

## FY 2021, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

### Background

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) 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.

### Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA): Technical and Professional Services**
  - a. Can USAID provide an update on this opportunity?
  - b. When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for this opportunity?
  - c. Will USAID require contractors to hold a Secret Facility Clearance at the time of submission

**USAID Response:** ASHA is currently reviewing procurement options. The anticipated release date of solicitation is 3<sup>th</sup> quarter. Yes, it will require a Secret Facility Clearance.

2. **Bureau for Africa: Africa Trade and Investment Program**
  - a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for the USAID Africa Trade and Investment Program?
  - b. Can USAID confirm what the anticipated turnaround time to submit a proposal would be for this solicitation?
  - c. Does USAID still anticipate a single award for this procurement, or multiple awards?
  - d. Would USAID please share the final version of the final evaluation of the current project?
  - e. Does USAID still plan to release a draft RFP or hold a virtual conference for the USAID Africa Trade and Investment Program? If so, does USAID have an estimated timeline for when the draft RFP will be released, or when the virtual conference will be held?
  - f. Are there any updates on a virtual conference or industry day in advance of the RFP?
  - g. Are there separate in awards for the 4 countries / regions mentioned: Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, North Africa
  - h. Which countries in North Africa are being considered?
  - i. How will this award affect the Feed the Future program, specifically the Kenya Investment Mechanism?
  - j. Is USAID looking for local firms to implement the program as part of the J2SR strategy?
  - k. Will USAID include a small business set-aside if it intends to award more than one contract?
  - l. Would USAID consider awarding this as an IDIQ?

- m. Does USAID have an update on the projected timing of the RFP release date for the Africa Trade and Investment Program (ATIP)?
- n. In order to provide technical support in areas like investment and fulfill the leadership needs for this project, implementers will need to meet experts' salary requirements that are generally proving to be over USAID max both in the US and in Africa. Will USAID be able to make any accommodation for this resource reality by eliminating these salary caps?
- o. To what extent will funding for this project be based upon USAID mission buy-ins?
- p. If funding is based on buy-ins, and the 20%/80% ratio is maintained, how does USAID propose that the three African offices and the US office will be funded and that work will get underway?
- q. Can USAID be more specific about the timing/likelihood of a North African office being required for the project? Can USAID share the proposed location for the North African office?

### **USAID Response:**

- a. A presolicitation notice was issued November 12, 2020 and states a RFP is expected within the next several weeks. Please note the name of this activity has changed to Prosper Africa Trade and Investment (PATI).
- b. Whatever the turnaround time is, the time will be increased to account for 2-3 weeks of holiday downtime common in the U.S. and Africa.
- c. One contract.
- d. This is not a replacement vehicle and therefore there is not an evaluation from a previous project.
- e. At this time we do not anticipate a virtual conference or draft RFP.
- f. At this time we do not anticipate a virtual conference or industry day.
- g. One contract will be issued for all geographical areas covered.
- h. The four North African countries PATI anticipates working with include Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt.
- i. PATI will closely coordinate with other USAID and USG related activities.
- j. A large number of subcontracts and Grants under Contracts are anticipated which would include local, regional and other firms.
- k. There is not a small business set aside contract.
- l. Our research indicated a stand alone contract was the most appropriate vehicle.
- m. The PATI RFP release date is expected by or before the end of 2020 calendar year.
- n. Any request to eliminate salary caps will be addressed on a case by case basis.
- o. Funding for this project will be from a variety of sources, including USAID mission buy-ins.
- p. USAID expects the activity to establish five office locations - four offices in Africa (North, East, West and Southern), plus a small US office. Activities should be scaled up as demand dictates. It is critical for any new activity to establish some early wins to generate increased interest in the project.
- q. The North African office is integral to the operations of this activity and is expected to

be established soon after contract award. The location of the office is still under consideration.

3. **Bureau for Africa: Research and Institutional Support Services Activity (RISSA)**

- a. The 10/26 forecast update changed the Small Business Set-Aside from “TBD” to “N/A” and the Category Management Contract Vehicle to “OASIS TBD.” Can we assume that this solicitation will be released as an OASIS Unrestricted Opportunity, with the OASIS pool TBD, not an OASIS Small Business opportunity?
- b. Has USAID determined if the contract vehicle will be OASIS U or OASIS SB? Since this is a new opportunity, will there be a draft SOW for industry to review and respond to? If so, is there a targeted date for the draft RFP?
- c. Is there any relationship between RISSA and ITSS II?
- d. Would USAID please consider moving this to the professional services schedule?
- e. Can USAID please confirm if the Africa Bureau Research and Institutional Support Services Activity (RISSA) will be a SBSA, full and open and/or multiple award vehicle (large and small)?
- f. Could USAID please indicate whether the RISSA project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
- g. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
- h. In the original RISSA procurement, AFR Bureau required the contractor to compile a roster and CVs for possible consultants, by area. An illustrative list of expertise areas or specialties were designated in the RFP. Will there be such a requirement in the new procurement? If so, is there sectoral preference (food security) for showing robust TA in the Illustrative STTA Matrix contractors should prepare to include in response to this procurement?
- i. Will this be released as OASIS, and as a SB set-aside? What is the intended mechanism of this procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Due to COVID-19, further market research is being done on this expected statement of work and solicitation. However, at this time it is expected to be under OASIS small business.
- b. Due to COVID-19, the requirements for this activity are changing and we anticipate releasing a new Request for Information to OASIS small business holders.
- c. ITSS II is focused on long term technical assistance. RISSA was planned to have more emphasis on office space and short term technical assistance. This SOW is being updated with specific technical and research assistance needs, amounts, locations, etc.
- d. Our research has indicated this procurement can be done under OASIS which is the first tier for Category Management. If our updated research indicates this is not possible we will look at other vehicles.
- e. We are updating our requirements due to COVID-19 as stated above.

- f. We are updating our requirements due to COVID-19 as stated above.
  - g. Until we have updated requirements/SOW we are not able to provide a more specific timeframe.
  - h. There was not a previous RISSA procurement per say. There was one institutional support contract that provided both LTTA and STTA and office space (ITSS I). This SOW for RISSA has not been finalized yet due to COVID-19 and the need to update the requirements.
  - i. This is expected to be an OASIS small business vehicle, but new research is ongoing due to changes caused by COVID-19.
4. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance: Active Communities Effective States (ACES)**
- a. Could USAID provide the anticipated award date for this procurement?
  - b. When does USAID anticipate awarding the Active Communities – Effective States (ACES) IDIQ?
  - c. Can USAID clarify if there are any currently planned ACES-APS addenda.
  - d. When will USAID issue awards for the IDIQ contract?
  - e. Does USAID have any plans to issue opportunities through this mechanism in the next 6-12 months?
  - f. Has USAID issued awards for the ACES IQC?
    - i. If so, can USAID please identify the successful awardees?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates an award date of March 19, 2021 for the ACES procurement.
  - b. USAID anticipates awarding the ACES IDIQ by March 19, 2021.
  - c. ACES APS is an Agency wide mechanism that is opened to be used by all as such it is impossible to provide information and planned addenda/round. Please continue to follow the business forecast and A&A plan for future opportunities.
  - d. USAID anticipates issuing awards for the ACES IDIQ contract by March 19, 2021
  - e. USAID hopes to issue Task Orders for the ACES IDIQ as soon as the IDIQ contracts are awarded.
  - f. At this time USAID has not issued awards for the ACES IDIQ.
5. **Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance: Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally**
- a. Will the scope of work for the anticipated Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally activity reflect the scope of work included in the Request for Information (as released in December 2019)?
  - b. Could USAID please provide a status update on this opportunity?
  - c. Does USAID intend to release a NOFO/RFA/RFP for this as a single global opportunity or will it be broken up into multiple separate opportunities?
  - d. If it will be released as a single global opportunity, could USAID please provide an

- estimate of when the solicitation will be released?
- e. If there will be multiple separate opportunities, will they be released by DCHA or by the individual USAID Country Missions?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID intends to issue a solicitation and it is concerning the topics covered in the RFI
  - b. USAID intends to put out an RFA in the coming months.
  - c. This is yet to be decided.
  - d. This is yet to be determined.
  - e. If there will be multiple opportunities, the solicitation will be released by the Bureau for DDI - a new USAID bureau going to be operational in January 2021.
6. **Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance:** Global Civil Society and Media Strengthening
- a. Was the RFI released in preparation for a follow-on to the current Strengthening Civil Society Globally LWA?
  - b. Can USAID please share the release date, award type, and award amount of Global Civil Society and Media Strengthening (CSMS) and when it will be added to USAID Forecast?
  - c. Can USAID provide any additional information about the timing and area of emphasis for the recently issued CSMS LWA request for information (RFI)?
  - d. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity is still anticipated?
  - e. If so, can USAID please provide an update on the timing for this opportunity?
  - f. Does USAID expect to assign a procurement mechanism other than full and open?demo

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates multiple funding opportunities in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance sector in FY 2021. As indicated by the recently released RFI, USAID is specifically exploring options for future award(s) related to global civil society and media strengthening activities. USAID encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast for additional information as it becomes available.

7. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** Would USAID Food for Peace please provide information on DFSA funding for FY2021?

**USAID Response:** BHA is unable to provide information on DFSA funding until budget information becomes available.

8. **DCHA, Office of Transition Initiatives:** Institutional Support Services for the Office of Transition Initiatives

- a. Can USAID confirm whether offerors will be required to have an active Secret Facility Clearance by the time of submission?
- b. Would USAID consider proposals for this contract from SWIFT V holders?
- c. Does holding the SWIFT V IDIQ preclude potential offerors from bidding on this contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates that proof of an active Facility Security Clearance will be a requirement of the referenced solicitation.
- b. No, this procurement will be issued under GSA OASIS Pool I Small Businesses.
- c. No, it does not.

9. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** Programming for Peace-Building and Prevention P4P2

- a. When does DCHA anticipate a release of an RFP?
- b. How many awardees does DCHA anticipate being selected for the IDIQ?
- c. Does DCHA anticipate targeting a specific region/group of countries?
- d. Does DCHA have further visibility into the frequency and complexity of individual task orders under this IDIQ?

**USAID Response:**

- a. In Q2 of FY 2021.
- b. Multiple awardees are anticipated.
- c. No.
- d. No.

10. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** People 2 People Reconciliation Fund APS

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the review process for Round 4 of the P2P Reconciliation Fund?
- b. Does USAID intend to release further addenda to the P2P APS in FY2021? If so, which country missions will be participating?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The review process is complete for Round 4. Applicants will be notified of their status as soon as practicable.
- b. Yes, USAID anticipate releasing further addenda (albeit to a new APS) and we do not have the country selection finalized at this time.

11. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** With USAID/R3 transformation, including the formation of BHA and other organizational re-alignments, can you share insight into how the legacy DHCA support (OFDA, FFP, OTI) contracts will evolve to meet the new organizations IT and Mission requirements?

**USAID Response:** BHA is using contracts that are in place to meet the organization IT and Mission requirements.

12. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** Mixed-Methods Performance Evaluations

- a. On April 3, 2020 USAID released an RFI for FFP Mixed Methods Performance Evaluations to OASIS SB Pool I holders. Will this be placed on the USAID business forecast? On April 3, 2020 USAID released an RFI for FFP Mixed Methods Performance Evaluations to OASIS SB Pool I holders. Will this be placed on the USAID business forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this will be placed on the USAID business forecast.

13. **Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance:** Institutional Support Services for the Office of Transition Initiatives (CPS/OTI)

- a. Would USAID clarify if a facilities clearance will be needed at time of submission to be eligible to prime this activity? We hope that the Agency considers sponsoring the selected OASIS-SB awardee at time of award for such clearance as this would ensure a fair competition among all interested offerors on the OASIS-SB schedule.

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates that proof of an active Facility Security Clearance will be a requirement of the referenced solicitation.

14. **Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation:** LFT New Institutional Support Contract (ISC)

- a. Can USAID clarify if the USAID/DDI/LFT New Institutional Support Contract (ISC) will provide support across all of DDI or if it will be restricted to the LFT Hub? This information
- b. This opportunity is listed to be released as part of GSA MAS. Can USAID provide more clarification on the eligibility requirements to bid on this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation as a Small Business Set-Aside?
- d. The Business Forecast indicates this opportunity will be released under a GSA MAS vehicle. Can USAID provide any updates on which vehicle it will release the solicitation under?
- e. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?
- f. Would USAID clarify if a facilities clearance will be needed at time of submission to be eligible to prime this activity? We hope that the Agency considers sponsoring the selected awardee at time of award for such clearance as this would ensure a fair competition among all interested offerors.
- g. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation as a Small Business Set-Aside?
- h. The Business Forecast indicates this opportunity will be released under a GSA MAS vehicle. Can USAID provide any updates on which vehicle it will release the solicitation under?
- i. Can USAID clarify if the USAID/DDI/LFT New Institutional Support Contract (ISC) will provide support across all of DDI or if it will be restricted to the LFT Hub?

- j. Can USAID clarify if the USAID/DDI/LFT New Institutional Support Contract (ISC) will include portions of the USAID Global Development Lab, Technical and Professional Support Services (TAPSS) contract?
- k. Is this the same Labs opportunity from last year? If so, will there be another RFI or will the market research from last year still be considered?
- l. Will this come out on GSA to enable significant small business competition?
- m. Could USAID confirm the Small Business Set-Aside status for this activity?
- n. Can USAID please confirm if there is an Incumbent for this anticipated activity.
- o. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
- p. Could USAID confirm the geographical location this activity will take place?

**USAID Response:** USAID has not fully determined the anticipated requirements for this request.

15. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative

- a. How will W-GDP be used by USAID in 2021?
- b. Will W-GDP continue to be paired with other mechanisms or initiatives such as NPI or co-creation?
- c. Is W-GDP proactively sought by missions, top down recommended by USAID, or both?
- d. Who is involved in deciding W-GDP's relevance and use for a specific bilateral opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The W-GDP Fund will continue to pursue competitive incentive calls for USAID missions and operating units, partnerships with the private sector, and collaboration with interagency partners. Missions and operating units that receive funding will then retain implementing partners to pursue the activities.
- b. Approaches are still under review, but we anticipate the use of annual program statements under NPI and other mechanisms, as well as ongoing use of co-creation with private sector partners.
- c. The W-GDP team actively reaches out to missions to identify opportunities for promoting women's economic empowerment. This is done through broad calls for concept papers and through targeted outreach. Missions also initiate contact to determine the availability of funding for their activities that are aligned with W-GDP.
- d. The W-GDP team, led by the W-GDP Advisor to the Administrator, reviews requests and opportunities in concert with other relevant offices, including missions. All bilateral opportunities require mission concurrence, leading to a collaborative approach between



the Washington team and missions. W-GDP will not fund field opportunities without the concurrence of the relevant missions.

16. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Can USAID elucidate on the factors used to decide when and whether to restrict prime eligibility to a U.S. Higher Education Institution?

**USAID Response:** Factors and decision points vary, therefore USAID can not provide any additional information regarding this question.

17. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, Environment:** Youth Power
- a. Does USAID expect any new addendum to be issued under the Youth Power APS in FY20/21 Q1? What other procurements are planned beyond Q1?

**USAID Response:** USAID encourages interested applicant(s) to frequently monitor USAID Business Forecast and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for current information, posting of addenda and amendment(s) under YP2 APS.

18. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Designing Effective Evidence-based Engagement and Learning for Organizational Performance (DEVELOP)

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity under the GSA Schedule?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity as a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** USAID has issued a Source Sought Notice (SSN) related to DEVELOP as part of its market research for this procurement.

19. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** GCC Institutional Support Contract

- a. Given the upcoming release date can USAID provide an Award Description and any additional context on plans for vehicle selection?

**USAID Response:** USAID encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast as this procurement is still in its planning phase and no additional information is available at this time.

20. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Making Cities Work

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on IDIQ for Making Cities Work?

**USAID Response:** USAID cannot provide any additional information regarding this question.

21. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Office of Economic Policy Regarding the PFM II IDIQ, the period of performance of this global contracting mechanism does not end until August 2025. Our understanding is that only about 60% of the \$475 million ceiling

has been used so far. We are only aware of one RFTOP under this contract during calendar year 2020, and no small business set aside task orders at all during FY20.

- a. Has USAID made a decision to stop issuing task orders under PFM II, and if so, why?
- b. Why are there no PFM II task orders on the forecast, despite that fact that several procurements – for example, Zambia Revenue Mobilization for Equity and Growth, and Armenia Financing Self Reliance, just to name a few – would fit squarely within the scope of this IDIQ?
- c. FSRMD was previously on the forecast with proposals submitted on October 28th. The forecast also previously listed the anticipated award date as October 30, 2020.
  - i. Would USAID consider restoring FSRMD to the forecast given the proposals were only submitted on October 28th?
  - ii. When does USAID anticipate making the blanket purchase agreement awards?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The Agency has not stopped issuing task orders under the PFM II IDIQ, it is still active. Please continue to monitor the forecast for PFM II related projects.
- b. There are multiple factors that determine if an Agency IDIQ will be used or if Missions will issue standalone awards including cost, complexity, scope, ect.
- c. Once proposals are submitted, anticipated requirements no longer show on the Business Forecast. The anticipated award date of FSRMD is May 2021.

**22. Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment, Office of Education:**

Designing Effective evidence-based Engagement and Learning for Organizational Performance

- a. Is this a follow-on to another activity?
- b. If this is a follow-on, who is the incumbent?
- c. Does the Mission anticipate releasing this procurement as a task order under Eval ME II?
- d. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
- e. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?
- f. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?
- g. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
- h. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?
- i. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?

