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MISSION ORDER

ADS Series 200 Programming Policy	Mission Order 201.06	In coordination with Mission Order 201.03	Responsible Office RLO
References: Executive Order 13224 Title 18 USC 2339A and 2339B		Subject: National Security Screening (Non-U.S. Party Vetting)	Effective Date: On the date signed below

I. PURPOSE

To protect national security interests and as the steward of United States Government (USG) funds, USAID must take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure that neither USAID funds nor USAID-funded activities, inadvertently or otherwise, provide funds, goods, services, or other material support to or for the benefit of Prohibited Parties. This Mission Order outlines policies, responsibilities and procedures aimed at ensuring that USAID-financed projects and activities are insulated against their benefits being provided, even inadvertently, to Prohibited Parties.

As stated in Mission Order 201.03, the Mission is required to complete terrorist financing risk assessments prior to the request for any program funds from USAID/Washington, including early release monies, reprogramming, and the full year Operating Year Budget.

This Mission Order is in coordination with Mission Order 201.03 (Terrorist Finance Risk Assessment, dated October 2009) and replaces Mission Order 201.05 dated July 8, 2013, in its entirety.

II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Mission Order, including the Appendices:

“Award” means any contract, grant, guarantee, cooperative agreement, or any other instrument that acts as any of the same awarded by USAID. Unless the context otherwise requires, an Award includes Sub-awards, as defined below.

“Awardee” means any individual or organization that receives an Award. Unless the context otherwise requires, an Awardee includes Sub-awardees, as defined below.

“CO” or **“AO”** means the Contract or the Agreement Officer, as applicable.

“Information Form” means the form attached as Appendix B that initiates a vetting request.

“In-kind assistance” means non-cash support to accomplish a public purpose to an eligible recipient. Examples include, but are not limited to, food, water, medical care, shelter, equipment, supplies, expendable property, and the value of goods and services.

“Key Individuals” means the individuals defined in Appendix A.3. The definition of Key Individuals is not the same as “key personnel” under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement.

“Non-U.S.” means: (a) for natural persons, any individual who is not (1) a U.S. citizen or (2) a permanent legal resident of the United States; and (b) for organizations, any entity that is not a U.S. organization. A U.S. organization is any entity which is: (1) organized in the U.S.; (2) more than 50% owned in equity stake (or equivalent thereof) by U.S. persons; and (3) has a place of business in the U.S.

“Parastatal” means any organization funded or owned by the state but otherwise functions as a private sector enterprise. For the purposes of this Mission Order, Parastatals include, but are not limited to, the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS).

“Participant Trainee” means an eligible host-country resident or national sponsored by USAID for a Participant Training program conducted within the U.S., a third country, or in-country for the purpose of furthering USAID development objectives. See also ADS 253.

“PIO” means a Public International Organization designated under ADS 308.

“Prohibited Party” means an individual or entity that USAID knows or has reasonable grounds to suspect: (i) supports or has supported terrorist activities; (ii) is or has been engaged in terrorist activities; (iii) poses a significant risk of committing terrorist activities; or (iv) supports, has supported, is or has been engaged in or poses a significant risk of committing other activities that are contrary to the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States.

“RMC” means Risk Management Consultant.

“Sub-award” means any grant, subgrant, guarantee, subcontract, or any other instrument that acts as any of the same awarded by an Awardee pursuant to an Award.

“Sub-awardee” means any individual or organization that receives a Sub-award.

“Tier” means the level of Sub-award under the Award. For instance, a Sub-award under a Sub-award to an Award would be a second-tier Sub-award. “Any tier” means any level of Sub-award under an Award.

“Vetting Threshold” means any Award or Sub-award exceeding \$25,000 as further defined in Appendix A.2.a.

“VSU” means the Vetting Support Unit of the USAID Mission.

III. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

- **Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA) – 22 USC 2151 et seq.**
- **Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 (9/25/2001) blocks property and interests in property of individuals and entities that are designated as committing, or posing a significant risk of committing, terrorist acts. E.O. 13224 prohibits all transactions and dealings in blocked property or interests in the U.S. or by U.S. persons. It also prohibits transactions with, and provision of support for, individuals or entities designated in or subject to the E.O.**
- **Title 18 USC Sections 2339A and 2339B, prohibits the provision of material support or resources for terrorist acts or to designated foreign terrorist organizations.**
- **USAID Afghanistan Mission Order 201.03 (October 2009) requires the Mission to complete terrorist financing risk assessments prior to the request for any program funds. It also introduces the concept of vetting.**

IV. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In addition to the vetting procedures established by this Mission Order, other means exist to limit support to Prohibited Parties. First, the CO or AO, as applicable, is required to check relevant public lists including the specially designated nationals (SDN) list and the excluded parties list found at the System for Award Management (SAM). Second, before an Award is made, the staff of USAID (in the case of a prime Award) or the staff of the prime Awardee (in the case of Sub-awards) must scrutinize various aspects of that entity's operations as part of the standard due diligence and pre-award survey. Third, the personal knowledge of USAID staff is taken into account before any Award is made or a Sub-award is approved.

USAID is implementing a pilot for a Partner Vetting System (PVS) for USAID assistance and acquisition awards (see 78 FR 69802 dated Nov. 21, 2013). The purpose of the PVS is to ensure that USAID funds and other resources do not inadvertently benefit individuals or entities that are terrorists, supporters of terrorists or affiliated with terrorists, while also minimizing the impact on USAID programs and its implementing partners. The procedures set forth in this Mission Order are separate from those of the PVS pilot program.

V. PROCEDURES FOR VETTING

Appendix A details vetting procedures. These procedures are subject to change. Check with the VSU for updates prior to implementation.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Mission Order will go into effect on the date signed by the Mission Director below.


William Hammink
Mission Director

7 June 2015
Date

IX. APPENDICES

- A. Vetting Procedures**
- B. Information Form**
- C. Sample Notification Language**

Appendix A: Vetting Procedures

- 1. Applicability:** Subject to the exceptions in section 1.f. below, vetting is conducted by USAID in connection with its review and approval of proposed USAID Awards and Sub-awards for the following:
 - a. Contractors and subcontractors:** Any proposed non-U.S. recipient of an Award of a USAID contract, subcontract, or any instrument acting as the same in excess of \$25,000 at any tier. This includes USAID-awarded contracts, prime contractor-awarded subcontracts and contracts awarded by grantees and recipients of cooperative agreements. Additionally, vetting applies to all Awards to RMCs regardless of award value and regardless of tier.
 - b. Recipients of assistance instruments:** Any proposed non-U.S. recipient of an Award of a grant, cooperative agreement, sub-grant, or any instrument acting as the same in excess of \$25,000. This includes USAID-awarded grants and cooperative agreements, prime contractor-awarded grants under contracts (GUCs) and subgrants under grants or cooperative agreements, regardless of tier.
 - c. On-budget assistance¹:** USAID reserves the right to conduct vetting of implementing partners in connection with any on-budget assistance award, including any Sub-awards under such on-budget assistance.
 - d. Participant Trainees:** Regardless of Section 1.f. below, the Mission will vet individuals for whom the Mission finances scholarships, fellowships, or other structured training, but only where the Mission specifically approves the individual participants and the total value of the scholarship, fellowship, or other structured training is over \$25,000.
 - e. Global Development Alliances, Public/Private Partnerships, and Development Credit Authority Activities:** For Development Credit Authority activities, vetting will be conducted for the individual of the financial institution who will sign the agreement with USAID and the officials of the financial institution who are responsible for deciding whether to enter into the agreement with USAID. Consideration should also be given to vetting key individuals of borrowers when the Mission knows who the borrower will be. For alliances and partnerships where USAID will not be providing funding to an organization, vetting is not required for such an organization, but may be conducted at the discretion of the mission.
 - f. Exceptions:** Except as provided in Section 1.g. below, the vetting procedures set forth herein do not apply to:

¹ USAID/Afghanistan's on-budget assistance to GfRoA includes: (a) direct delivery of USAID funds through partner government systems, also referred to as government-to-government assistance per ADS 220; and (b) USAID contributions to multi-donor trust funds administered by Public International Organizations.

