

Request for Personal Service Contractor

USAID Office of Transition Initiatives

Position Title:	Senior Program Operations Specialist
Solicitation Number:	SOL-OTI-14-000007
Salary Level:	GS-14 Equivalent: \$106,263 - \$138,136
Issuance Date:	January 9, 2014
Closing Date:	January 24, 2014
Closing Time:	5:00 P.M. EST

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The United States Government (USG), represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications from qualified U.S. citizens to provide personal services as a Senior Program Operations Specialist under a personal services contract, as described in the attached solicitation.

Submittals must be in accordance with the attached information at the place and time specified. Applicants interested in applying for this position MUST submit the following materials:

1. Complete resume. In order to fully evaluate your application, your resume must include:

(a) Paid and non-paid experience, job title, location(s), dates held (month/year), and hours worked per week for each position. Dates (month/year) and locations for all overseas field experience must also be detailed. Any experience that does not include dates (month/year), locations, and hours per week will not be counted towards meeting the solicitation requirements.

(b) Specific duties performed that fully detail the level and complexity of the work.

(c) Names and contact information (phone and email) of your current and/or previous supervisor(s).

(d) Education and any other qualifications including job-related training courses, job-related skills, or job-related honors, awards or accomplishments.

(e) U.S. Citizenship.

Your resume should contain sufficient information to make a valid determination that you fully meet the experience requirements as stated in this solicitation. This information should be clearly identified in your resume. Failure to provide information sufficient to determine your qualifications for the position will result in loss of full consideration.

2. Supplemental document specifically addressing:

Each of the five (5) Evaluation Factors shown in the solicitation. Responses must be limited to 500 words per factor. Any additional words above the limit will neither be read nor scored.

NOTE: The Evaluation Factors are worth 70 out of 100 points. Applicants are required to address each of the Evaluation Factors in a separate document describing specifically and accurately what experience, training, education and/or awards they have received that are relevant to each factor.

Additional documents submitted will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Your complete resume and the supplemental document addressing the EFs must be mailed, delivered, faxed, or emailed to:

GlobalCorps 529 14th Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20045 E-Mail Address: srpos@globalcorps.com Facsímile: (202) 403-3911

Applicants can expect to receive a confirmation email when application materials have been received. Applicants should retain for their records copies of all enclosures which accompany their applications. Any questions on this solicitation may be directed to:

Christine Deloff or Anna Cowell Telephone Number: (202) 706-6116 or (202) 706-6114 E-Mail Address: srpos@globalcorps.com Website: www.globalcorps.com Facsímile: (202) 403-3911

Sincerely,

Cristina Sylvia Contracting Officer

Solicitation for U.S. Personal Service Contractor (PSC) Senior Program Operations Specialist

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- 4. **POSITION TITLE**: Senior Program Operations Specialist
- **5. MARKET VALUE**: GS-14 with Washington, DC locality pay (\$106,263 \$138,136). Compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value based upon the candidate's past salary, work history and educational background. **Salaries over and above the top of the GS-14 pay range will not be entertained or negotiated.** Candidates who live outside the Washington, D.C. area will be considered for employment but no relocation expenses will be reimbursed.
- 6. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** Two years, with three one-year option periods.
- 7. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: Washington, D.C.

8. STATEMENT OF WORK

POSITION DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND

The Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) was created in 1994 as a distinct operating unit within USAID to help local partners advance peace and democracy in priority conflict-prone countries. Seizing critical windows of opportunity, OTI works on the ground to provide fast, flexible, short-term assistance targeted at key transition needs.

Countries experiencing a significant political transition in the midst of a disaster or emerging from civil conflict have unique needs that cannot be fully addressed by traditional disaster relief. Timely and effective assistance to promote and consolidate peaceful, democratic advances can make the difference between a successful and failed transition. OTI assists in securing peace by aiding indigenous, mostly non-governmental, civil society and media organizations. OTI uses such mechanisms as support for re-integration of ex-combatants into civilian society; development of initiatives to promote national reconciliation; identification of quick-impact community self-help projects to meet urgent economic needs; and aid to independent media outlets and community-based organizations to help promote informed debate and broaden public participation.