**USAID Response:** DEVELOP is currently in its planning and pre-solicitation stage. A Source Sought Notice (SSN) was issued; however, at the moment no additional information regarding the set aside, type of mechanism or award type is available.

**23. Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment: Office of Global**

**Climate Change: GCC Institutional Support Contract (AA-311738)**

- a. Given the upcoming release date can USAID provide an Award Description and any additional context on plans for vehicle selection?
- b. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
- c. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?

- d. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?
- e. Would USAID clarify if a facilities clearance will be needed at time of submission to be eligible to prime this activity? We hope that the Agency considers sponsoring the selected awardee at time of award for such clearance as this would ensure a fair competition among all interested offerors.

**USAID Response:** USAID encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast as this procurement is still in its planning phase and no additional information is available at this time.

24. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** Analytics and Evaluation
- a. Will there be a solicitation for a follow on to the E3 Analytics and Evaluation platform?
  - b. When will it be issued?
  - c. Will it be a small business set aside?
  - d. Will it come out as a stand alone or under an IQC?

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

25. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment/ED:** Office of Education (E3/ED), Education Support Initiative 2
- a. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
  - b. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?
  - c. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?
  - d. Would USAID clarify if a facilities clearance will be needed at time of submission to be eligible to prime this activity? We hope that the Agency considers sponsoring the selected offeror at time of award for such clearance as this would ensure a fair competition among interested offerors.

**USAID Response:** USAID encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast as this procurement is still in its planning phase and no additional information is available at this time.

26. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment, Office of Education:** Leading with Evidence to Achieve Real Reform Now (LEARRN), A&A Plan ID: AA-313875
- a. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
  - b. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?
  - c. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?

**USAID Response:** Please monitor the Business Forecast for any additional information.

27. **Bureau for Economic Growth, Education, and Environment:** MEL
- a. Could USAID please indicate whether the E3 MEL project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?

- i. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?

**USAID Response:** There is no new information regarding the E3 Analytics follow-on procurement. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

28. **Bureau for Europe and Eurasia:** Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (CIC) Annual Program Statement (APS) Addendum – Critical Infrastructure Digitalization and Resilience (CIDR)

- a. The CIDR Addendum said USAID anticipates notifying authors of Concept Notes within approximately 10-15 business days of submission. Could USAID please provide an update on the timeline for expected next steps for this opportunity, if applicable?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for your inquiry. All respondents who submitted concepts were notified that reviews were still ongoing and that there is a change in the dates of the co-creation workshop. Decision emails will be sent shortly as well as applicable invites to the co-creation workshop currently scheduled for December 7-10, 2020.

29. **Bureau for Europe and Eurasia:** Connect for Growth

- a. Will C4G come out as free and open or under a GSA schedule?
- b. Can USAID please update the forecast to include this opportunity and its anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for your inquiry. The procurement vehicle has not yet been determined. The business forecast will be updated as soon as a decision has been made.

30. **Bureau for Europe and Eurasia:** E&E Regional Energy Program

- a. Is USAID considering using the Energy II IDIQ for the E&E Regional Energy Program?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for your inquiry. A full and open process is anticipated for the E&E Regional Energy Program.

31. **Bureau for Food Security and Resilience:** FTFIL: Current and Emerging Threats to Crops (CETC)

- a. What is the geographical area covered by this Innovation Lab?
- b. Does “current” mean recently established invasive species? Does it include native and naturalized pests?
- c. Is the response for the RFA expected from a single U.S. institution or a consortium?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This award is currently in the planning stage and has not yet identified specific countries and/or regions. However, as a Feed the Future award, it will include Feed the Future focal and aligned countries.
- b. “Current” is not limited to invasive species and can include native/naturalized pests to

crops with significant importance to food security and livelihood. Of greater importance is the significance of the impacts to crops as they arise.

- c. Once the RFA is posted, USAID invites applicants to design a management approach which best responds to the management challenges of a Feed the Future Innovation lab. This may be a single institution or a consortium based upon the program description and the proposed technical approach.

**32. Bureau for Food Security and Resilience: Water and Development II IDIQ**

- a. Does USAID have any update on the expected release date for the Water and Development II IDIQ?
- b. Would USAID please clarify if they plan to issue a pre-solicitation and/or RFI prior to its release?
- c. Would USAID please provide the estimated release date for the WADI follow-on?
- d. Can USAID update the Business Forecast to include the WADI II IDIQ, including the anticipated solicitation release date?
- e. Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or an RFI for the WADI IDIQ follow-on? If so, what is the timeline for its release?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast has been updated to identify the anticipated solicitation release date for the Water and Development II IDIQ.

**33. Bureau for Food Security and Resilience: WASH Research and Learning**

- a. Have any eligibility criteria been determined?
- b. What NAICS codes will be associated to contract?
- c. Can USAID please confirm if there is an Incumbent for this anticipated activity.
- d. Could USAID confirm the geographical location this activity will take place?
- e. Would USAID consider issuing cooperative agreements to enable a broader set of implementing partners to compete?
- f. Can USAID clarify the award/action type?
- g. When will USAID clarify whether this will be one or multiple awards?
- h. The RFI states “The activity will work with USAID/Washington and leverage existing communications platforms to broadly disseminate findings.” Can USAID clarify which existing communication platforms it is referring to?
- i. Can USAID Provide more information on the award type expected for this opportunity?
- j. Does USAID anticipate holding co-creation with partners and/or having a concept note round before soliciting full proposals?
- k. Does USAID anticipate requiring co-funding (cost share or leverage) for the activities under this project?
- l. How will evidence gaps/ maps be updated during the actual implementation of the WASH Research and Learning – and at what scale is this done – country/ regional/ global level?
- m. How will uptake of learning and adaption of implementation (based on the evidence) be

monitored itself? What will success look like? Where does USAID want to see uptake and learning? Is this first and foremost in its priority countries in the global water strategy or beyond that?

- n. Any additional information on the route to market?
- o. Has the USAID Water and Development Implementation Research Agenda been published?
- p. What mechanism does USAID anticipate to use for R&L?
- q. Can USAID provide any additional information on the need for new or underutilized partners initiative (NPI) within this anticipated solicitation?

### **USAID Response:**

- a. This is still in the planning stages. No eligibility criteria has been decided upon.
- b. This is still in the planning stages. A NAICS code has not yet been determined should this be a contract.
- c. This is a new requirement.
- d. This is still in the planning stages. USAID has not yet determined a specific region that will be covered. However, it will likely be global with a focus on Water for the World Act High Priority, Strategic, and Aligned Countries (see <https://www.globalwaters.org/wherewework>).
- e. USAID is still reviewing the results of the RFI to determine the best path forward.
- f. USAID is still reviewing the results of the RFI to determine the most appropriate action type.
- g. USAID is still reviewing the results of the RFI to make a final determination about whether this will be one or multiple awards. However, should USAID decide to issue multiple awards, a new entry will be made on the A&A Plan (and published to the business forecast) to indicate the multiple awards (and type of award).
- h. USAID expects the partner to work with USAID communications and knowledge management activities and platforms (such as [globalwaters.org](https://www.globalwaters.org)) and other external partners to broadly disseminate eventual research findings.
- i. USAID is still reviewing the results of the RFI to determine the most appropriate action type. See also the response to (f) above.
- j. USAID is still reviewing the RFI to determine the best path forward. This is in the planning stage and will be revised as soon as decisions are made.
- k. This is in the planning stage, and a decision regarding cost-share or leverage will be made later.
- l. USAID anticipates refining evidence gaps and research questions along with determining research methods as it becomes clearer what locations will be selected for research. This could be at country, regional, or global levels, or it could be defined based on other contextual factors.
- m. USAID is still developing metrics for monitoring the uptake of new evidence produced by this activity/set of activities. We see USAID Missions, implementing partners, governments, and other donors working in our High Priority, Strategic, and Aligned

- Countries as the primary audience/target for uptake and use of new evidence.
- n. This is still in the planning stage, and USAID does not have additional guidance at this time.
  - o. The USAID Water for the World Implementation Research Agenda is in final copy editing and will be posted soon on [globalwaters.org](http://globalwaters.org).
  - p. USAID is still reviewing the results of the RFI to determine the best path forward.
  - q. USAID is reviewing the results of the RFI. Should NPI be a factor in the eventual solicitation, it will be clearly stated.

**34. Bureau for Food Security and Resilience: Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH)**  
**APS**

- a. Can USAID explain/clarify whether Rounds under this APS could be released as a combination of contracts and cooperative agreements?
- b. Would USAID consider issuing cooperative agreements to enable a broader set of implementing partners to compete?
- c. Could USAID please clarify if the total estimated cost/amount range of 0- \$149,999 is correct? If so, can USAID please clarify if this represents cumulative awards or individual bureau for awards?
- d. USAID's forecast entry lists the Award/Action type as a Cooperative Agreement. It also lists that co-creation will be through either a multi-step RFP or RFA or an APS.
- e. Could USAID clarify what contracting mechanism it will use under this procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The parameters of each Addenda will be determined by the Mission or operating unit issuing the addenda itself and as such the modalities will vary.
- b. The primary modalities will be grants and cooperative agreements.
- c. There will be no funding associated with the APS. The individual Addenda issued will identify anticipated funding ranges.
- d. Missions or operating units will clarify the award mechanism within each Addenda.

