confirm that it still intends to release a draft scope / RFI for the Orora Wihaze program?

USAID Response: Initially USAID/Rwanda had intended to release an RFI; however, as a result of delays in the design process, an RFI will not be released. Although an RFI will not be released, the RFP is planned to be open for 60 days.

- e. Can USAID share any information on the goals of the Orora Wihaze project?

USAID Response: The objective of the Feed the Future Rwanda Orora Wihaze activity is to sustainably increase the availability of, access to, and consumption of animal-source foods (ASF) in order to improve the dietary diversity scores of women of reproductive age (15-49 years), especially pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children between the age of 6-23 months (CU2) in poor rural households. The activity will target eight districts within the Feed the Future zone of influence (ZOI). The Feed the Future Zone of influence covers the entire country with the exception of three districts in Kigali.

- f. Has USAID identified the livestock value chains to be targeted by Orora Wihaze?

USAID Response: The target value chains for the Feed the Future Rwanda Orora Wihaze activity are poultry, egg, pig, goat and fish.

- 113. Rwanda:** Does USAID have additional details to share regarding the scope of work for the Rwanda Nguriza Nshore activity? Can USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated solicitation date of 4/30/2017 remains accurate?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda intends to release an RFI for Nguriza Nshore in the near future to provide additional information to potential bidders. The anticipated solicitation date is June 30, 2017.

- 114. Senegal:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any education solicitations in FY2017, possibly through an IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal intends to release at least one full and open education solicitation in FY17. There is no plan at this time to go through an IDIQ mechanism.

- 115. Serbia:** Has the mechanism for the Independent Media Support Project been determined since the last forecast update?

USAID Response: No.

- 116. Serbia:** Anti-Corruption Activity

- a. Could you provide more information about the anticipated contracting mechanism (full-and-open contract, task order under a specific IQC, etc.)?

USAID Response: We do not have that information at this time.

- b. Can USAID please provide a scope of work for the newly forecasted "Anti-Corruption Activity"?

USAID Response: We don't have a scope of work drafted.

- 117. Serbia:** The BEP follow-on Activity --

- a. Can USAID clarify what the acronym stands for? Is that Business Ecosystem Project?

USAID Response: Business Enabling Project.

- b. Please expand on the award description for the Serbia BEP follow-on activity.

USAID Response: The design has not been completed yet.

c. Has the mechanism been determined?

USAID Response: No.

118. Sierra Leone: Could USAID please provide clarification on when the Office of Food for Peace expects to release further information on the Sierra Leone DFSA solicitation. Will this solicitation be tied to current EFSP projects or will it be released as part of the FY18 cycle? Does the Office of Food for Peace intend to use the Refine and Implement methodology for DFSA implementation?

USAID Response: Food for Peace (FFP) is not moving forward with a DFSA in Sierra Leone in FY18.

119. Sierra Leone: We understand that USAID is already funding programming for governance and civil society work as well as ahead of the 2018 elections (with gender and elections security focuses). Are additional opportunities to be expected ahead of the 2018 electoral cycle?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that an additional award may be made, but sufficient information is not currently available to enable it to be placed on the Business Forecast.

120. Somalia: New Education Activity

a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “New Education Activity” to be 4/05/2017?

USAID Response: The solicitation release date has been updated in the Business Forecast to reflect a delay to June 15, 2017.

b. Will this opportunity be released under an existing IDIQ?

USAID Response: No.

c. The total estimated cost/amount range for the New Somalia Education Activity was recently updated to \$25-49.99 million. Does USAID anticipate shifts to the anticipated scope of work as a consequence of the recent decrease in total estimated cost?

USAID Response: Since the statement of work is still under development, there was no SOW to shift from.

d. Can you provide more detail about this activity?

USAID Response: There is an award description in the Business Forecast. We do not have any further detail to add at this point.

121. South Africa: The total estimated cost/amount range for the Southern Africa Resilient Waters Activity was recently updated to \$25-49.99 million. Does USAID anticipate shifts to the anticipated scope of work as a consequence of the recent decrease in total estimated cost?

USAID Response: The previous range of \$50M to \$99.99M was an error. However, the scope may change as a result of responses to the RFI while the scope is finalized.

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

a. Has USAID made a determination as to the acquisition strategy? Is it anticipated to be local only, or full and open? Does the mission expect any small business requirements as part of the RFP? Does the mission intend to issue a single-award IDIQ or multi-award IDIQ?

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

b. Will a draft scope of work be released prior to the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: An RFI with overall requirements was released on December 12, 2016.