To respond quickly and effectively and meet its program objectives and mandate, OTI retains a group of high-level professionals and experts under U.S. personal services contracts (USPSCs).

These knowledgeable and skilled professionals make up the vast majority of the OTI work force and are at its forefront implementing and achieving the organization's programmatic goals and objectives. USPSCs are considered employees of USAID for all purposes except programs administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) such as federally sponsored health insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits. However, there are several other similar benefits that USPSCs may participate in, such as partial reimbursement for health and life insurance costs, as well as full coverage of workers' compensation, among other benefits. For more complete information on USPSC benefits, please see page 10 of this solicitation.

For more information about OTI and its country programs please see: <u>http://www.usaid.gov/political-transition-initiatives</u>

INTRODUCTION

The Senior Program Operations Specialist is an expert in the multitude of functions that comprise program operations and management for USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives programs in the field and in the U.S. The Senior Program Operations Specialist provides services which require the highest level of professionalism, knowledge, diplomacy, and expertise. The Senior Program Operations Specialist position utilizes the experience and skills gained from working with political transition program support operations to provide operational administrative oversight, support and guidance for program funded staff in OTI.

The Senior Program Operations Specialist supervises one or more administrative teams providing support for program-funded staff who are managing the implementation of a wide range of administrative functions such as human resources, training, and other administrative services for primarily program-funded staff such as U.S. Personal Service Contractors.

This is a key position in a highly exciting and busy office which responds rapidly to crisis situations overseas. For the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)/OTI to implement its rapid response strategy, it is essential that DCHA/OTI personnel receive prompt support. The Senior Program Operations Specialist shall continuously review and develop, in consultation with other USAID personnel, policies, procedures, and guidelines to ensure OTI's program funded staff are well-supported administratively.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this solicitation is to hire a Senior Program Operations Specialist within OTI's Operations and Management Division (OMD).

9. CORE FUNCTIONAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Program Operations Specialist position requires teamwork, the exercise of discretion, judgment, and personal responsibility. As a member of a highly visible and rapid response office, the Senior Program Operations Specialist requires a willingness and ability to perform a wide

range of administrative functions to help ensure programmatic success. The incumbent has a high level of integrity and attention to detail to ensure the use of OTI systems and procedures to maintain effective and efficient management of funds, programming, and monitoring and evaluation. The Senior Program Operations Specialist is a strategic thinker, articulates innovative ideas, presents solutions, and is a positive role model for colleagues both in and outside of OTI. The Senior Program Operations Specialist is highly flexible and the working conditions are subject to ongoing change(s), while maintaining a professional and respectful conduct towards colleagues and authority in a diverse workforce. S/he places a premium on the building of positive relationships with his/her respective team, with the rest of OTI and with key stakeholders both in and outside of USAID. S/he acts as a mentor and trainer to staff as appropriate. The Senior Program Operations Specialist has a strong sense of responsibility, is service-oriented, highly organized, pays close attention to detail, and is able to complete supervisory tasks with minimal guidance.

The Senior Program Operations Specialist priorities are expected to change and evolve in accordance with the requirements of OTI, the work objectives in the scope of work, and will be determined in consultation with the supervisor. Under the direct supervision of the Washington-based Chief of Operations and Management or his/her designee, the Senior Program Operations Specialist will:

- Demonstrate mastery of Agency and Federal Government policies and regulations, especially as they relate to OTI systems, standard operating procedures, and policies. Research regulations and policies that affect the work of the office; liaise with the Agency's General Counsel, Office of Acquisitions and Assistance and others to ensure OTI policies and procedures are up to date and that appropriate waivers are used to enable rapid response for political transition overseas;
- Provide specialized knowledge management support such as lessons learned, best practices across OTI programs and/or operations as required. Provide recommendations and guidance for the resolution of administrative problems. Lead teams in the creation and/or maintenance of information products in support of political transition programs;
- Ensure that critical administrative/operations support staffing needs are achieved in Washington, DC and the field such as providing support for new OTI country program startups, country program management and close-out, and providing on-call technical assistance. Resolve critical problems and develop new solutions and processes for the team;
- Evaluate program operation funding options and costs, ensure accuracy, and recommend options. Oversee the administration of OTI personnel procurement/allocations/costs within OTI which includes the use of program-funded USPSCs and institutional contractors;
- Provide other services and special tasks as required to support OTI's program-funded staff and fulfill OTI's program operations support objectives, such as planning, organizing, directing, designing, and coordinating projects;