**35. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance: Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting in Venezuela**

- a. In May 2020, USAID released an RFI for this opportunity (RFI-BHA-20-00001). Does USAID have an anticipated release date for this solicitation?
- b. On May 14, 2020, USAID released an RFI for an upcoming Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting in Venezuela activity, monitoring and collecting primary data on humanitarian aid programs in country. In previous forecast Q&As, a release date has not been provided. Would USAID be in a position to provide a projected release date and value for this upcoming activity?

**USAID Response:** BHA encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast as this procurement is still in its planning phase and no additional information is available at this time. This is an active competitive environment, thus any detail regarding this requirement will

be provided upon the release of the solicitation.

**36. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance: Famine Early Warning Systems Network**

- a. In the Q3 forecast call, USAID noted the intent to release this opportunity in 2nd quarter FY21. Can USAID kindly:
- b. Confirm that the Task Order will be released as noted in Q2, and provide a more specific timeframe?
- c. Confirm that the Task Order will be released under Pillar 3?
- d. Provide additional detail regarding the technical scope and scale for the expected Task Order?
- e. Can USAID provide a Task Order pipeline or other guidance regarding other anticipated TOs under the IDIQ in FY2021?

**USAID Response:** It is USAID's intent to release a Task Order in Q2; continue to check the Business forecast for any updates regarding this and any future opportunities. This is an active competitive environment, thus any detail regarding the technical scope and scale of the Task Order will be provided upon the release of the solicitation.

**37. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance: Venezuela Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting**

- a. In May, BHA released an RFI for Monitoring, Verification and Reporting in Venezuela but it is not currently listed in the USAID forecast.
- b. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- c. Can USAID confirm if this will be released under the GSA OASIS Unrestricted Pool I?
- d. Will there be a procurement to follow up on the RFI that was issued earlier this year?
- e. Will this be a small business set aside?
- f. Will this be issued as a stand alone contract or under an IQC?
- g. When can we anticipate that this solicitation will be released?

**USAID Response:** BHA encourages interested offerors to monitor the Business Forecast as this procurement is still in its planning phase and no additional information is available at this time. This is an active competitive environment, thus any detail regarding this requirement will be provided upon the release of the solicitation.

**38. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance: IT Support**

- a. Does BHA intend to solicit IT and institutional support services in FY21/FY22?
- b. If so, Does BHA intend to release a draft RFP for Contractor comment?

**USAID Response:** BHA does not intend to solicit an IT and Institutional Support services in FY21/FY22.

**39. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance: Resilience Food Security Activities**



- a. Is BHA able to announce the countries for this year's Resilience Food Security Activities?

**USAID Response:** BHA is unable to announce countries for this year's Resilience Food Security Activities at this time.

**40. Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance:** LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program

- a. Does USAID still intend on releasing a follow-on to this opportunity?
- b. If so, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** BHA is currently reviewing procurement options.

**41. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS):** Current and Emerging Threats to Crops (CETC)

- a. In an October 21, 2020 webinar titled, "Current and Emerging Threats to Crops: Building the Knowledge Base" USAID indicated that a White Paper would be released in late November 2020. Can USAID provide a link to that White Paper or if it's not released yet, update us on when it will be released?
- b. Given that the White Paper noted above is not planned to be released until late November, can USAID update the anticipated release date of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have an update at this time. The Business Forecast will be updated with planned dates as soon as they are determined.

**42. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security:** Diversity Partnership with WASH APS

- a. Could you provide the country name for this survey?
- b. Can you please let us know when the APS is expected to be released?
- c. Are there specific priority countries that USAID is focusing on as part of this APS?
- d. The forecast states that "This initial APS will not have funding attached and is not a request for concept notes or applications. Requests for Concept Notes or applications will be requested through various addenda". So, will these be issued by country missions? Can you please clarify what this means?
- e. The forecast states that the values of the APS is \$0 - \$149,999. What does this amount correspond to?

**USAID Response:**

- a. DiP-WASH APS is anticipated to be a global mechanism.
- b. The anticipated release will be in late 2020 or early 2021.
- c. USAID Missions, Bureaus or Operating Units can issue their own Addenda to DiP-WASH APS, and DiP-WASH activities will be funded only through these Addenda.
- d. The values stated in the forecast reflects that the work and associated funding will be issued under addenda to the APS.

- e. This is a required field. It corresponds to the anticipated amount of the APS, which is \$0. Any funding will be issued as a separate addenda to the APS.

43. **Bureau for Resilience and Food Security:** Global Waters Communication and Knowledge Management II

- a. How much change do they see required for Global Waters from its predecessor? Will evaluation work be separated out or still be included?
- b. Would USAID confirm that the forecasted information for this opportunity remains accurate? Including that it will be released on November 15, 2020 and that it will be released under OASIS Small Business Pool I?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation was released on November 17, 2020 to OASIS Small Business Pool I holders.

44. **Bureau for Resilience and Food Security:** WASH Research and Learning

- a. Can USAID indicate which mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- b. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside?
- c. Will USAID be releasing a RFI for the WASH Research and Learning contract?
- d. Will USAID be utilizing full and open competition for this contract?
- e. The RFI for the WASH Research and Learning opportunity requested information from responders to note if they hold an OASIS contract. Does USAID intend to release the opportunity under the OASIS vehicle and if so, which pool?
- f. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?
- g. Will this be a direct follow-on for the current Water Communications and Knowledge Management ( Water CKM ) activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This is still in planning. When this determination is made, the business forecast will be updated. However, in the event that USAID decides to issue multiple awards (via multiple mechanisms), a new entry will be made on the A&A Plan (and published to the business forecast) to indicate the multiple awards (and type of award).
- b. This is still in the planning stages, and this decision has not yet been made.
- c. An RFI was issued in August 2020.
- d. This is still in planning, and a decision has not yet been made.
- e. This is still in planning, and a decision has not yet been made.
- f. See response to (b) above.
- g. No. This is a new award. There is a separate CKM II solicitation that has been provided to OASIS Pool I holders.

45. **Bureau for Resilience and Food Security:** RFS Communications and Outreach Task Order

- a. What NAICS codes will be used for this task order?
- b. Could USAID confirm the Small Business Set-Aside status for this activity?
- c. Can USAID please confirm if there is an Incumbent for this anticipated activity?
- d. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
- e. Could USAID confirm the geographical location this activity will take place?

**USAID Response:**

- a. NAICS code for this procurement is 541820.
- b. The procurement is not a Small Business Set-Aside.
- c. The incumbent is Weber Shandwick.
- d. The anticipated scope of work remains unchanged from what is stated in Section C of the RFQ, as amended.
- e. The primary place of performance for this activity is Washington, D.C. Additionally, the Contractor will be expected to provide services in various U.S. states and other countries as required, based on specific work assignments.

**46. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Population Based Surveys**

- a. Can USAID indicate which contractual vehicle the solicitation will be released under?
- b. Can USAID confirm this opportunity will be released as full & open?
- c. Can USAID indicate if this opportunity will include any eligibility criteria?
- d. Can USAID provide an updated opportunity description?
- e. Would USAID be able to provide the Award/Action Type?
- f. Would USAID be able to advise on the Category Management Contract Vehicle type?
- g. Would USAID be able to confirm if this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?

**USAID Response:** The Population Based Surveys project is still in the planning phase. The Business Forecast will be updated once additional information becomes available.

**47. Bureau for Global Health:** Can USAID comment on any upcoming Global Health opportunities or follow-ons out of the Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition that are not already forecasted?

**USAID Response:** GH MCHN is working on follow-on awards for the Health Research Program 1 & 2, but it's at the early stage of planning.

**48. Bureau for Global Health: VectorLink IDIQ**

- a. Does USAID/Global Health anticipate releasing a follow-on to the VectorLink IDIQ?
- b. If so, can USAID/Global Health share anticipated release date, scope, and award value and mechanism?

**USAID Response:** The VectorLink IDIQ ends September 29, 2022 and there are currently no updates on a follow-on. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast.

49. **Bureau for Global Health, Office of Population & Reproductive Health:** Frontier Health Markets

- a. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for release of these four activities?
- b. Will all activities be released at once, or will they be staggered?
- c. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be?
- d. Can USAID confirm the intended estimated amount/range for each activity?
- e. Will there be a form of co-creation for these activities?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates a release date of December-January for Activity 1. Activity 2-4 will follow shortly after, estimated dates are TBD.
- b. They will be staggered.
- c. We anticipate that Activity 1 will be an assistance award(s) and Activities 2-4 will be acquisition awards.
- d. Estimated amount/range for each activity is yet to be determined.
- e. Yes, we anticipate conducting a form of co-creation for these activities, format and approach is TBD.

