REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

Project Number: 
Project Title: Participating Agency Service Agreement (PASA) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Technical Services Program for USAID’s Bureau for Asia and the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs (OAPA)
Project Location: Asia
Funding Begin: FY 2014 (October 1, 2013)
Funding End: FY 2018 (September 30, 2018)
LOP Amount: estimated $15,000,000
IEE Amendment: N

Environmental Action Recommended:

Deferral:
Categorical Exclusions: X
Negative Determination with Conditions: 
Positive Determination: 

Summary of Findings:

Under this Participating Agency Service Agreement (PASA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide technical staff to assist USAID’s Bureau for Asia Technical Support Office (ASINTS), Bureau for Asia Strategic Planning and Operations Office (ASIA/SPO), USAID/Indonesia Office of Environment, and the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs (OAPA) Technical Division.

These technical staff will provide support in the areas of agriculture and alternative development, environment, forestry, energy, infrastructure, trade and economic development, gender, public affairs, and monitoring/evaluation.

These technical staff will perform inherently government functions such as serving as Contracting Officer’s Representatives, Agreement Officer’s Representatives, and Program Managers; participating in making resource decisions and in the procurement process; and participating in the planning, design, implementation, management, and evaluation of programs and activities.

USDA will provide administrative support to the PASA technical staff so that they can effectively carry out their tasks in support of USAID.

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2[c][2][i], the activities funded under this PASA may be categorically excluded from Initial Environmental Examination, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Assessment requirements, because they will not directly affect the physical or natural environment. Therefore, a Categorical Exclusion is recommended for the USDA Technical Services Program.
Approval of Environmental Determination:

Clearance: 
ASIA-ME/TS Office Director: ___________________________ John Wilson Date: 6/28/13

Concurrence: 
Bureau Environmental Officer: _________________________ John Wilson Date: 6/28/13

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