- c. Could you please provide an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing this solicitation by June 2017.

123. South Africa: Power Africa Expansion IDIQ

- a. Can you please give an update on the status of this solicitation? Is it still expected to be awarded, if so has the evaluation been completed and when can we expect to see the publication of an award notice?

USAID Response: USAID continues to evaluate the significant amount of offers it received in response to the solicitation. At present, USAID anticipates awarding the IDIQ, but cannot provide a precise date for the publication of the award notice.

- b. Has funding for this IDIQ been secured already, or is it subject to further consideration by the new administration?

USAID Response: All anticipated activities under the IDIQ remain subject to the availability of funding.

- c. If this solicitation has been/is being cancelled can you please say why?

USAID Response: N/A

124. South Africa: Unlocking Power Sector Growth

- a. Will this solicitation replace the above-mentioned Power Africa Expansion IDIQ (SOL-674-16-000023) or is this going to be a separate contract running in parallel to the Power Africa Expansion IDIQ?

USAID Response: UPSG is a separate mechanism from the IDIQ.

- b. The RFQ for this BPA is to be circulated via FAR 8.405-3(b)(2)(v)(B): does this mean that the solicitation will not be published on FBO.gov and that USAID will contact directly a limited number of firms to request quotes?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID will not publish the solicitation on FBO and USAID will directly contact the limited number of firms to request quotations.

125. Sri Lanka: Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Program: Can USAID verify if this will be released full and open and what type of funding mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time USAID/Sri Lanka anticipates this will be a full and open competition for an assistance award.

126. Sri Lanka: Civil Society Organization Program --

- a. Could USAID confirm the award-type for this procurement?

USAID Response: This will be an assistance award.

- b. Does USAID intend to route this through an existing LWA or IQC?

USAID Response: At this time USAID/Sri Lanka has not determined the exact procurement mechanism. As this will be an assistance award it will not be competed through an IQC/IDIQ.

- c. It shows an anticipated solicitation release date of March 8, 2017. Can you please confirm the release date?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast was updated to reflect an anticipated solicitation release date of 01 May 2017.

- d. Does USAID plan to share a draft SOW or issue an RFI for this program?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID/Sri Lanka will issue an RFI through grants.gov.

- e. Can USAID please clarify if this program will focus on increasing engagement between civil society and the Government of Sri Lanka at the provincial level only, or will the

project also include working with the various other subnational levels of the Government of Sri Lanka?

USAID Response: Program details will be provided upon issuance of the RFI.

- f. Could USAID clarify if the solicitation will target civil society organizations in specific sectors?

USAID Response: Program details will be provided upon issuance of the RFI.

- 127. Tanzania:** FUEL -- Would USAID please confirm the target beneficiaries for the anticipated FUEL activity? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for the Tanzania FUEL Activity?

USAID Response: 1000 youth trained under all IRs, 2000 provided with referrals in (business, education and health) and 50% of the total beneficiaries must be females. There will be no RFI released for the FUEL Activity.

- 128. Tanzania:** Comprehensive Pediatric Testing Care and Treatment Activity --

- a. Is this opportunity a continuation of an ongoing program?

USAID Response: Yes there is an ongoing program that ends this year(2017) and the program will be followed up by this award.

- b. Will this be implemented as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with ongoing, existing programming?

USAID Response: This is a follow on to an existing program, will be implemented as a stand alone program when the existing program ends

- c. Could you confirm that this is a facilities based testing, care and treatment award?

USAID Response: Yes, this is a facilities based testing, care and treatment award.

- 129. Tunisia:** Public Financial Management and Policy

- a. Would USAID consider releasing a draft Scope of Work?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID will plan to share a draft statement of work prior to issuing the RFTOP.

- b. Which elements of public financial management will be covered in the project?

USAID Response: The draft SOW will be shared prior to issuance of the RFTOP.

- c. With the ordering period of the existing PFM IQC set to expire in September and the performance period expiring in September 2020, is the Tunisia PFM RFP still expected come out as a task order under the existing PFM IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID plans to award the task order by the end of the ordering period.

- 130. Tunisia:** Can USAID confirm whether the Tunisia/Libya M&E support project will come out under PPL-LER M&E IDIQ or another vehicle or will it be free and open?

USAID Response: The activity will be procured using the USAID EVAL-ME-IDIQ.

- 131. Tunisia:** Community Resilience

- a. Can USAID confirm whether Tunisia Community Resilience is still anticipated for a May 2017 release?