- 1) Ultimate beneficiaries* of cash or in-kind assistance, such as food, water, medical care, micro-enterprise loans and shelter;

*** Vetting is required when cash or in-kind assistance over \$25,000 is provided directly to one or more specifically identified persons or entities. For example, vetting generally would be required for a hospital that will receive pharmaceuticals, a company whose manufacturing equipment will be repaired or replaced, or an NGO whose recreational facilities will be renovated. Vetting is not required, however, for persons or entities that benefit from the assistance indirectly. In the prior example, no vetting would be required for patients of the hospital, customers of the manufacturer, or users of the recreational facilities.**

- 2) Providers of water and electricity (which currently is DABS) for USAID's or USAID Awardee's own use in the ordinary course of business;
 - 3) The Afghanistan Public Protection Force, as the sole provider of pay-for-service security requirements mandated under Presidential Decree 62;
 - 4) Urgently needed humanitarian assistance (i.e. natural disasters, large scale accidents, etc.), as determined by the Mission Director for awards made by USAID/Afghanistan or the Director of either the USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance or Food for Peace for awards made by USAID/Washington. Vetting may commence once the immediate need has been addressed and may also be conducted post-obligation;
 - 5) Contributions and Grants to Public International Organizations (see Section 2.c); and
 - 6) Donor to Donor agreements as described in Section 2.c.
- g. Other situations:** Even if vetting would not otherwise be required under these rules, vetting will be conducted whenever USAID has reason to believe that the Awardee or Sub-awardee could be a Prohibited Party. USAID may also conduct vetting pursuant to any internal or external audits. If there is a situation not specifically addressed in the Mission Order, consult the VSU.

2. Further Rules on Applicability:

- a. **Vetting Threshold:** The \$25,000 threshold applies to all Awards, Sub-awards, and their amendments, except RMCs pursuant to 1.a above. If an amendment, modification, or additional order would increase the amount of an Award or Sub-award under the prime above \$25,000, vetting shall be required.
- b. **Government Officials:** Government officials, including parliamentarians and national, provincial, district and municipal officials, are only subject to vetting: (1) to the extent

they serve as Key Individuals, or perform functions substantially similar to those performed by a Key Individual, in connection with a USAID-funded project; or (2) if they are direct recipients of funds under an Award. For purposes of this Mission Order, District Development Councils, Community Development Councils and similar entities will be subject to vetting if they are direct recipients of funds under an Award over \$25,000.

- c. **PIOs and Donors:** Although PIOs and other Donor Countries are not themselves subject to vetting, USAID reserves the right to conduct vetting of non-U.S. parties to whom PIOs and Donors make Awards or otherwise provide assistance.
- d. **Parastatal and Government Sub-awardees:** Government and parastatal entities are generally not subject to vetting. However, USAID reserves the right to conduct vetting of non-U.S. recipients of Sub-awards under Parastatal or government activities or programs funded by USAID in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
- e. **Educational Institutions:** Vetting applies to colleges, universities and other educational institutions to the same extent as other types of organizations (i.e. public institutions are treated as government entities and generally not subject to vetting) .
- f. **Branches and subsidiaries:** A branch of an organization is the same corporate legal entity as the organization itself. As such, if a branch is a potential Awardee, the entire organization must be vetted as well. If an organization has been previously vetted, whether subsequent vetting will be required for each of its branches that applies for assistance will be decided by the VSU on a case-by-case basis. This decision will depend largely on the extent to which the organization's headquarters oversees and controls the activities of the branches.

A subsidiary, on the other hand, is a separate corporate legal entity from its parent and other affiliates. Vetting will not be conducted on the parent or affiliates of a subsidiary that is a potential Awardee unless the parent or affiliate itself is a potential Awardee.

USAID reserves the right to vet a parent or affiliated organization of a potential Awardee.

- g. **Inter-Agency Transfers:** For Awards under interagency agreements pursuant to Section 632(a) or (b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, it will be incumbent upon the recipient agency to implement appropriate review procedures to ensure compliance with E.O. 13224 and related requirements.
- h. **Anticipatory Vetting of Awardees:** An implementing partner may submit a vetting request in advance if it anticipates that within any given year, a particular Sub-awardee will receive \$25,000 or more in Sub-awards cumulatively, if the period of performance does not extend beyond one year.

If an implementing partner anticipates awarding more than one Sub-award to an organization within a given year at any threshold, the implementing partner may submit

ONE request in advance with the anticipated number of awards and the budget for each. The implementing partner should list the individual tasks, the costs amounts and dates in the award purpose section.

