1. Purpose of Amendment

1.1. Purpose and Scope of Amendment is to increase ceiling of the USAID Agriculture Program by $2,660,394 to $23,160,394. The period of performance for the USAID Agriculture Program will remain unchanged.

1.2. The nature of the activities under the proposed cost extension of the USAID Agriculture Program remains the same as approved in the original program description.

1.3. All conditions of the original IEE remain in effect. With this Amendment, all existing reporting requirements shall remain in place.

1.4. Since the start of implementation in September 2018, the USAID Agriculture Program has achieved the following: (1) established a main office in Tbilisi and a field office in Kutaisi; (2) filled all staffing requirements; (3) conducted a comprehensive sector and value chain assessment.
to identify high potential areas for interventions; (4) released a Request for Applications for grants to improve the competitiveness of the berry sector, assessed all applications, and submitted five investment proposals to the Contracting Officer’s Representative for approval; (5) released a Request for Applications for grants to assess and build the capacity of agricultural cooperatives and associations; and (6) released a Request for Applications to support modern food safety certification services.

1.5. This project is currently in compliance.

2. **Recommended Environmental Threshold Decision Clearances:**

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