8. *Initial Environmental Examination IEE*

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**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION**
**REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon (PMSPL)

**PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA:**

Country Code: 268-001  
AO Name: Program Design and Learning (PD&L)  
Country or Region: Lebanon  
Activity: Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon (PMSPL)

Funding Begin: 2014  
Funding End: 2019  
LOP Amount: $10,000,000.00

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Date: February 21, 2014  
IEE Amendment (Y/N): N  
If “Yes,” Number @ Date of Original IEE:

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:** (Place X where applicable)

- Categorical Exclusion: X  
- Deferral:  
- Positive Determination:  
- Negative Determination:  
- With Conditions:  
- Exemption:  

**BACKGROUND**

USAID Lebanon seeks to establish a mechanism to assist in carrying out its performance monitoring, verification and evaluation responsibilities under the new Country Development Cooperation Strategy 2014-2018. The contractor will develop and implement a comprehensive performance management, monitoring and reporting program that will enable the Mission to measure the achievement of its intended results.
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

This activity consists in designing and implementing a comprehensive performance measurement, planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting system to measure USAID Lebanon’s performance in achieving its objectives as laid out in the Country Development Cooperation Strategy 2014-2018. This system shall be comprised of components that will enable USAID Lebanon to fulfill its performance monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements as mandated in the Automated Directives System (ADS) and other Agency guidance. The contractor to be selected will support USAID Lebanon in conducting the following tasks:

Support Implementation of USAID Lebanon Performance Management Plan
Support Implementing Partners’ Monitoring and Evaluation Efforts
Integration of Gender Issues into USAID Lebanon’s activities
Support to USAID Lebanon’s integration into the AID Tracker Plus (AT+)
Monitor USAID Lebanon Portfolio
Provide Evaluation Assistance
Capacity Building of Local Organizations to Monitor Projects
Implement Knowledge Management
Program Support and additional M&E Services

These technical assistance activities are not expected to have any adverse environmental impacts, and therefore are recommended for Categorical Exclusion per 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(i) as “education, technical assistance, or training programs”.

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