- i. **“Competitive Range” Vetting:** If an implementing partner, after conducting a competitive range process, shortlists a number of organizations/companies as potential Sub-awardees, the implementing partner may submit all the shortlisted potential Sub-awardees for vetting, in anticipation of the award. The shortlist of organizations/companies may not exceed three (3).
 - j. **Washington-based and Regional Awards:** Vetting is required in bilateral or regional activities and programs to be implemented by USAID/Washington bureaus and offices only for the component of the regional activity that is being implemented in Afghanistan and funded with USAID/Afghanistan funds. Whenever implemented, notice must be provided in the solicitation and subsequent Award and Sub-award to the local implementer.
- 3. Vetting of “Key Individuals”:** Whenever an entity must be vetted, each of its “Key Individuals” who are not U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents must also be vetted. A “Key Individual” means:
- a. Any person who exercises effective control of the organization;
 - b. A principal officer of the organization’s governing body (e.g., chairman, vice chairman, treasurer or secretary of the board of directors or board of trustees);
 - c. The principal officer and deputy principal officer of the organization (e.g., executive director, deputy director, president or vice president);
 - d. The program manager or chief of party for the USAID-financed program;
 - e. Any person receiving significant commissions (defined as a sum, either fixed or a set percentage of the value involved, paid to an agent or person acting in a similar role in the activity involved) or similar earnings from the Award in an amount exceeding the Vetting Threshold; and
 - f. Any other person with significant responsibilities for administration of USAID-financed activities or resources (while a comprehensive list is not possible, this would include any person acting in a role substantially similar to those outlined in (a)-(e). If a potential Awardee has branches or other like operations in different locations in Afghanistan, then each person who has significant responsibilities for administration of USAID-financed activities or resources in a particular geographic location is a “key individual.”).

Note that the definition of “Key Individuals” differs from the definition of “key personnel” under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement.

Vetting will not generally be conducted on non-U.S. Key Individuals working for a U.S. Awardee. However, USAID reserves the right to conduct vetting on such Key Individuals whenever USAID has reason to believe that such individuals could be a Prohibited Party.

4. Obtaining Data Needed for Review:

- a. As specified in the solicitation, entities applying directly to USAID for Awards exceeding the Vetting Threshold will submit the Information Form to the VSU (~~Kabul_usaid_vsu@state.gov~~) at the same time they submit their proposal or application.
kblaidvsu@usaid.gov
- b. Prime Awardees will be responsible for completing, signing and submitting the Information Form to the VSU (~~Kabul_usaid_vsu@state.gov~~) for each proposed Sub-award exceeding the Vetting Threshold. The prime Awardee is considered the vetting requester and is responsible for taking reasonable steps (in accordance with sound business practices) to verify the information contained in the Information Form.
- c. Along with each Information Form, the prime Awardee is required to submit the following supporting documentation:
 1. Copies of applicable, currently valid licenses required for the proposed Awardee to do business in Afghanistan. A valid Afghanistan Investment Supporting Agency (AISA) license must be in place for the duration of an Award and Sub-award, including any amendments thereto.
 2. Legible copy of a government-issued photo ID for each Key Individual (for Afghans, a *tazkera* is required). The number on the ID must match the number entered on the Information Form.
 3. Copy of a passport for each Key Individual in possession of a passport (Afghans with passports should submit both *tazkera* and passport). Passport numbers must be recorded on the Information Form.
 4. For U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents employed as Key Individuals under non-U.S. awards, passport copies or other proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residence.

5. Notification of Determination:

- a. Once an eligibility determination has been made, the VSU will promptly send written notice of the determination to the chief of party or program director of the prime Awardee with respect to a request pursuant to Section 4(b) above. Notices should conform to the appropriate language in Appendix C. A copy of the eligibility determination will be retained in VSU's files.

- b. Once an ineligibility determination has been made, the cognizant CO or AO (with a copy to the VSU) is responsible for communicating with the prime Awardee. Notices shall conform to the appropriate language in Appendix C.

6. Duration of Approval:

- a. Once an Awardee has been deemed eligible and has received an Award, the approval generally will remain in effect for that particular Award for one year. However, new vetting will be required if there is any change in the Awardee's Key Individuals. The Awardee is required to keep USAID apprised of changes in the Key Individuals. In addition, new vetting will be required if there is any substantial change (*i.e.*, location, award amount, time frame) in the award itself. In addition, USAID reserves the right to vet or re-vet any non-U.S. organization or non-U.S. individual awarded or competing for an Award at any time regardless of the previous vetting date.
- b. Vetting approval may be rescinded if USAID obtains information indicating that the Awardee or any of its Key Individuals is found to be a Prohibited Party.
- c. Awardee must be vetted for each new Award that exceeds the Vetting Threshold, and at least annually for the duration of an Award.