50. **Bureau for Global Health:** Communities Leading COVID-19 Response and Oxygen Ecosystem

- a. The concept papers first cycle were due September 21, 2020. The addendum states the following: "USAID anticipates notifying Applicant(s) of Concept Papers within 30 days of submission if USAID wishes to engage in further discussions/co-creation or if USAID will not pursue further collaboration under the Communities Leading COVID-19 Response and Oxygen Ecosystem based on the submitted Concept Paper." It is past 30 days from concept note submission, and we have not heard a response from USAID. Is there a date by which USAID anticipates notifying bidders of the decisions on the concept papers?
- b. Given initial submission of concept notes to USAID was in September 2020, would USAID please provide an update on a timeline for award?
- c. When can we expect to hear back the results of the concept note stage for round "Community Leading COVID-19 Response and Oxygen Ecosystem"
- d. NPI GH COVID-19 Round has an anticipated Solicitation Release Date of 8/10/2020. Will that anticipated release date be updated?

**USAID Response:** The COVID-19 Addendum was released on August 7, 2020. In response to the NPI APS COVID-19 Round, USAID has received an extremely high volume of concept papers related to this round and is working on reviewing all Concept Papers. USAID will send out notifications to all applicants once the final decisions have been made. There is no anticipated date for notifications or timeline to award.

51. **Bureau for Global Health:** New Partnerships Initiative

- a. Does USAID anticipate another round under the Global Health NPI APS?
- b. When can we anticipate additional rounds under the broader USAID NPI GH APS?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID anticipates another round under the GH/NPI/APS. The exact date for the release of another round under the GH/NPI/APS is NOT finalized yet. Please continue monitoring [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

52. **Bureau for Global Health:** Has USAID issued any awards in response to unsolicited proposals related to COVID-19?

**USAID Response:** No awards have been issued related to the NPI APS COVID-19 Round.

53. **Bureau for Global Health:** Does USAID anticipate any global, regional, or country solicitations or other opportunities for funding for innovative solutions to COVID-19 related economic, financial, or fiscal crises?

**USAID Response:**

54. **Bureau for Global Health:** NextGen Strategic Risk Management

- a. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?
- b. As no draft RFI has yet been released; can USAID clarify how it intends to procure the envisioned NextGen GHSC Risk Management and Mitigation (RM&M) services? For example, is it USAID's current intent that these services will be procured through an IDIQ contract (either single or multiple award) or will these services be purchased through a single or through multiple GSA schedule procurements?
- c. Does USAID expect to release an RFI as was released for other components of GHSC NextGen opportunities?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This award is in the early stages of design so it is too early to be able to narrow down the estimated cost range
- b. For the same reason there is not yet a decision on the type of contract.
- c. An RFI is under consideration.

55. **Bureau for Global Health:** NextGen In-Country Logistics project for the NextGen GHSC

- a. On page I of the Draft SOO, USAID lists the fifty partner countries that have received assistance from this program. Do we have any sense among the 50 countries which countries are receiving the heaviest workload of assistance?
- b. Which company is currently providing this service?
- c. How is the incumbent performing?
- d. Does USAID intend to host an industry day?
- e. Do you anticipate a small business set-aside?

- f. Can USAID please provide the GSA NAICS code or Category Management Contract Vehicle for the forecasted opportunity?
- g. In the latest updates to the Business Forecast, we note that USAID has updated the Award/Action Type of all the procurement notices for all the NextGen awards as “Stand Alone Contract”. Could USAID kindly clarify whether the NextGen In-Country Logistics award will be a single standalone contract or a single standalone indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract (IDIQ)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This information will be provided as part of the solicitation process.
- b. Chemonics is performing
- c. An industry day is under consideration.
- d. We do not anticipate a small business set-aside for this award.
- e. The GSA NAICS codes have not been finalized.
- f. The type of contract has not been finalized.

**56. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Supply Chain and Pharmaceutical Management Technical Assistance**

- a. Can USAID please provide the Category Management Contract vehicle for the opportunity?
- b. In the latest updates to the Business Forecast, we note that USAID has updated the Award/Action Type of all the procurement notices for all the NextGen awards as “Stand Alone Contract”. It is evident from USAID’s release of the RFI for the NextGen Supply Chain and Pharmaceutical Management Technical Assistance award that USAID intends to issue multiple awards as part of an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract (IDIQ). Can USAID please update the Business Forecast and/or confirm the award type for this program?
- c. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?
- d. Could USAID provide more information on the multiple awards expected under the NextGen Comprehensive TA award, as mentioned on page 1 of Annex C in the section “Structure of the Awards” (p. 33/36 of the document) ?
- e. Specifically- would there be overlapping scopes between the first 3 three initial, centrally-managed Comprehensive TA Task orders in response to a single RFTOP?
- f. Beyond the initial three centrally-managed Comprehensive TA Task Orders, would the following awards be global or have specific geographic focus?

**USAID Response:**

- a. There is not a Category Management Contract vehicle for the opportunity.
- b. We cannot confirm the award type for this opportunity at this time.
- c. USAID cannot narrow down the expected award range for the awards under this opportunity at this time.
- d. We cannot at this time provide more information on the multiple awards expected

- under this opportunity
- e. We cannot at this time provide more information on this question.
- f. We cannot at this time provide more information on this question.

**57. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen - Qualifying Testing Issuing Award -**

- a. Can an organization bid as the prime on the NextGen QuTI award and a sub on the NextGen Comprehensive TA award? Would USAID view this as organizational conflict of interest?
- b. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?
- c. Has USAID scheduled an Industry Day yet for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration. However, an organization can not be awarded the QuTI contract and then bid on the PSA NextGen RFPs. That is considered an OCI issue.
- b. The estimated range is between \$100 million, and \$299 million.
- c. At this time no industry day is planned for this opportunity. .

**58. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen - Control Tower (CT) Award**

- a. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?
- b. GSA Federal Supply Schedules are USAID considering releasing the NextGen Control Tower Award will be issued under?
- c. Will there be a small business set-aside under the NextGen CT award?
- d. When will USAID be holding an Industry Day for this opportunity?
- e. Which countries will the future Control Tower scope include, and will it include the monitoring of in-country tracking of inventory and shipments to point of use? The current draft scope is unclear on this point.
- f. GSA Federal Supply Schedules are USAID considering releasing the NextGen Control Tower Award will be issued under?

**USAID Response:**

- a. We cannot at this time further narrow down the expected award range.
- b. A final decision has not been made as to whether this award will be issued under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule.
- c. A final decision has not been made as to whether this award will be a small business set-aside.
- d. An Industry Day is being considered.
- e. This information will be provided as part of the solicitation process.
- f. A final decision has not been made as to whether this award will be issued under the GSA Federal Supply Schedule

59. **Bureau for Global Health:** NextGen - In-country Logistics (ICL)

- a. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?

**USAID Response:** We cannot at this time further narrow down the expected award range.

60. **Bureau for Global Health:** NextGen Procurement Service Agent - Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition and Other Health Elements (PSA FP/RH, MCHN):

- a. Can USAID narrow down the expected award range based on anticipated plans?

**USAID Response:** We cannot at this time further narrow down the expected award range.

61. **Bureau for Global Health:** Policy, Advocacy, and Communication Enhanced for Population and Reproductive Health (PACE) APS Round 2 - Population Environment Development (PED

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated award date for PACE Round 2?

**USAID Response:** The current anticipated award date for PACE Round 2 is by the end of Q1, FY21 (December 31, 2020), assuming no further delays.

62. **Bureau for Global Health:** Coordinating Implementation Research to Communicate Learning and Evidence (CIRCLE)

- a. The contract for this program is scheduled to end in July 2021. Will USAID be awarding a follow-on to the CIRCLE contract and, if so, will it also be issued as a task order under an umbrella IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** We are planning on a follow on to the Circle Project, but it may not necessarily be a IDIQ

63. **Bureau for Global Health:** Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain Suite of Programs,

- a. Are there any limitations or anticipated conflicts that USAID perceives relative to any of the nine Next Gen GHSC Suite of Contracts? For example, assume that any contractor who bids on AND wins the QuTI contract will be prohibited from also participating in any of the NextGen PSA contracts. Are there any other similar conflicts from USAID's perspective?
- b. Are there any limitations or anticipated conflicts that USAID perceives relative to any of the nine Next Gen GHSC Suite of Contracts? For example, assume that any contractor who bids on AND wins the QuTI contract will be prohibited from also participating in any of the NextGen PSA contracts. Are there any other similar conflicts from USAID's perspective?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether there will be any conflict of interest preventing organizations from subbing on multiple awards?
- d. The Control Tower RFI states "Given the Control Tower contractor's central role in collecting, storing, and analyzing data received from other NextGen GHSC contractors,



the contractor must be able to provide impartial services to USAID without the appearance of an organizational conflict of interest. Accordingly, as a condition of the award, the Control Tower contractor will be precluded from receiving any other prime contract under the NextGen program.” Can USAID confirm that this will therefore not preclude subcontractors under Control Tower from subbing on other NextGen awards?

