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If Yes, Purpose of Amendment: to cover the cost-extension of the activity

DCN(s) of Related EA/IEE/RCE/ER(s): 2014-UKR-010, 2008-UKR-005, 2010-UKR-003


Funding Amount: AMD: $1,500,000 LOP Amount: $6,000,000

Contract/Award Number (if known): AID-121-A-14-00001

Recommended Determination: Categorical Exclusion

Additional Elements:

Government to Government: ☐ Local Procurement: ☑ Donor Co-Funded: ☐

1. Project and Activity Description

1.1 Purpose and Scope of RCE

The Purpose of this Amendment is to add $1,500,000 to the RADA activity. RADA, since its inception has been covered under the DG DOAG IEE, DCN: 2014-UKR-010, Objective 1. This amendment, is a supplemental RCE to the DOAG providing details about the specific scope of the RADA activity.

To date, RADA has undertaken a number of initiatives, several of which have taken hold and are showing signs of approaching sustainable outcomes, a few examples include:

Model District project, piloted with a group of competitively selected lawmakers and intended to improve communication and interaction between MPs and voters as well as employ e-democracy toolkit in parliamentary work. Activities include press tours, MP reports to constituencies, public discussions of draft legislation and other public events.

E-Petitions to the Parliament – a service implemented on the Verkhovna Rada web site with support and hands-on assistance from USAID RADA; In 2018, the RADA Program assisted the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VR) to develop and adopt E-Parliament Strategy that fully regulates functioning of electronic instruments such as e-petitions, e-committee and public discussion of draft legislation and makes Parliament open and transparent. On July 5, VR Chairman Andriy Parubiy signed the Strategy of e-Parliament Development of the Verkhovna Rada for 2018-2020. The RADA Program supported the VR
Secretariat initiative of elaboration of the Strategy by providing all necessary expert support. The Strategy provides comprehensive support of the digitalization process of the VR and the Secretariat activities as well as reforming of lawmaking technology through the implementation of modern ICTs.

European Information and Research Center (EIRC), reopened at the Verkhovna Rada owing to efforts of USAID RADA in cooperation with the VR Secretariat. USAID RADA supports the EIRC operation. Moreover, the Program bought an EBSCOhost subscription for the parliament. The EBSCO online research databases are now accessible from VR premises, including the EIRC. With the RADA Program support VR organized Information Fair by itself for the first time. The Information Fair provides an opportunity for the VR to connect with experts from civil society organizations, think tanks, academic institutions, and international technical assistance projects. Thus, it is regarded as one of the most efficient tools of the VR’s communication with the expert environment and civil society. This year the Information Fair was organized and held by the VR Secretariat itself, with support from the RADA Program. This happened for the first time in the history of InfoFairs. A huge amount of preparatory work was jointly performed by RADA Program experts and VR Secretariat professionals. The RADA Program transferred to the VR the methodology and technical details of planning and conducting events.

Parliamentary Internship Program. It was initiated in 1995 on a joint initiative of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The Interns' League has been administering the program since 2009, with support from USAID RADA since 2014. A total of about 1,500 interns have graduated from the program since 1995. The RADA Program has institutionalized the Parliament Internship Program. Starting from 2018, the VR Resolution establishes personal scholarships for the participants of the Parliamentary Internship Program enrolled full-time.

1.2 Project Overview
The Responsible Accountable Democratic Assembly or RADA was launched in November 2013, just before millions of Ukrainians took to the streets for what is presently known as the Revolution of Dignity. RADA aims to "promote a representative, accountable and independent parliament – the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine."

The Program's implementer is the East Europe Foundation, a Ukrainian nonprofit organization. Other partners include three Ukrainian NGOs: Internews Ukraine, Agency for Legislative Initiatives, and Civil Network OPORA.

The Program's priority tasks include:

- More effectively involve citizens in the legislative process through implementation of efficient tools for citizen (elector) communication, information and service provision;
- Expand citizen participation in the monitoring of the parliament operation; and
- Improve the effectiveness of independent parliamentary oversight of the executive branch.