USAID Response: No, the solicitation will not be issued in May 2017.

- b. Could USAID provide more details about the technical scope and the geographical focus of this project?

USAID Response: The requested information is not available at this time.

- c. Does USAID intend to openly compete the Community Resilience project or does USAID

intend to route this through the USAID PEACE IQC?

USAID Response: A decision has not been made regarding the method of procurement.

132. Uganda: *Evaluation of OVC Activities*

- a. Will USAID release a draft Scope of Work for the Uganda Evaluation of OVC Activities?

USAID Response: No.

- b. Can USAID please provide the name of the project to be evaluated? There are twelve OVC-related projects in Uganda supported by USAID

USAID Response: Please refer to the Request for Information that was posted on fbo.gov on December 14, 2016 (AID-617-RFI-17-00002).

- c. Could USAID please clarify whether the “Evaluation of OVC activities” solicitation will be a free and open solicitation or come out under the PPL-LER M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

133. Uganda: Do you anticipate any upcoming funding to address the refugee crisis in Uganda?

USAID Response: We do not have any information about potential funding for refugees in Uganda.

134. Uganda: Will there be any small business set asides on the new Organizational Development contract in Uganda?

USAID Response: We do not have any information to share at this time. Please continue to check the Business Forecast and fbo.gov.

135. Uganda: Could USAID indicate if it plans to issue a follow on for the Uganda Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability program, and if so, when it anticipates releasing a solicitation?

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

136. Uganda: Professional A&E Services

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “Professional A&E Services Task” to be 3/30/2017?

USAID Response: Please continue to check the Forecast and fbo.gov for any updates.

- b. Can the Mission confirm that it will be a contract procured through free and open competition?

USAID Response: The mission is conducting market research to assess local competition of Ugandan A&E firms as allowable under Section 7077 of Public Law 112-74.

- c. Can the USAID Uganda Mission expand on the type of infrastructure to be improved for the Professional A&E Services opportunity?

USAID Response: See SOL-617-17-000007 on fbo.gov. Note that this is a sources sought notice to support market research. It is not a solicitation.

137. Uganda: There was an RFI out for local businesses for Architect-engineer (A&E) design for the Saving Mothers Giving Life (SMGL) Phase II in Uganda after an RFI under the USAID A&E II IDIQ. Will SMGL RFP no longer be issued as a task order under the A&E II IDIQ? Will SMGL no longer be issued as a small business set aside under the A&E II IDIQ?

USAID Response: The mission is conducting market research to assess local competition of Ugandan A&E firms as allowable under Section 7077 of Public Law 112-74.

- 138. Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda still anticipate holding the “agricultural market systems and food security co-creation workshop” that was listed in the last version of the forecast notes? If so, could USAID please provide an update on the timing of that workshop?
USAID Response: This workshop should not have been on the forecast or in the A&A Plan because it is not a funded opportunity.
- 139. Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda plan to release a follow-on to the TRACK TB project? If so, when does USAID expect to post the solicitation, and can USAID provide any other relevant forecast details?
USAID Response: Please refer to the Forecast where the Defeat TB activity is listed.
- 140. Uganda:** Previously, the USAID/Uganda Mission announced different iterations of a Project/Activity related to rural finance. Recently, there was a request from OSDBU for Small Businesses to submit capability statements in rural finance and financial inclusion, per FAR 19.2, for an Activity called “Financial Inclusion Activity.” Does USAID/Uganda have an update on this Activity? The Activity has not been listed and/or announced in recent Business Forecasts.
USAID Response: The FARM (Financing Agriculture and Rural Markets) activity, also called the financial inclusion activity, is still in the pre-approval phase. Any updates will be added to the Forecast.
- 141. Uganda:** Could USAID/Uganda please indicate if it intends to release RFIs or pre-solicitation materials for the anticipated ICAN and FARM activities?
USAID Response: There are no plans to issue an RFI or pre-solicitation materials for either of these activities. Should that change, the materials will be posted to fbo.gov.
- 142. Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda plan to re-bid the Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability (SDS) project in Uganda? If so, can USAID please provide the expected solicitation release date and other relevant Forecast details?
USAID Response: No information is available at this time.
- 143. Ukraine:** Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “OEG: Trade and Competitiveness (TAC) Activity” to be 2/28/2017?
USAID Response: The release date has been pushed back to early/mid March.
- 144. Ukraine:** The current mission forecast lists Ukraine OH: HealthLink and Ukraine OH: Health Reform as TBD award types. Could USAID please provide additional information about the award types for these anticipated activities?
USAID Response: Ukraine OH: HealthLink will be a competitive cooperative agreement. Ukraine OH: Health Reform is TBD yet.
- 145. Ukraine:** What is the status of “Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Analytical Services IDIQ” which was cancelled in August 2016 and is not in the FY2017 1st Quarter Mission Forecast? Does USAID expected this solicitation to be released soon, and if so, will that information be made available in future Business Forecasts?
USAID Response: Information about this procurement will be available shortly on the Forecast.
- 146. Vietnam:** Does USAID plan to release a solicitation for the USAID Support for Small and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam as noted in its request for information released on June 13,

