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## Contractor and Grantee Notice

To: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients.

Subject: USAID Worldwide Blanket Waiver To Allow Local  
Procurements in Aggregate Amount of Up To \$5 Million Per Instrument

Dear Implementing Partners:

On November 24, 2010, USAID Administrator Shah approved a worldwide blanket waiver to authorize local procurement from the cooperating country in an aggregate amount of up to \$5 million of commodities and services per USAID award as described below. The waiver is in effect as of November 24, 2010 and will remain in effect until further notice.

The waiver includes:

- Services of cooperating country nationality;
- Commodities of cooperating country source and origin;
- Commodities of cooperating country source and any origin, excluding the foreign policy restricted countries.

As always, the “cooperating country” for this program is the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

These authorities are valid for local procurements in any amount up to \$5 million aggregate in commodities and/or services per USAID award; please note that the \$5 million threshold includes procurement by sub-awardees. In utilizing this blanket waiver, Implementing Partners are required to document their files to account for audit purposes for all transactions ensuring that the aggregate amount of commodities and services relying on this waiver per award does not exceed \$5 million.

All authorities, restrictions and requirements for USAID procurement, funding and programming remain otherwise unaffected. For example, restrictions on ineligible items and special requirements for restricted commodities and services set forth in 22 CFR 228 and ADS 312 (e.g., motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, and agricultural commodities, as well as construction or engineering services from an advanced developing country, etc.) still require approval.

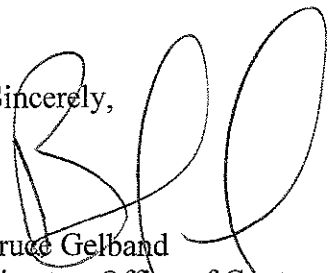
Also, please note that you are still able to request waivers to authorize cooperating country procurements in excess of the \$5 million aggregate amount per award, using the normal waiver procedures and criteria described in 22 CFR 228, Subpart F. Existing, approved waivers are not

affected by this blanket waiver and remain in effect according to their terms and do not count towards the aggregate amount of \$5 million per USAID award.

Acquisition of commodities and services of a source and nationality beyond the Cooperating Country source and nationality will still require prior approval of USAID for a waiver under 22 CFR 228 subpart F on a case-by-case basis.

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to Ms. Reine Joubran, Acquisition and Assistance Supervisor at [rjoubran@usaid.gov](mailto:rjoubran@usaid.gov).

Sincerely,



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