1.0 PURPOSE, BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

1.1. Purpose and Background

The purpose of this IEE is to provide threshold determinations for the proposed Procurement of Armored Vehicles activity to purchase approximately 100 Armored Vehicles (AVs) for Mission’s use through a Participating Agency Program Agreement (PAPA) with the United States Department of State (DoS) under section 632(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act.

USAID presently has 103 AVs in its fleet, most of which are currently allocated to and in use by USAID Implementing Partners (IPs) comprising an estimated 38 Americans and 264 expatriates. Currently, 96% (99 of 103) of the AV fleet range from 8 to 15 years of age. The entire fleet has either reached, or is rapidly approaching, the end of their intended service life. Many of the vehicles’ bodies/chassis have rusted, armor damaged due to traffic accidents, and their windows delaminating due to UV exposure, all of which has significantly degraded and compromised the AVs’ ballistic properties. Continuing to operate the fleet in its current state would defeat the purpose for which the AV is designed for – the protection and safe transit of USAID IPs.

Currently, the procurement, up-armoring, shipment and delivery process of DoS/Defensive Equipment and Armored Vehicles (DEAV) approved Level C or D AVs can take up to 1.5 years. It is the opinion of the Partner Liaison Security Officer (PLSO) that if the AV fleet is not replenished immediately, non-recoverable operating costs will continue to escalate at an exponential rate brought upon by increased AV leasing. More importantly, as AVs become
more unserviceable and less dependable, the security risk to drivers and passengers will continue to increase.

1.2. Activity Description

USAID will be purchasing approximately 100 AV for Mission’s use.

DoS is well-positioned to rapidly procure the AVs. DoS currently has a mechanism (Blanket Purchase Agreement) under which the required AVs can be quickly ordered and procured. More importantly, the DoS has the expertise and acquired knowledge procuring these type of specialized equipment. DoS has a pre-screened list of AVs they can purchase from pre-approved vendors that meet the needs of the Mission.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended action: Negative Determination with Conditions

The use and eventual disposal of the AVs may potentially impact the environment and health of occupants if standard mitigating measures and safety standards are not adhered to. The DoS follows US EPA standards for vehicle maintenance and has rigorous Department of Defense/Defense Logistics Agency (DoD/DLA) mandated standards for the disposal of armored vehicles (Annex 1). USAID will not have the ability to provide day to day oversight on the use and disposal of the AVs under this activity.

The Condition for this IEE is that Implementing Partners who will operate the AVs will be required to adhere to all applicable DoS and DoD environmental, health and safety standards for the use of the AVs, as well as any applicable national Afghan regulations, including local vehicle driving license requirements, safe use of vehicles, and any emissions and safety inspection certificates that may be required. This will include the use of standard catalytic converters to minimize air pollution, use of high quality fuel, adherence to standardized maintenance schedule, adherence to safe disposal standards of spent oil, other liquids and used parts, and finally DoS approved disposal of the AVs at the end of their lifetime. PLSO will inform USAID Afghanistan when and how the AVs will need to be disposed.

3.0 CLIMATE RISK CHANGE SCREENING

Afghanistan is extremely vulnerable to the impacts from global climate change. Available information suggests that since 1960 annual temperature have increased 0.6°C and is expected to rise even more and there is an increase in the frequency of extreme weather events such as droughts and rainstorms¹. The AVs to be purchased under this activity will be four-wheel drive all-terrain vehicles able to withstand the rigors of daily use under extreme circumstances and will therefore not be impacted much by the increasing incidence of extreme weather events. The expected useful life in Afghanistan is approximately 5 years.

¹ https://www.climatelinks.org/resources/climate-change-risk-profile-afghanistan
4.0 REVISIONS

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available which indicates that activities to be funded by the project might be "major" and the project's effect "significant," or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered "major" and their effects significant, this IEE will be reviewed and revised by the originator of the project and submitted to the BEO/OAPA for approval and, if appropriate, an environmental assessment will be prepared. It is the responsibility of the USAID COR/AOR to keep the Mission Environmental Officer, USAID/Afghanistan and the BEO/OAPA informed of any new information or changes in scope and nature of the activity that might require revision of the IEE.

Annex:

Annex 1: United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Armored Vehicle Destruction & Disposal Procedures
Annex 1

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Procurement of Armored Vehicles, IEE

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United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Armored Vehicle Destruction & Disposal Procedures

As detailed in the responsibilities listed below, “CONTRACTOR” shall remove, dismantle, destroy and dispose of any and all armored and ballistic material from Armored Vehicle(s) owned by USAID and located at USAID’s warehouse and/or location of destruction on or before __________. In exchange for this work, “CONTRACTOR” will be allowed to keep as compensation for services rendered, all “Scrap Materials” defined to include, but not limited to, destroyed bodies, and associated Vehicle(s) parts (i.e., engine accessories and interior items) but excluding any “Sensitive Security Equipment,” and “Usable Material” (as defined below) which shall be retained by USAID in its sole discretion. Any doubts about what constitutes “Scrap Materials” will be determined by USAID.