2016? The "Support for SMEs in Vietnam" opportunity has been omitted from the forecast. Could USAID give us any updates on its status?

USAID Response: At this time there are no current plans to release a solicitation for the identified opportunity.

147. Vietnam: Labor-Social Dialogues: This opportunity is no longer on the forecast. Has this solicitation been cancelled?

USAID Response: The opportunity is in design. It will be listed in the forecast when dates have been identified.

148. West Africa: Does USAID/West Africa anticipate a follow-on to the WA-WASH project, which is ending in FY 17?

USAID Response: Yes, but subject to availability of funds and pre requisite internal approvals.

149. West Bank/Gaza: Is USAID considering a procurement to follow on the "Partnerships with Youth" project? Does USAID foresee any procurements for FY17 Q3 or Q4 that would either be a direct follow-on to the aforementioned project, or a new project that focuses on expanding leadership and/or educational opportunities for youth?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/WBG is currently not contemplating either an extension to the PwY activity nor a new activity with the same objectives.

150. West Bank/Gaza: Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on activity to the West Bank/Gaza Enterprise Development for Global Competitiveness Project which ends in November 2017?

USAID Response: USAID/WBG is not currently procuring an immediate follow-on to the Competitiveness project.

151. Zambia: Is it possible for USAID to provide an update on the intended mechanism/instrument for the Zambia "Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation" activity? The FY 2017, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Question and Responses indicated that a separate evaluation contract for the Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project. However, the forecast does not appear to show a procurement for this evaluation.

USAID Response: The program has been changed to SUN-TA. The evaluation will be conducted as part of that award.

152. Zambia: Can USAID confirm whether any WADI RFTOPs will be released in Zambia in FY 2017?

USAID Response: There are none planned.

153. Zambia: The "Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Data (READ)" solicitation, which had an anticipated solicitation release date of 9/15/2016 in previous Business Forecasts, is no longer listed. Could USAID please give an update on the status of this solicitation, and if it is expected to show up on future Business Forecasts?

USAID Response: The program has been canceled.

154. Zambia: In the last Q&A, USAID clarified that the SEED activity is being redesigned because of changing priorities at USAID/Zambia, and expressed the goal of a late FY 2017 award date. Is USAID able to provide an update regarding the anticipated solicitation date and scope of

work, with respect to the redesign? Would USAID please indicate whether it is still planning this or a similar program for release in FY2017?

USAID Response: We are still in the planning stages of this activity but we do plan to award it in FY2017.

155. Zambia: Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact

- a. Can USAID provide any further information in the program description field for the Zambia Evaluate for Improved Impact opportunity?

USAID Response: The program is in design.

- b. Could USAID please clarify whether the “Evaluate for Improved Impact” solicitation will be a free and open solicitation or come out under the PPL-LER M&E IDIQ?

USAID Response: At the moment, a full and open solicitation is anticipated.

156. Zambia: Could USAID provide additional information regarding the evaluation contract envisioned to accompany the nutrition project? It appears it has dropped from the forecast.

USAID Response: USAID is no longer planning this activity.

157. Zambia: Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN-TA)

- a. Could USAID kindly share the anticipated procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time a contract is anticipated

- b. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: No

- c. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: Late FY2017

- d. Could USAID provide further guidance on whether the project consists of primarily Technical Assistance or direct implementation?

USAID Response: Primarily technical assistance.

- e. It would appear that this is the former “Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation Project”. Can USAID confirm that these two opportunities are the same?

USAID Response: Yes

158. Zimbabwe: Could USAID confirm that April 13 is still the target release date for the MNCH program?

USAID Response: June 16, 2017

159. Zimbabwe: Enhancing Resilience of OVC

- a. Could USAID confirm that funding has been allocated for the OVC program?

USAID Response: Yes

- b. Could USAID confirm that April 13 is still the target release date for the Zimbabwe OVC program?

USAID Response: April 10, 2017.