- e. If USAID does believe that such conflicts may exist at the sub level among any of the anticipated procurements, can USAID confirm that they will accept mitigation measures to avoid precluding a subcontractor from providing its services across these procurements?
- f. Can USAID please detail if any of the procurement(s) will be released under the OASIS Unrestricted Pool I?
- g. Can an organization bid as prime on multiple awards under the suite of NextGen programs?
- h. Can an organization bid as prime on one award, and as a sub on another award?
- i. Will PEPFAR targets for allocating 70% of funding to local organizations apply to the suite of NextGen programs? If so, will this be required for the entire suite of programs or will PEPFAR have particular expectations for specific programs (e.g. Comprehensive TA, ICL, PSAs, QuTI)?
- j. What procurement mechanisms will USAID utilize: co-creation, concept note submission, or request for proposal direct to evaluation?
- k. Will USAID hold a bidders conference prior to release of the Next Generation of GHSC programs?
- l. Will any awards be issued under GSA schedule?
- m. What award type is expected for each of the NextGen GHSC programs (e.g. cost-plus award fee; cost-plus incentive fee; cost-plus fixed fee)?
- n. Can USAID expand on the linkages with bilateral Mission programs that overlap with the scope of NextGen GHSC programs. For example, Uganda Mission has forecasted the release of a Not-For-Profit (PNFP) Supply Chain - Local Partner Procurement of HIV Commodities program. How would this and other bilateral programs be required to interact with the suite of NextGen GHSC programs?
- o. Are there any limitations or anticipated conflicts that USAID perceives relative to any of the nine Next Gen GHSC Suite of Contracts? For example, assume that any contractor who bids on AND wins the QuTI contract will be prohibited from also participating in any of the NextGen PSA contracts. Are there any other similar conflicts from USAID’s perspective?
- p. Is USAID planning to hold a bidders’ conference or other informational session? If so, when will a conference take place?
- q. Tuberculosis was not mentioned. Given it was included with Malaria in the past, will it be included with Malaria in the next iteration for the PSAs and where applicable to other procurements?

## USAID Response:

- a. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration. However, an organization can not be awarded the QuTI contract and then bid on the PSA NextGen RFPs. That is considered an OCI issue.
  - b. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration.
  - c. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration.
  - d. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration.
  - e. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration.
  - f. There are no plans to release any of the awards under the OASIS Unrestricted Pool.
  - g. Yes, an organization can bid as the prime on multiple awards under the suite of NextGen programs.
  - h. Yes, an organization can bid as a prime on one award and as a sub on another award.
  - i. Yes, PEPFAR targets for allocating 70% of overall PEPFAR funding to local organizations apply to the suite of NextGen programs but there is not a 70% target specifically for the NextGen Program.
  - j. USAID intends to use “request for proposal direct to evaluation”.
  - k. A bidder’s conference/industry day is being considered
  - l. A decision has not been made as to whether any awards will be made under the GSA Supply Schedule.
  - m. Specific award types are being finalized by the design teams and Contracting Officers.
  - n. It’s too early in the award and implementation process to knowledgeably expand on the linkages with bilateral Mission programs that overlap with the scope of NextGen GHSC programs.
  - o. Organizational conflicts of interest under NextGen are under consideration. However, an organization can not be awarded the QuTI contract and then bid on the PSA NextGen RFPs. That is considered an OCI issue.
  - p. A bidder’s conference/industry day is being considered..
  - q. Tuberculosis commodities will not be included in the PSA-Malaria award. They are included under the [NextGen Procurement Service Agent - Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition and Other Health Elements \(PSA FP/RH, MCHN\) award](#)
64. **Bureau for Global Health: [Passages: Transforming Social Norms Project](#)**
- a. This award is scheduled to end in September 2021. Is USAID Planning a follow-on award?
  - b. If yes, does USAID expect the scope to remain the same?
  - c. If yes, will USAID issue an RFI in advance?
  - d. If yes, when will the procurement be released?

**USAID Response:** The estimated completion date for the current award has been extended to September 29, 2022. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates on

a new procurement/follow-on award.

**65. Bureau for Global Health: HRH2020**

- a. The HRH2030 project is scheduled to end in June 2021. Does USAID plan to rebid the project?
- b. If so, what is the planned Award/Action Type and, if relevant, the Category Management Contract Vehicle?
- c. What is the estimated time frame for the release of the solicitation?
- d. The HRH2030 project is scheduled to end in June 2021. Does USAID plan to rebid the project?
- e. If so, what is the planned Award/Action Type and, if relevant, the Category Management Contract Vehicle?
- f. What is the estimated time frame for the release of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** There is no rebid for a direct follow-on to HRH2030 anticipated at this time.

**66. Bureau for Global Health: Human Resources for Health 2030 (HRH2030)**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the Human Resources for Health in 2030 (HRH2030) follow-on; including anticipated solicitation release date, scope, award value, award mechanism, and whether it will be a full and open competition or competed under an IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** There is no rebid for a direct follow-on to HRH2030 anticipated at this time.

**67. Bureau for Global Health: Follow-on to Health Policy Plus**

- a. Could USAID a) provide any information on the anticipated scope of the follow-on to the Health Policy Plus project?
- b. Note whether the population, HIV, and MCH funding/components will be separated out in any way?
- c. Note if or how the follow-on is anticipated to be similar to the current project?
- d. Could USAID/Global Health share anticipated release date, scope, and award value and mechanism?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The new Policy Project APS - which is on the Business Forecast - will focus on policy, advocacy, health financing and governance activities and technical assistance, and transition initiatives, for family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH), and FP/RH integration with maternal health, HIV/AIDs and other health areas. Gender, youth, FP/RH integration across health, health equity, capacity development, private sector

engagement, and transition from development assistance towards self-reliance are all central to this APS. The projected areas of focus primarily address the work under the current Health Policy Plus award. This APS intends to issue 1-3 awards with the award length(s) as 3-5 years each.

- b. The Policy Project APS will result in one to three awards. The overarching focus is on FP/RH, including integration with HIV/AIDS and MCH. The design is not yet completed so it is not yet clear how the awards will separate health elements and/or cross-element issues such as gender, youth, and transition, among others.
- c. See A. above.
- d. Per the Business Forecast listing for the Policy Project APS, the anticipated APS release date is mid-April 2021. The description of the APS is discussed in the responses above. The total combined award ceilings under the APS are within the range of \$100M - \$299.99M. The award/action type is a Cooperative Agreement(s). Again, this APS intends to issue 1-3 awards with the award length(s) as 3-5 years each. USAID hopes to post a request for information (RFI) for industry response in late November or early December 2020.

**68. Bureau for Global Health: Policy Project APS - FP/RH Integration with Maternal Health, FP/RH Integration with HIV/AIDS, FP/RH Integration with Other Health, for Policy, Advocacy, Health Financing and Governance**

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether the Policy Project APS combines scopes of work from multiple existing projects and, if so, which ones?

**USAID Response:** The Policy Project APS will address Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH) Policy, Advocacy, Financing, and Governance (PAFG), and the integration of FP/RH with HIV/AIDS and Maternal Child Health (MCH) within PAFG. In one to three awards, the APS will cover several areas intended to build local capacity and further enable sustainable health systems that adequately address FP/RH. The projected areas of focus primarily address the work under the current Health Policy Plus award.

**69. Bureau for Global Health: Frontier Health Markets opportunity**

- a. Can USAID/Global Health provide an update on the anticipated Frontier Health Markets opportunity, including anticipated mechanism(s), value(s), number of award(s), and anticipated release date(s)?
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing FHM as a cooperative agreement?
- c. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for release of these four activities?
- d. Will all activities be released at once, or will they be staggered?
- e. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be?
- f. Can USAID confirm the intended estimated amount/range for each activity?

- g. Will there be a form of co-creation for these activities?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates using assistance mechanism(s) for Activity 1 award(s) and acquisition for Activity 2-4 awards. The value and number of awards are TBD. Estimated release date for Activity 1 is December-January; Activity 2-4 will follow shortly after, estimated dates are TBD.
- b. USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for a suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be one or more assistance award(s). Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be acquisition awards.
- c. USAID anticipates a release date of December-January for Activity 1. Activity 2-4 will follow shortly after, estimated dates are TBD.
- d. They will be staggered.
- e. We anticipate that Activity 1 will be an assistance award(s) and Activities 2-4 will be acquisition awards.
- f. Estimated amount/range for each activity is yet to be determined.
- g. Yes, we anticipate conducting a form of co-creation for these activities, format and approach is TBD.

**70. Bureau for Global Health: Market Access and Innovation Financing for Global Health**

- a. For “Market Access and Innovation Financing for Global Health” by Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact (GH/CAII) the solicitation date was May 2020. But now the opportunity is not there on forecast. Will it be reinstated? When is solicitation, if any, expected?
- b. Can USAID provide any information on an expected award date for MAIF?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation for MAIF was released publicly on May 15, 2020 and an award was made on September 18, 2020.