To fulfill its tasks and achieve its goal, USAID RADA closely collaborates with Members of Parliament (MPs) and their aides, the Verkhovna Rada Secretariat, civil society organizations, research institutions and individual Ukrainian and international experts, as well as the media. The Program in particular:

- Supports MPs in their efforts to set up effective collaboration with their constituencies and improve the quality of exercising their representative powers;
- Promotes the initiatives of civic education and civil society monitoring of both the Verkhovna Rada and the MPs in order to increase their accountability to the electorate; and
- Facilitates the strengthening of an independent legislative branch within the system of state authorities in Ukraine by increasing the efficiency of current parliamentary procedures.
In addition, USAID RADA works to address issues as citizen education, active involvement of the youth, public participation in policy making and implementation, and effective anti-corruption policy. A gender component is also among the Program’s priority foci. More project details can be found at: http://radaprogram.org/en/

With the additional funding, the RADA program will continue to work towards the current goals of (1) Improved public representation in the legislative process; (2) Expanded role of citizens in monitoring the work of Parliament; and (3) Role of legislature in providing independent oversight of the Executive branch strengthened.

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#### 3. Justification for Categorical Exclusion Determination and Climate Risk Screening

Based on the nature of the activities, which focus on TA it has been determined that there is a “low” risk pertaining to the potential for any climate related impacts on this investment. There are opportunities to raise awareness with Parliament pertaining to the risk climate change poses to Ukraine and legislative opportunities to prepare the country to incorporate adaptation and mitigation measures.

The activities under the RADA Activity will not have an effect on the natural or physical environment and are among the classes of activities listed in 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2). Therefore, under §216.2(c)(1), neither an IEE nor an EA will be required for these activities. Instead, a categorical exclusion threshold determination is recommended for the following identified activities under 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2):

- Activity 1.1-1.4, 2.1-2.5, 3.1-3.3 under §216.2(c)(2)(i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.).

#### 4. Limitations of the Categorical Exclusion Determination:

This categorical exclusion does not cover classes of actions normally having a significant effect on the environment under §216.2(d):

i. Programs of river basin development;

ii. Irrigation and water management;

iii. Agricultural land leveling;

iv. Drainage projects;

v. Large scale agricultural mechanization;

vi. Resettlement projects;

vii. New land development;

viii. Penetration road building and road improvement;

ix. Powerplants;

x. Industrial plants; and

xi. Potable water and sewerage projects

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- Support project preparation, project feasibility studies, engineering design for activities listed in §216.2(d)(1);

- Affect endangered species;

- Provide support to extractive industries (e.g. mining and quarrying);

- Promote timber harvesting;
• Lead to construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or renovation work;
• Support agro-processing or industrial enterprises;
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• Lead to privatization of industrial facilities or infrastructure with heavily polluted property;
• Assist the procurement (including payment in kind, donations, guarantees of credit) or use (including handling, transport, fuel for transport, storage, mixing, loading, application, clean-up of spray equipment, and disposal) of pesticides or activities involving procurement, transport, use, storage, or disposal of toxic materials—pesticides cover all insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. covered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; and/or
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Any of these actions would require a Europe and Eurasia Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) approved amendment to the categorical exclusion.

5. **Mandatory Inclusion of Environmental Compliance Requirements in Solicitations, Awards, Budgets, and Work Plans**
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6. **Revisions**
Under §216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available that indicates that activities covered by the categorical exclusion might be considered major and their effect significant, or if additional activities are proposed that might be considered major and their effect significant, this categorical exclusion determination will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised by the Mission Environmental Officer (MEO) with concurrence by the BEO. It is the responsibility of the USAID Contract Officer’s Representative (COR)/Agreement Officer’s Representative (AOR) to keep the MEO and BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of this determination.

7. **Recommended Environmental Threshold Decision Clearances:**
Approval: 

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Acting Mission Director

Date: 12/21/2018

Clearance:

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Dan Halpern, Acting Deputy Mission Director

Date: 12/19/2018

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David Rush, Acting Residential Legal Officer

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Marat Kyurchevsky, Alternative AOR

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Mark Kamiya, Bureau Environmental Officer

Date: 1/9/19

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IEE File
MEO (to also provide a copy to AOR/COR)
**Cybersecurity- Climate Risk Screening and Management Tool for Activity Design**

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