

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 02	3. EFFECTIVE DATE See block 16C	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY USAID/CAR/AA 7030 Almaty place Department of State Washington DC 20521-7030	CODE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) USAID/DOS 7030 Almaty Place Washington, DC 20521-7030	CODE

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SOL-176-11-000003
		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
	X	10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) 01-26-2011

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

N/A

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
X	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

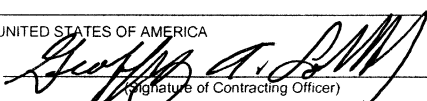
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purposes of this Amendment is to replace Section C.3 Challenges of the Solicitation #176-11-000003 and to notify all interested parties about time and place of the Solicitation Conference.

Accordingly the following changes are made:

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Geoffry Lohsl
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY  (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED 4 Feb 2011

1. SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK. Delete "C.3 CHALLENGES" and replace with following:

"C.3 CHALLENGES

Despite the progress that has been made towards sustainable economic development, particularly in Kazakhstan, challenges exist. While regional economic integration and cooperation is a long-term and iterative process mandatory for sustainable economic growth, it is not viewed as a priority by decision-makers in Central Asia. Uzbekistan's economy is heavily oriented towards import substitution and relatively unattractive to foreign investors. For Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, a sustainable increase in living standards will not occur without increased regional economic integration and cooperation, but engagement with their neighbors toward this outcome has had poor results. Tajikistan's trade with other countries is hampered by poor relations with Uzbekistan, the easiest route by which to import or export.

With respect to domestic economic policy and its implementation, political expediency frequently results in decisions ill-suited for sustainable economic growth. Economic reform is beset by entrenched interests, and in some cases corruption, that serve as an obstacle to growth.

In all Central Asia countries, private sector activity is dominated by extractive industries and/or the production of agricultural commodities with public functions, economic strategies and structures that relate to businesses focused on these sectors. Micro, small and medium sized enterprises account for an inadequate percentage of GDP while accounting for an increasingly large amount of employment. Unemployment in the region ranges from levels considered high in Kazakhstan to catastrophic in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan where significant percentages of the workforce emigrate to take unskilled jobs in Russia and Kazakhstan. As a result, women in these countries are increasingly involved in small business and agribusiness.

Finally, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan both possess characteristics of failed states which complicate the implementation of economic reforms in those countries. "

2. In the Cover Letter insert: " The Solicitation conference will take place in Holiday Inn Hotel in Almaty, Kazakhstan, February 11, 2011, 9:00 am Almaty time."

[End of Amendment #01]