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#### **Description**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announces its intention to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the implementation of a new agricultural development project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The RFP fits within the Economic Growth priority goal in the approved DRC Country Assistance Strategy (CAS), 2009-2013. The project will achieve one over-arching result: “increased agricultural productivity and marketing opportunities to improve incomes and food security, especially among the poor”, which is in line with the assistance approach described in the CAS.

Proposals will include four components: a) identification of geographic areas of maximum potential impact for investment in agricultural development activities in selected provinces, which may include Bandundu, Bas-Congo, Kinshasa, and Katanga provinces; b) identification of primary agricultural commodities and means of increasing efficiency of production among targeted farming communities; c) post-production processing and storage of agricultural products; and, d) transportation and marketing of agricultural products to high-demand urban market areas in the DRC.

To that end, USAID/DRC is interested in developing a five-year agricultural development project with a total funding of approximately 30 million dollars, with project activities linked to larger urban markets, i.e. Kinshasa and/or Lubumbashi.

The RFP is projected to be issued in several weeks from this notice. USAID will not entertain questions until after the RFP is issued. It is the responsibility of the party downloading the RFP to ensure that it has been received in its entirety, and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from the transmission or conversion process. When the RFP is issued, any amendments thereof will be posted on the internet, and interested parties should check the website regularly. The publication of this notice or the RFP does not obligate the U.S. Government to make an award.

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