**71. Bureau for Global Health: MOMENTUM APS**

- a. Are any future Rounds anticipated under the MOMENTUM APS?
- b. If yes, could USAID please update the business forecast with these details?

**USAID Response:** The Global Health Bureau has no plans for additional Rounds under the MOMENTUM APS at this time; if it does in the future, it will be advertised on Washington’s Business Forecast. Any Rounds posted by Missions will be included in Mission Business Forecasts.

**72. Bureau for Global Health: USAID Integrated Health System IDIQ,**

- a. In the USAID 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Q&A, USAID stated that no new task orders under the Integrated Health System IDIQ were due in the coming year. Would a Human Resources for Health task order come in the following year?
- b. Could USAID please provide an update on the timing of the release of solicitations for

the Next Generation Suite of Supply Chain Programs?

- c. Has USAID scheduled an Industry Day yet for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

**73. Bureau for Global Health: Human Centered Design**

- a. Does USAID intend to design a follow-on project to Engage HCD?

**USAID Response:**

**74. Bureau for Global Health: Global Frontier Health Markets**

- a. Following the release of RFI-20-GH-FHM-01 dated May 6, 2020, can USAID please update this opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast, including the timing of this anticipated opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide clarity on the number of mechanisms expected?
- c. Will the number of mechanisms align with each of the four Activities?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing FHM as one umbrella agreement, or multiple separate awards for each of the core Activity Areas outlined in the RFI released in May 2020?
- e. Does USAID anticipate issuing a FHM solicitation or solicitations (if multiple awards are anticipated) as cooperative agreements or contracts?
- f. Does USAID anticipate small business set aside awards under the FHM program? For example, Activity 2: PSE Staff Support's scope of work outlined in the May 2020 RFI align very closely with those of other programs implemented by small businesses, including via 8a firms. Activities 3 and 4 also include scopes of work that fit well within the capabilities of small businesses.
- g. Given the depth and breadth of FHM's prospective scope, is USAID anticipating holding a bidders conference as a follow-up to the RFI?
- h. Will USAID please confirm the anticipated solicitation release date for this activity?
- i. Will any of the four activities outlined in the RFI be combined when USAID releases the RFA(s)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates using assistance mechanism(s) for Activity 1 award(s) and acquisition for Activity 2-4 awards. The value and number of awards are TBD. Estimated release date for Activity 1 is December-January; Activity 2-4 will follow shortly after, estimated dates are TBD.
- b. USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for a suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be an assistance and may result in one or more award(s). Activity 1 will also have an option for Mission Rounds which may result in multiple awards. Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be acquisitions and may result in up to 3 awards.
- c. No. Activity 1 may result in one or more awards. Activity 1 will also have an option for

Mission Rounds which may result in multiple awards. Activity 2-4 will result in up to 3 awards.

- d. USAID anticipates multiple separate awards for Activity Areas outlined in the RFI released in May 2020.
- e. USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for a suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be an assistance and may result in one or more award(s). Activity 1 will also have an option for Mission Rounds which may result in multiple awards. Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be acquisitions and may result in 3 awards.
- f. While USAID anticipates that small U.S. businesses/minority institutions will be eligible to apply, no determination has been made whether there will be small business set aside solicitations or awards under the FHM.
- g. USAID has not made determination about holding a bidders conference at this stage of the process.
- h. USAID anticipates a release date of December-January for Activity 1. Activity 2-4 will follow shortly after, estimated dates are TBD.
- i. At this stage, USAID does not anticipate combining any of the four activities outlined in the RFI.

**75. Bureau for Global Health: TB Research I**

- a. Will this program include a MEL component? If so, are you able to give any indication of size?
- b. Does USAID intend for activities in TB Research I to be oriented exclusively or preferentially to drug-susceptible TB and/or drug-resistant TB?
- c. Could USAID please clarify if it expects to fund only one or multiple research awards for TB Research I?
- d. Could USAID please clarify if there are any requirements for academic or other specific types of partners participating in responding/applying to TB Research I?
- e. Would TB Research I focus on treatment (i.e. drugs, regimens) or other aspects essential to treatment and prevention of TB (diagnostics, treatment support, models of care delivery, etc.)?
- f. Is the content of TB Research I focused on case-finding and delivery of preventive therapy, packages of care-delivery models or does it also include drug/regimen development?
- g. Does USAID expect research conducted in target countries to be conducted by local partners with support from international partners? Will USAID have local partnership requirements under these mechanisms?
- h. Can USAID please clarify if TB Research I will be in regards to upstream development of tools (e.g., new diagnostic modalities, improved AI for rule out TB, new drug-susceptibility testing technology)?
- i. Does USAID expect a number of studies to come out under TB Research I or just one large study?

- j. Does USAID anticipate that a significant part of the TB Research I award would take existing cutting edge research results and scale them up under operational/implementation research conditions to improve understanding and uptake of better TB search/treat/prevent measures?
- k. What mechanism will USAID use for this solicitation?
- l. Will USAID issue an RFI or engage in other co-creation steps for this activity?

**USAID Response:** Please note. TB Research I has been named SMART4TB. The Business Forecast will be updated soon.

- a. Yes, MEL will be included. The size is TBD.
- b. No.
- c. The number of awards is yet to be determined.
- d. Requirements for types of organizations is yet to be determined.
- e. The award will Focus On All Aspects Of TB (Diagnosis, Treatment, Models Of Care Delivery Etc)
- f. The award will focus on all of the mentioned research activities (case-finding and delivery of preventive therapy, packages of care-delivery models and drug/regimen development)
- g. Yes, research will be conducted by local partners with support from international partners. Yes, there will be local partnership requirements under SMART4TB.
- h. Yes, SMART4TB will focus on upstream development of tools.
- i. The number of studies is yet to be determined.
- j. Yes, a significant portion of the research will take existing cutting edge research results and scale them up under operational/implementation research conditions to improve understanding and uptake of better TB search/treat/prevent measure.
- k. Most likely a cooperative agreement.
- l. This is still under consideration.

**76. Bureau for Global Health: TB Research II**

- a. From the goal “The goal of this planned award is to support the development and evaluation of new TB medicines and treatment regimens for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis in adults and children.” – it sounds like this project will be a purely clinical research project – can you clarify if this is the case?
- b. Specifically, will there also be a community/ social focussed aspect of e.g. the treatment regimens, such as supporting treatment through overall improved health, nutrition, support etc for patients?
- c. Does USAID intend for activities in TB Research II to be oriented exclusively or preferentially to drug-susceptible TB and/or drug-resistant TB?
- d. Could USAID please clarify if it expects to fund only one or multiple research awards for TB Research II?
- e. Could USAID please clarify if there are any requirements for academic or other specific types of partners participating in responding/applying to TB Research II?



- f. Would TB Research II focus on treatment (i.e. drugs, regimens) or other aspects essential to treatment and prevention of TB (diagnostics, treatment support, models of care delivery, etc.)?
- g. Is the content of TB Research I focused on case-finding and delivery of preventive therapy, packages of care-delivery models or does it also include drug/regimen development?
- h. Does USAID expect research conducted in target countries to be conducted by local partners with support from international partners? Will USAID have local partnership requirements under these mechanisms?
- i. Can USAID please clarify if TB Research II will be focused on a clinical trial or trials, or on building up the capacity for observational studies across different areas of TB treatment?
- j. Can USAID please clarify if TB Research II will be in regards to upstream development of tools (e.g., new diagnostic modalities, improved AI for rule out TB, new drug-susceptibility testing technology)?
- k. Is USAID still anticipating to release the forecasted TB Research II in January? What is the planned research duration and total funding envelope available to apply for?
- l. Does USAID anticipate that a significant part of the TB Research II award would take existing cutting edge research results and scale them up under operational/implementation research conditions to improve understanding and uptake of better TB search/treat/prevent measures?
- m. What mechanism will USAID use for this solicitation?
- n. Will USAID issue an RFI or engage in other co-creation steps for this activity?

#### **USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, the project will be purely clinical research.
- b. No, there will not be a community/ social focussed aspect of e.g. the treatment regimens under TB Research II.
- c. Yes, the project will focus on drug-susceptible TB and/or drug-resistant TB.
- d. Only one award is likely.
- e. Specific partner requirements is yet to be determined.
- f. The focus will be on TB Treatment.
- g. No, TB Research II will not focus on case-finding and delivery of preventive therapy, packages of care-delivery models.
- h. Local partner participation requirements is still to be determined.
- i. The project will focus on clinical trials.
- j. TB Research II will not involve development of upstream tools.
- k. Solicitation is no longer planned for January.
- l. No. Scaling up of existing cutting edge research results will not be a significant part of this award.
- m. This will likely be a cooperative agreement, but final internal USAID approval is pending.

