



Extention of GovWorks Pilot and other Franchise Funds, and Reminder of Signatory Authority

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This reference extends the Agency GovWorks pilot program through September 30, 2003, to run parallel to the government-wide Franchise Fund pilot which currently expires on that same date. It is anticipated that the government-wide pilot program will be extended again; however, in the event that it is not extended, USAID's pilot program will expire commensurate with the government-wide program. This extension limits the period during which interagency agreements may be issued to GovWorks, and is not intended as a restriction on the period of performance of the contracts awarded by GovWorks during the extension of the pilot phase.

The existing parameters for the pilot as set forth in the original notice still apply. Notwithstanding the authority under ADS 103.3.8.10 delegating authority to Assistant Administrators (AA) and Heads of Independent Offices to negotiate, execute, and amend interagency agreements, GovWorks agreements may only be signed by warranted Contracting Officers within the Office of Procurement or overseas Contracting Officers. As stated in the original notice, limiting the sources of signatory authority is a critical provision of the pilot program; AAs and Heads of Independent Offices may not negotiate or execute interagency agreements under the GovWorks pilot.

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