

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Iraq
Program Title:	National Capacity Development
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	267-010
Status:	New in FY 2006
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$25,000,000 IRRF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$25,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's new National Capacity Development Program will help the new Government of Iraq (GOI) strengthen the core functions necessary for the efficient administration of its key national ministries (e.g., Finance, Electricity, Oil, Municipalities and Public Works, Water Resources, Transport, Planning, Justice, Judiciary, Agriculture, Basic and Higher Education, Health, etc.), the Inspector Generals of these ministries, and anti-corruption organizations like the Commission on Public Integrity and the Board of Supreme Audit. Efficient and transparent ministry operations are imperative for meeting basic human needs for security, economic opportunity, reliable electricity and water, maintaining critical infrastructure, and other essential services associated with successful governance. USAID's new program will also build constituencies for targeted public policy reforms; improve processes for policy and legislative reforms within selected government institutions; support transparent and credible elections; and strengthen the capacity of both civil society and government for conflict mitigation and management.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Economic Policy and the Business Environment (\$5,000,000 IRRF). USAID is supporting the implementation of the Iraq Financial Management Information System and providing technical advisors to the Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Iraq, and Prime Minister's Office to promote economic reforms and meet International Monetary Fund conditions. USAID will begin to close-out of these activities in May 2006 and will fully expend all funding by September 2006. Principal Implementer: BearingPoint.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$20,000,000 IRRF). USAID is helping the new GOI to strengthen the core public administration functions of its key ministries in the areas of fiscal and personnel management, strategic planning and policy development, leadership, information technology, communications, and technical skills. Technical assistance is being provided to institutionalize public administration "best practices" of these core functions by developing standard public administration training modules and processes across the key ministries. In the area of public sector development, USAID, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Treasury, is spearheading the GOI initiative to implement the Iraqi Financial Management Information System linking all GOI ministries and all governorates under real-time government accounting system. Working with the Ministry of Finance, USAID and the U.S. Department of Treasury are assisting the GOI to revamp the budgeting process to increase efficiency and transparency. Economic policy advisors are assisting both the Ministry of Finance and the Prime Minister's Office to support continued economic reform efforts. Additionally, assistance is being provided to the Central Bank of Iraq to continue bank supervision and regulatory oversight capacity building. Principal Implementers: BearingPoint and another To Be Determined (TBD).

FY 2007 Program:

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$25,000,000 ESF). This funding will provide technical assistance to Iraqi banks, the stock exchange, and the securities commission. Approximately, \$20 million will specifically focus on building the capacity of the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Iraq, particularly in their capacity to develop and execute budgets, manage financial system, and support the Iraqi payment system. USAID and the U.S. Department of Treasury will work in partnership on this program. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Performance and Results: Since 2003, USAID has been instrumental in providing key assistance to the new Iraqi governments. USAID helped establish the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq and supported three successful election events, providing and distributing election materials and training 25,000 election monitors. USAID strengthened the capacity of the legislative branch of the Iraqi interim and transitional governments and their staff to govern more effectively through assistance and training in lawmaking, representation, and executive oversight. USAID also worked with the Executive Branch to develop governing processes--rules, procedures, regulations, and directives necessary to enforce the laws as well as mechanisms to implement government programs and policies.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Iraq

	ESF	IRRF
267-010 National Capacity Development		
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	25,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	25,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	25,000	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	25,000	25,000