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Implementation & Procurement Reform

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Throughout our history, America has embraced a culture of risk-taking and entrepreneurship that has driven much of our progress and prosperity. Our entrepreneurial ethic is a distinctly American contribution to the work of development—we are helping people identify opportunities and create solutions that meet people’s needs.

GOAL: Embrace our ability to be development entrepreneurs focused on improving how we do business—contracting with and providing grants to more and varied local partners, and creating true partnerships to create the conditions where aid is no longer necessary in the countries where we work.

OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen partner country capacity to improve aid effectiveness and sustainability by increasing use of reliable partner country systems and institutions to provide support to partner countries.
2. Strengthen local civil society and private sector capacity to improve aid effectiveness and sustainability, by working closely with our implementing partners on capacity building and local grant and contract allocations.
3. Increase competition and broaden USAID’s partner base, by increasing the number of prime contract awards and percentage of total dollars obligated to U.S. based small and disadvantaged businesses and small NGOs (while decreasing the number and value of large pre-competed contracts).
4. Use USG resources more efficiently and effectively, by increasing the number of fixed price contracts where feasible and appropriate, decreasing the use of “high-risk” procurement methods, and harmonizing procurement approaches with other US government agencies working in the same substantive areas.

5. Strengthen collaboration and partnership with bilateral donors, multilateral and international organizations to increase synergies and avoid duplication.
6. Rebuild USAID's internal technical capacity and rebalance the workforce, working with the Talent Management Reform initiative.

APPROACH

To achieve our procurement reform goals, USAID will:

- Reduce the burden that procurement processes place on our people and on our partners.
- Streamline our processes, increasing the use of small businesses and using host country systems where it makes sense.
- Rebuild USAID's internal technical capacity and strengthen its acquisition and assistance workforce.

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