Appendix B: USAID Information Form

Part I: Information About Proposed Activities (all parts mandatory)		
1. Name of the proposed awardee of USAID contract or assistance (Firms must include a copy of applicable, currently valid licenses to do business in Afghanistan)		
2. Type of proposed award or other assistance (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Contract or Subcontract <input type="checkbox"/> Grant or Subgrant <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
3. US\$ amount and estimated start/end date of proposed award or assistance: Dollar amount: \$ Start: End:		
4. Purpose of proposed award or assistance:		
5. Organization proposed to receive award or other assistance:		
a. Name:		
b. Address (include village/town/city, state/county/province, and country):		
c. Telephone:**	d. Fax:	e. Email:
6. Information on Key Individuals associated with the organization named in 5 above who are <u>not U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents</u> , or, if no organization is listed, information on each individual to receive cash or in-kind assistance (including technical assistance). Use continuation sheets as necessary. ** = mandatory information.		
A. Name (As in passport or other government-issued photo ID) **		Government-issued photo ID number, type of ID and country of issuance:**
Place of birth** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:	Date of birth ** (Example. 3 May, 1979)	Title in organization (Example. President/Vice President/CFO):
Other names used (may include nicknames, pseudonyms not listed under "Name"):**		Gender:**
Current employer and job title:		Occupation:
Address of residence** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:		Citizenship(s):** (Afghans: Tribal Affiliations, Father's Name and Grandfather's Name)
Email:** Phone:**		Is the individual a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident? ** Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Part II: Contractor/Grantee/Recipient Certification: (to be completed by Prime Awardee chief of party, program director or their designee)		
Potential Awardee certifies in submitting this form that it has taken reasonable steps (in accordance with sound business practices) to verify the information contained in this form. Contractor/Grantee/Recipient understands that the U.S. Government may rely on the accuracy of such information in processing this vetting request.		
Name:		Signature:
Title/Organization:		Date:
Part III: Submission details (to be completed by USG vetting official)		
Vetting request number		
Staff member who initiated request		
Project name		
Date submitted for screening		

**USAID Information Form Continuation Sheet for Part I, Section 6: List of Individuals
(Use additional continuation sheets as necessary):**

B. Name (As in passport or other government-issued photo ID):**		Government-issued photo ID number, type of ID and country of issuance:**
Place of birth** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:	Date of birth:** (Example: 3 May, 1979)	Title in organization (Example: President/Vice President/CFO):
Other names used (may include nicknames, pseudonyms not listed under "Name"):**		Gender:**
Current employer and job title:		Occupation:
Address of residence** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:		Citizenship(s):** (Afghans: Tribal Affiliations, Father's Name and Grandfather's Name)
Email: Phone:		Is the individual a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident?** Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
C. Name (As in passport or other government-issued photo ID):**		Government-issued photo ID number, type of ID and country of issuance:**
Place of birth** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:	Date of birth:** (Example: 3 May, 1979)	Title in organization (Example: President/Vice President/CFO):
Other names used (may include nicknames, pseudonyms not listed under "Name"):**		Gender:**
Current employer and job title:		Occupation:
Address of residence** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:		Citizenship(s):** (Afghans: Tribal Affiliations, Father's Name and Grandfather's Name)
Email: Phone:		Is the individual a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident?** Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
D. Name (As in passport or other government-issued photo ID):**		Government-issued photo ID number, type of ID and country of issuance:**
Place of birth** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:	Date of birth:** (Example: 3 May, 1979)	Title in organization (Example: President/Vice President/CFO):
Other names used (may include nicknames, pseudonyms not listed under "Name"):**		Gender:**
Current employer and job title:		Occupation:
Address of residence** village/town/city: state/county/province: country:		Citizenship(s):** (Afghans: Tribal Affiliations, Father's Name and Grandfather's Name)
Email: Phone:		Is the individual a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident?** Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

INFORMATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide information for key individuals of all organizations receiving funds from USAID, including grantees, sub-grantees, contractors, and vendors, who work in Afghanistan.

