ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SUPPORT (ECOS) CONTRACT

Fact Sheet

ECOS OVERVIEW

To advance developing countries' journeys to self-reliance, USAID safeguards people and resources by systematically addressing environmental risk. USAID developed the ECOS contract to provide USAID staff and implementing partners worldwide with technical, educational, and knowledge management assistance to facilitate compliance with 22 CFR 216, Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) Sections 117/118/119, regulatory requirements, and executive order and policy objectives. This single, Agency-wide contract offers a consistent, quality approach to environmental compliance across the Agency. It is intended to minimize duplication of systems and efforts, facilitate the sharing of lessons learned, reduce compliance risks, provide training, facilitate capacity building, and reduce transaction costs of operating units (OUs) (i.e., Missions and Bureaus) that seek access to environmental compliance and related services.

ECOS MANAGEMENT

ICF is the ECOS prime contractor and provides services through a time and materials contract under the GSA One Acquisition Solution for Integrated Services (OASIS) IDIQ. USAID's Bureau of Economic Growth, Education, and Environment (E3) manages ECOS. ICF works closely with The Cadmus Group as a major partner, as well as The Cloudburst Group, Neptune, and Tellevate as additional core

subcontractors. resource partners include Engineering Company for Marine Affairs (ECMA), ENREM Consultants, Guinee Ecologie (GE), ICEM Asia Consulting, Infra-D Consultants (IDC), the Secretariat for Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (SEEAC), and the Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA). The ECOS team also has a roster of on-call local partners and consultants who can be engaged depending on location and needs.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

ECOS activities are divided into three categories: (1) training, (2) technical support, and (3) knowledge management, learning, and communications. ECOS has a broad scope, allowing it to cover most foreseeable environmental compliance and management support needs. Examples of services include:

A. **Training.** Planning, design, and delivery of training in environmental compliance and/or environmentally sound and climate-smart design; assessing training needs; and development and delivery of online/distance learning on these topics.

B. **Guidance, Tools, and Systems.** Development of environmental best practice/compliance guidance for individual projects or sector programs, and development of IT and other tools to support environmental compliance and monitoring

and evaluation from OU portfolio to project level.

C. **22 CFR 216 and Climate Risk Management (CRM) Documentation.** Development and review of documentation prepared under USAID environmental procedures, such as initial environmental examinations, environmental assessments, programmatic environmental assessments, CRM analyses, and FAA 118/119 Tropical Forest and Biodiversity assessments.

D. **Compliance Assessments, Field Monitoring and Evaluation.** Environmental compliance assessments, from OU portfolio to project and site levels, including field monitoring.

E. **Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans (EMMPs) and Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Reports (EMMRs).** Development of realistic, best practice EMMPs based on consultative engagement at the global, field-mechanism, or Mission level. Field or desk-based reviews of activity conformance to EMMPs for annual reporting purposes, e.g., EMMRs. Technical and quality review of EMMPs and EMMRs.

F. **Environmental Management in Disaster Assistance.** Support to disaster assistance, including rapid environmental assessments.

G. **BEO, REA, and MEO Support and Backstopping.** Review of 22 CFR 216 and CRM documentation; technical assistance for implementing partners and USAID staff developing this documentation.

H. **Other Environmental Analyses.** Scoping, development, and review of climate vulnerability assessments; biosafety reviews; health and social impact assessments; environmental reviews of multilateral development bank project proposals; and others.

I. **Host Country Environmental Management Capacity.** Assess and support capacity building of host-country environmental and CRM systems.

J. **Knowledge Management, Learning, and Communications.** Dissemination of environmental management guidance; development of strategic environmental communications plan and communications materials; management of databases, websites, and Google sites.

ACCESSING ECOS SERVICES

OUs interested in accessing ECOS services should contact their BEO and the ECOS COR.

AWARD DETAILS

Order Number	7200AA18N00001
Period of Performance	4 Sept 2018–3 Sept 2023
Contract Ceiling	$39.8 million (5 years)
Lead & Group Req.	Contact COR for code

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

USAID Environmental Compliance and Management resources are available online at https://www.usaid.gov/environmental-procedures.