Responsibilities of “CONTRACTOR”:

“CONTRACTOR” shall drain, store and dispose of all Vehicle(s) fluids to include, but not limited to, engine oil, radiator/engine coolant, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid and differential gear oil in an environmentally responsible fashion and according to the applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Government.

“CONTRACTOR” shall disassemble, cut and destroy all the armored and ballistic parts of the Vehicle(s) according to the applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Government.

“CONTRACTOR” shall remove and return to USAID any Vehicle Identification Number (VIN#) Plates/Placards/Decals located throughout the Vehicle(s) (i.e., VIN#: firewall, engine compartment, door sills, frames rails, etc.) which would identify Vehicle(s) as being owned by the U.S. Government.

“CONTRACTOR” shall cut each piece of armored metal to squares no larger than 6 inches by 6 inches (15cm by 15cm).

“CONTRACTOR” shall cut ballistic glass into sections no larger than 12 inches by 12 inches (30cm by 30cm) or thoroughly shattering and crushing the ballistic glass.

“CONTRACTOR” shall cut and/or break holes into the engine block, transmissions & transfer cases, and differential assemblies rendering them inoperable.

“CONTRACTOR” shall cut the bodies of Armored Vehicle(s) into sections.

“CONTRACTOR” shall dispose of all excess Scrap Material and waste (i.e., metal, glass, etc.) and ensure that the USAID warehouse and/or location of destruction area is cleaned after the materials are removed.

“CONTRACTOR” shall be responsible for any and all taxes, duties and disposal charges or other fees imposed by the Government of Afghanistan on the Scrap Materials after taking them out of USAID warehouse.

“CONTRACTOR” shall have full responsibility for all scrap materials after removing them from the USAID warehouse and/or location of destruction.
“CONTRACTOR” shall retain and remove from the USAID warehouse and/or location of destruction the Scrap Materials as compensation for all work performed. No other payment will be made to the contractor for the destruction and disposal of the Vehicle(s) unless previously approved.

“CONTRACTOR” shall not remove from the USAID warehouse and/or location of destruction any “Usable Materials” as determined by USAID in its sole discretion to include, but not limited to: license plates, usable tires and rims, front bumpers, winches, usable front & rear lights, roof racks, radio equipment, emergency equipment, toolkits, jacks, and other items identified and deemed by the USAID staff as remaining in U.S. Government custody.

“CONTRACTOR” is responsible for maintaining adequate insurance and ensuring safety of its personnel during the destruction of the Vehicle(s). USAID is not responsible for any injuries or liability to contractor personnel.

Note:

USAID also might have Up-Armored Vehicle(s) and other types of armored/ballistic vehicle(s) and items. Some Up-Armored Vehicles(s) that USAID wants the armored components removed and destroyed; which may include, but not limited to: armored glasses, steel plates, ballistic floor linings and any other ballistic parts. These Up-Armored Vehicle(s) would then be used as soft skin Vehicle(s) in the future.

Responsibilities of USAID:

USAID shall provide a formal letter to the “CONTRACTOR” providing specific instructions for the delivery and destruction of said Vehicle(s).

USAID shall not be responsible for any taxes, duties, disposal fees or other charges imposed on the destroyed Vehicle(s) or Scrap Materials by the Government of Afghanistan.

USAID shall not be responsible for the destroyed Vehicle(s) and/or Scrap Materials once they have been removed from the USAID warehouse.

USAID shall not pay “CONTRACTOR” for the services performed under this agreement unless previously approved. In lieu of payment, “CONTRACTOR” agrees to take custody of the Scrap Material, destroyed bodies, and associated Vehicle(s) parts (i.e., engine accessories and interior items), except those parts which USAID has identified and determined are Usable Material and/or Sensitive Security Equipment to be retained for use by USAID.

USAID reserves the right to keep any and all parts it identifies as suitable for continued use and/or identified as “Sensitive Security Equipment.”
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Start mission clearances: IEE for Procurement of Armored Vehicles
1 message

Harry Bottenberg <hbottenberg@usaid.gov>  
To: milbrahimi@usaid.gov  
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Ibrahimi, pls prepare the folder for mission clearances. Andrei's clearance is below, I can sign and will use today's date.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrei Barannik <abarannik@usaid.gov>  
Date: May 2, 2018 at 10:01:57 AM EDT  
To: Harry Bottenberg <hbottenberg@usaid.gov>  
Cc: Christopher Payne <cpayne@usaid.gov>, Nery Jubert-Rivera <njubert-rivera@usaid.gov>, Mohammad Ismail Ibrahimi <milbrahimi@usaid.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT for REA Review: IEE for Procurement of Armored Vehicles

Harry -

Reviewed - looks OK

I clear.

W/r,

Andrei

On Wed, May 2, 2018 at 9:29 AM, Harry Bottenberg <hbottenberg@usaid.gov> wrote:
Andrei, see attached for your urgent review. Note that the exact number of vehicles will be added later this week, total amount will be 25 million (so you can figure it will be perhaps 50 to 100 vehicles including shipping etc).

I clear as MEO.

Cc-ing Chris as a heads-up that this is coming his way after Herbie has signed (after Andrei's clearance).

harry

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From: Harry Bottenberg <hbottenberg@usaid.gov>
Date: Wed, May 2, 2018 at 5:52 PM
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