Part I

Question 1 – Self-explanatory

Question 2- Indicate the proposed type of mechanism to be utilized by placing a check mark on the line in front of the appropriate term

Question 3 – Enter the amount of award or assistance (or Sub-award) in U.S. dollars and indicate the start and end date of the award (or Sub-award) using a mm/dd/yyyy format

Question 4 – Indicate the purpose of the award or assistance. Use additional sheets and attach to page one of the vetting form if necessary

Question 5 a-i – Self-explanatory.

Attach a copy of the relevant, currently valid Afghan business license.

Question 6 - A "Key Individual" means (i) Any person who exercises effective control of the organization; (ii) a principal officer of the organization's governing body (e.g., chairman, vice chairman, treasurer or secretary of the board of directors or board of trustees); (iii) the principal officer and deputy principal officer of the organization (e.g., executive director, deputy director president or vice president); (iv) the program manager or chief of party for the USAID-financed program; (v) any person receiving significant commissions (defined as a sum, either fixed or a set percentage of the value involved, paid to an agent or person acting in a similar role in the activity involved) or similar earnings from the Award in an amount exceeding \$25,000; and (vi) any other person with significant responsibilities for administration of USAID-financed activities or resources (while a comprehensive list is not possible, this would include any person acting in a role substantially similar to those outlined in (i)-(v). For Private Security Services, this would include leadership roles down to the level of field commanders). Complete for each of these six categories or indicate "N/A" if a category does not apply. Use additional pages as needed. Only Key Individuals who are not U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents need to be submitted. Attach copies of photo ID for each non-U.S. "Key Individual". In addition, for all non-U.S. Key Individuals in possession of passports, passport copies must be attached.

Note: If a "Key Individual" is a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident, proof of citizenship or residency must be attached.

Part II

The representative of the prime Awardee (chief of party, program director or their designee) must fill out the form, read the certification and print their name where indicated, sign where indicated, print their title and the name of their organization where indicated, and print the date where indicated.

Part III

This section will be completed by the USG vetting official.

Appendix C: Notional language for Notification Letters

[Note: Eligibility letters are not transferable under any circumstances.]

[The language below is a suggested template for notices to prime award recipient.]

Notice of Eligibility

**SUBJECT: Notice of Eligibility – [prime awardee name]
PVS Awardee #/PVS Request #
Contract number (program acronym)
Final determination date:
Eligibility Expiration date:**

REF: (a) Information Form (IF), dated XXX

Dear Implementing Partner:

USAID/Afghanistan has received your vetting request (REF: (a)) and has determined that your organization is eligible to receive the referenced assistance.

USAID/Afghanistan reserves the right to rescind this vetting determination in the event that we become aware of information indicating that an award to your organization is contrary to U.S. law or policy prohibiting support for terrorism or other activities that are inconsistent with U.S. national security interests. Furthermore, a new request for approval will be required if your organization wishes to extend this award or receive a new award.

This approval does not relieve your organization of its legal obligation to comply with U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibiting transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

As required by the terms of your contract/agreement with USAID, please promptly notify the Kabul Vetting Support Unit (VSU) in the event of any change in the identity of the “key individuals.” We request that you also notify the VSU if there is a material change in the program or operations of your organization or any development that might cause USAID to reconsider your organization’s eligibility.

Sincerely,

Kabul Vetting Support Unit

Notice of Ineligibility

**SUBJECT: Notice of Ineligibility – [prime awardee name]
PVS Awardee #/PVS Request #
Contract number (program acronym)
Final determination date:**

REF: (a) Information Form (IF), dated XXX

Dear XXX:

USAID/Afghanistan has received your vetting request (REF: (a)) and has determined that your organization is ineligible to receive the referenced assistance.

USAID/Afghanistan Mission implements a vetting system covering all assistance (grants) and acquisition (contract) awards. The purpose of the USAID/Afghanistan vetting system is to help ensure that USAID funds and other resources do not inadvertently benefit individuals or entities that USAID knows or has reasonable grounds to suspect: (i) supports or has supported terrorist activities; (ii) is or has been engaged in terrorist activities; (iii) poses a significant risk of committing terrorist activities; or (iv) supports, has supported, is or has been engaged in or poses a significant risk of committing other activities that are contrary to the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States.

Your organization will no longer be considered for the award that triggered the vetting request. However, your organization is not precluded from applying for future awards, as it is USAID/Afghanistan's mission policy to re-vet entities for every proposed award based on information available at the time of the determination even if the entities were determined ineligible for prior awards. We understand that entities change and evolve over time.

Sincerely,

[CO/AO]