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Subject: Change in USAID’s Defense Base Act (DBA) Insurance Carrier

Dear Partners,

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding USAID’s DBA insurance carrier. USAID recently awarded its DBA insurance contract to a new carrier, Starr Indemnity & Liability Company.

When required by AIDAR 752.228-3, contractors must procure DBA insurance pursuant to the terms of the contract between USAID and USAID’s DBA insurance carrier, unless an exception applies.

**Beginning June 15, 2022, all new DBA insurance policies and renewals of existing policies must be procured through Starr Indemnity & Liability Company (Starr).** Acquisition & Assistance Policy Directive (AAPD) No. 22-01, available on USAID’s AAPD website, contains information regarding the rates and contact information for Starr. Contractors are not required to cancel DBA insurance policies procured prior to June 15, 2022; those policies may remain in place until their expiration.

In addition, to simplify the process for providing contractors with the rates and contact information in the future, AIDAR Clause 752.228-3 (“Worker's Compensation Insurance (Defense Base Act)”) has been revised via a class deviation to direct contractors to USAID’s website for this information. This removes the need for individual contracts to specify those details and eliminates the need for potential future contract modifications to address changes in the rates or contact information for USAID’s DBA insurance carrier. Individual contracting officers will begin the process of modifying existing contracts to remove any references to specific rates or contact information for any DBA insurance carrier, as well as replace AIDAR 752.228-3 with the deviated text.

For questions about this message, please contact your cognizant Contracting Officer.

All the very best,

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