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ES-CAM CARSS IDIQ

Open to all Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean

WHAT IS THE CARSS IDIQ?

This \$800 million IDIQ is primarily available for use by USAID Missions throughout Central America and Mexico, with the potential to be scaled to include additional USAID Missions throughout the Latin America and Caribbean Regions. This IDIQ aims to provide Missions with a responsive, agile mechanism to rapidly advance acquisition solutions in support of each Missions' Country Development Cooperation Strategies, the Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS), the U.S. Strategy for Addressing the Root Causes of Migration in Central America (RCS), and Centroamerica Local. The CARSS IDIQ objectives aim to:

- Address economic insecurity and lack of economic opportunity;
- Strengthen democratic governance, reduce gender-based violence, promote respect for human rights and a free press, and address migration dynamics;
- Improve resilience to climate change, food security, and health threats; and
- Strengthen the capacity of local partners and provide technical and management expertise to USAID missions.

HOW CAN MISSIONS ACCESS THE CARSS IDIQ?

For activities currently in design that may be suited to be procured under the CARSS IDIQ:

- Missions should continue to follow their activity design process as advised by their Program Offices.
- Mission Activity Planners and Design Teams must complete a Selection of Instrument memo confirming acquisition as the appropriate procurement method with the Contracting Officer's approval.
- Once Missions reach the "Approval Phase" of the activity, the Mission Task Order Contracting Officer (TOCO)/Lead Planner should share the draft SOW with ES-CAM's Regional Office of Acquisition and Assistance (ROAA) who will verify that activities are consistent with the USAID CARSS SOW and that the budget is within the IDIQ ceiling.
- The TOCO and each Mission's Program Office, will advise on additional documentation needed for the GLAAS package, as part of the activity design process, per ADS 201 and ADS 300.

INTEREST OR QUESTIONS?

If you or your staff are interested in using the CARSS IDIQ, please reach out to the ES-CAM IDIQ COR and Alternate COR, Yolanda Martinez (ymartinez@usaid.gov) and Kristin Shouba (kshouba@usaid.gov), or ES-CAM ROAA leads, Robert Claussen (rclaussen@usaid.gov) and Agi Tusjak (atusjak@usaid.gov), lead COs, and Alejandra Quiñonez (aquinonez@usaid.gov), A&A Specialist.

ES-CAM CARSS IDIQ Ordering Guide available to USAID Missions upon request to the contacts above.