**77. Bureau for Global Health: TB Local Organizations Project**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing additional TB Local Organizations Network Project opportunities within the next year?
- b. If so, what countries is USAID prioritizing?
- c. Does USAID plan to release a TB bilateral opportunity in Uganda during the following calendar year?
- d. Does USAID plan to release any additional bilateral opportunities with a focus on TB during the following calendar year? If so, in which countries?

**USAID Response:**

**78. Bureau for Global Health: Global Health Training, Advisory, and Support Contract (GHTASC)**

- a. Does USAID expect the re-bid for Global Health Professional and Organizational Development II to be consolidated under GHTASC?
- b. When does USAID plan to release the draft SOW and what date for release of the draft RFP?
- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing a Draft Scope of Work or Pre-Solicitation notice?
- d. The business forecast indicates there will be oral applications and presentations. Does USAID anticipate having a multi-stage proposal process?
- e. Will USAID require prime contractors to hold an active Secret Facility Clearance at the time of submission?
- f. Will USAID consider allowing contractor teaming agreements? Will USAID release a SOW or RFI? What current awards will be incorporated into GHTASC?
- g. Can USAID discuss organizational conflict of interest concerns that may arise with organizations bidding on GHTASC who are also implementing partners?
- h. We appreciate USAID's intent to compete the GHTASC as one large opportunity under OASIS UR Pool I. This will give USAID the chance to access and work with prominent large government contractors to provide high quality technical support to promote efficient and effective global health programming and operations at USAID. Furthermore, we understand that some of the work required under this project may place the Contractor in a position of having a potential organizational conflict of interest (OCI) and preclude them from implementing other USAID Global Health activities. To provide the best value to the Government, USAID contractors should be encouraged to bid on this opportunity without a limitation or a possibility of being required to forfeit previously awarded Global Health contracts. To ensure that USAID does not unnecessarily restrict the contractors willing to bid for this work or limit the services it can obtain from such contractors, will USAID consider allowing contractors to:
  - i. Submit an OCI Mitigation Plan where they are allowed to recuse their staff from providing institutional support including designing, evaluating or overseeing

- current activities being implemented by the contractor or expected to be awarded to the Contractor.
- ii. Allowing Contractor to implement firewalls where they assign Subcontractor staff to implement all activities that are related to or expected to place the Prime Contractor in a position of having an OCI.
- i. This contract now merges four incumbent contracts, including two that were formerly small business set asides, and the scope of work of this contract, as an institutional support, staffing, and capacity building contract, is particularly well suited to the skill set of small businesses.
    - i. Would USAID consider transitioning this procurement to OASIS-SB?
    - ii. Would USAID provide guidance on the reason for this consolidated procurement and if small businesses can expect similar work to remain set aside?
  - j. When does USAID anticipate releasing a Draft Scope of Work or Pre-Solicitation notice?
  - k. The business forecast indicates there will be oral applications and presentations. Does USAID anticipate having a multi-stage proposal process?
  - l. Will USAID require prime contractors to hold an active Secret
  - m. Facility Clearance at the time of submission?

**USAID Response:**

- a. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- b. USAID intends to release a RFI and draft RFP prior to the release of the solicitation. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information or specific dates cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for future updates.
- c. USAID intends to release a RFI and draft RFP prior to the release of the solicitation. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information or specific dates cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for future updates.
- d. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process however we anticipate a multi-stage proposal process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- e. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- f. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. USAID intends to release a RFI and draft RFP prior to the release of the solicitation. Unfortunately,

further information or specific dates cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and beta.sam.gov for future updates.

- g. Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) concerns are being considered and will be discussed in the solicitation.
- h. Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) concerns are being considered and will be discussed in the solicitation. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- i. The purpose of the Global Health Training, Advisory, and Support Contract (GHTASC) is to provide the professional services needed to support USAID's strategic programs and collaborate with USAID offices to promote efficient and effective global health programming and operations. USAID intends to utilize Category Management Contract Vehicle: OASIS UR Pool I. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- j. USAID intends to release a RFI and draft RFP prior to the release of the solicitation. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information or specific dates cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and beta.sam.gov for future updates.
- k. Yes, USAID intends on conducting a multi-stage request for Proposal (RFP) process for this procurement. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- l. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.
- m. We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**79. Bureau for Global Health: Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition**

- a. Can USAID comment on any upcoming Global Health opportunities or follow-ons out of the Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition that are not already forecasted?

**USAID Response:**

**80. Bureau for Global Health: Strengthening Public Health Surveillance Systems**

- a. What are the anticipated geographic focus countries for this award?

**USAID Response:**

**81. Bureau for Global Health: Professional and Organizational Development III**

- a. Can USAID provide any updates on the anticipated release date or set-aside status for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**82. Bureau for Global Health:** Global Health Support Initiative IV

- a. Does USAID intend to continue this as a small business set-aside?
- b. What mechanism does USAID plan to use to procure these services?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**83. Bureau for Middle East:** W-GDP Opportunities

- a. Can USAID please provide an update to expected W-GDP opportunities in the Middle East region? Are there specific opportunities expected in Iraq and/or Yemen?

**USAID Response:** There are no current opportunities advertised in the Middle East Mission region, Iraq or Yemen. While there isn't anything currently planned, organizations should continue to check.

**84. Global Development Lab:** Technical and Professional Support Services for the LAB

- a. In January 2020, USAID released an RFI this opportunity. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for this solicitation?
- b. This opportunity has been taken off the Forecast. Will this be added back?
- c. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity is still expected to be released as a total set-aside for eligible OASIS holders?
- d. Can USAID clarify if they plan to procure these services under an existing mechanism? If so, which mechanism?
- e. What NAICS codes will be associated?
- f. Have the eligibility criteria been determined?
- g. Is there a set contract vehicle determined?
- h. Could USAID confirm the Small Business Set-Aside status for this activity?
- i. Could USAID confirm the geographical location this activity will take place?

**USAID Response:** This effort was competed under OASIS SB Pool I --this effort is removed from the Business Forecast

**85. Global Development Lab:** USAID Water and Energy for Food

- a. Will this opportunity be added to the Forecast?
- b. Is there a provision or guideline on harmonizing compensation for German nationals, considering the key personnel are required to have experience with BMZ/GIZ?
- c. Can USAID provide a release date for the Water and Energy for Food mid-term and final evaluation contract that was released as an RFI on sam.gov in September 2020?
- d. Will USAID consider this to be a full and open competition?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes.
- b. As noted in the RFP that was released on November 13th:  
 Offerors shall use U.S. dollar estimates to calculate the appropriate indirect rates and fee for its budget. Provide labor categories/levels and corresponding LOE. Determine the estimated LOE usage of employees/consultants for each particular labor category and level and apply salary rates. Offerors shall provide the calculations and budget narrative explaining how the salaries were computed to allow a complete analysis of cost.
- c. The RFP was released on November 13th. The Solicitation number is 7200AA21R00006.
- d. Yes. USAID considers this to be a full and open competition.

**86. Global Development Lab: Annual Program Statement for the Development Innovation Venture**

- a. Can you provide:
  - i. Estimated Total Program Funding & Expected Number of Awards. These solicitation fields are important to determine whether we bid
  - ii. Cost-Sharing. The synopsis indicates cost share is not required but page 12 states “DIV encourages applicants to consider providing reasonable cost-sharing, leverage, or other exchange of resource arrangements and are encouraged to suggest creative approaches to securing resources for activities.”
- b. Does USAID expect to release any sector-specific or thematic addenda under the DIV APS in the near future?
- c. In October USAID announced \$14.5 million in awards for 16 new projects under the DIV APS. Do you anticipate further awards under the current APS?

**USAID Response:** The estimated total Program Funding ranges from \$100K-\$5 million. We anticipate 12-20 awards will be awarded from the current APS. Cost sharing is not a requirement. There are no sector thematic addenda anticipated at this time.

**87. Office of the Chief Information Officer: Enterprise Data Center**

- a. Have NAICS codes been determined?
- b. Has the eligibility criteria been determined?
- c. Has a contract vehicle been set?

- d. Could USAID confirm the Small Business Set-Aside status for this activity?
- e. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
- f. Could USAID confirm the geographical location this activity will take place?

**USAID Response:**

**88. Office of Human Capital and Talent Management and Center for Professional Development: Global Learning Solutions and Services**

- a. There is no mention of the Global Learning Solutions and Services on the business forecast. Can USAID advise whether it still intends to release the opportunity?
- b. If yes, can USAID please advise on its expected release date?
- c. Can USAID please clarify if the Global Learning Solutions and Services opportunity is still expected to be released under OASIS or HCaTS?
- d. If USAID expects to use OASIS, can USAID please confirm which pool the solicitation will be released under?

**USAID Response:** The Global Learning Solutions and Services requirement will be released under HCaTS Pool I Unrestricted. Please note that GSA NCR is performing the procurement on USAID's behalf. More information on GSA NCR's acquisition pipeline is [here](#). It is anticipated that GSA NCR will release the solicitation in FY21 Q1 and award will be made in FY21 Q2.