

Sample Language from USAID Procurement Documents

1. Haïti MARCHÉ – Multi-sectoral Agribusiness project

Section L.6

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PLAN

To ensure compliance with the USAID environmental regulation 22 CFR 216, the Contractor is responsible for providing USAID Haiti with an Environmental Mitigation Plan, as outlined in the applicable document (attachment J.9): “Guidelines for Implementing Partners on the USAID Haiti Environmental Mitigation Report”. The Implementing Partner shall ensure that appropriate environmental guidelines are followed, that mitigation measures described in the pertinent Environmental Threshold Decision for each of these activities are funded and implemented, including any necessary training or capacity building, and adequate monitoring. The procurement and/or use of pesticides would require an amended IEE, pursuant to USAID’s Pesticide Procedures 22 CFR 216.3(b)(1)(i)(a-l).

If the proposed interventions deal only with: education, training programs, document and information transfers, studies, assessments, technical assistance projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, no additional plans for environmental mitigation monitoring need to be included in the proposal.

Exceptions to the above are: Technical assistance or development planning is designed to result in activities that will directly affect the environment, medical or health care activities generate medical waste, or the activity has grants under contract.

If the activity is not in one of the above exempt categories or if it is one of the exceptions, then a description of an environmental mitigation and monitoring plan must be included in the proposal. The plan should describe how the offerer will follow the guidelines attached for the Environmental Mitigation Report (EMR). Additionally, the offerer should show how the EMR plan is linked to the achievement of results and requirements, the work / milestone plan, and most importantly into the overall Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) for the contract (agreement). See also reporting requirements for more detail on this plan.

The Program Strategy shall also be in compliance with USAID legal and regulatory framework for trade, investment and agriculture programs to make sure that the proposed assistance is appropriate. Applicable laws and regulations include, but are not restricted to, Policy Determination (PD) 20/ADS 225 (EPZs and Workers Rights), PD-15 (Agricultural Exports), PD 71 (Palm Oil, Citrus and Sugar for Export), ADS 307 & 312 (USAID Commodity Eligibility Listing) and other related laws and regulations.

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Environmental Mitigation Plan: While the Environmental Mitigation Plan will not be evaluated as a part of the award consideration, award to the otherwise successful offeror will not be made unless and until an acceptable plan is approved by the Government. Failure to submit an acceptable plan may cause the Government to award to the next successful offeror.

- Evaluate the responsiveness and completeness of the plan

2. Nigeria MARKETS RFP - Multi-sector Agribusiness project

H.16 ENVIRONMENTAL CLAUSE

In accordance with USG and USAID environmental provisions, the following conditions shall apply to the implementation of the agriculture development activities under the subject RFP, and will be incorporated as provisions in the final contract:

- (a) For activities involving improved milling and processing technologies for selected crops, the condition that action is taken to prevent environmental damage effluent disposal by conducting training and information dissemination on proper disposal of wastes;
- (b) For activities related to enhancing market systems, the condition that action is taken to conduct internal analysis/review of potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures from increased production, harvesting and/or value-added processing for proposed new product/market linkages;
- (c) For activities involving rapid dissemination of improved crop, livestock, aquaculture and forestry technologies, the condition that proper field testing has been conducted, and that existing Nigeria Seed Law and varietal release procedures of the National Seeds Service (NSS) are followed;
- (d) For activities involving increased production, the condition to monitor the impact of activities on lands use to ensure that expansion of crop area does not lead to land degradation, destruction of forest or other adverse impacts;
- (e) For extractive natural resource enterprise activities associated with forest, savannas, wetlands, water bodies and other natural areas, the condition that adequate baseline information (related to stocks and growth) is readily available to establish sustainable off-take rates and monitor change over time; and
- (f) Pesticides shall not be procured or included in the technology packages unless the specific use has been approved by USAID through a Pesticide Evaluation and Safe Use Action Plan (PERSUAP).

Any grants or fund transfers from (contractor) to organizations must incorporate provisions that the activities to be undertaken will be within the envelop of the environmental determinations and recommendations above.

3. UGANDA SPRING – Peace building and Economic Growth Project

Section M. 4

4. Other Criteria (10 Points)

(a) Propose a strategy for implementing environmental consciousness and awareness during the implementation of the SPRING program. The following sites maybe useful:

<http://climatecrisis.org>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stern_Review_on_the_Economics_of-Climate_Change/

<http://www.realclimate.org>