- Exercise decision making authority through the development and contribution of systems and business process that ensure efficiency and rapid response, with wide latitude for exercise of independent judgment;
- Analyze problems, issues, or program requirements, synthesize information, identify needs and resolve obstacles. Identify and resolve problems related to Agency programs or services. Develop new systems and contribute to existing systems and business processes that ensure efficiency and rapid response;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with high-level officials of implementing partner companies, institutional contractors, officials outside of USAID on the international level, and other administrative support staff in other USAID offices, sharing procedures and systems for providing rapid operational response;
- Supervise one or more administrative operations teams providing support for program funded staff;
- May be required to serve as Chief OMD in his/her absence.

SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP:

The Senior Program Operations Specialist will take direction from and will report to the Chief of OTI Operations and Management Division or his/her designee.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS:

The Supervisor will set specific work objectives. The employee and the supervisor together will develop deadlines, projects, and work to be accomplished. The incumbent is expected to take initiative and manage his/her tasks effectively.

10. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is generally sedentary and does not pose undue physical demands. During deployment on Assessment teams or during site visits, there may be some additional physical exertion including long periods of standing, walking over rough terrain, or carrying of moderately heavy items (less than 50 pounds).

11. WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work is primarily performed in an office setting. During deployment on Assessments or during site visits, the work may additionally involve special safety and/or security precautions, wearing of protective equipment, and exposure to severe weather conditions.

12. START DATE: Immediately, once necessary clearances are obtained.

13. POINT OF CONTACT: See Cover Letter.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

(Determines basic eligibility for the position. Applicants who do not meet all of education and experience factors are considered NOT qualified for the position. See detailed instructions for demonstrating Education/Experience under ''Applying'')

Bachelor's degree and nine (9) years of relevant work experience, including seven (7) years of experience with an office providing support for staff in U.S. headquarters and overseas;

AND

- (2) A minimum of four (4) years supervisory experience;
- (3) Demonstrated experience overseeing or managing operations (including workforce planning, administrative, financial, information and technology, personnel, travel and other operations management) for a large (more than 150 staff worldwide) U.S. government or international organization;
- (4) Demonstrated experience using Microsoft Office applications including Excel, Word, Outlook, and Access Database.

SELECTION FACTORS

(Determines basic eligibility for the position. Applicants who do not meet all of the Selection Factors are considered NOT qualified for the position.)

- Applicant is a U.S. Citizen;
- Complete resume submitted. See cover page for resume requirements. Experience that cannot be quantified will not be counted towards meeting the solicitation requirements;
- Supplemental document specifically addressing how the candidate meets each of the Evaluation Factors submitted;
- Ability to obtain a SECRET level security clearance (NOTE: Dual citizens may be asked to renounce second-country citizenship);
- Satisfactory verification of academic credentials.

A USAID Secret level security clearance is required prior to issuance of the contract for this position.

EVALUATION FACTORS

(Used to determine the competitive ranking of qualified applicants in comparison to other applicants. The factors are listed in priority order from highest to least.)

Responses must be limited to 500 words per factor. Any additional words above the limit will neither be read nor scored.

Factor #1 Demonstrated ability to research rules and regulations in a government context, including an understanding of U.S. Personal Service Contract rules and regulations;

- Factor #2 Demonstrated ability to represent and articulate customer service ethic in more than one office/job (candidates should describe what customer service means in an administrative support setting);
- Factor #3 Demonstrated interpersonal and teamwork skills, including the ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with a broad range of staff;
- Factor #4 Demonstrated ability to work well under pressure in a fast-paced environment, while independently managing competing priorities and meeting aggressive deadlines; and
- Factor #5 Ability to mentor and train a diverse team, and maintain team morale.

BASIS OF RATING: Applicants who clearly meet the Education/Experience Requirements and Selection Factors will be further evaluated based on scoring of the Evaluation Factor responses. Those applicants determined to be competitively ranked may also be evaluated on interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. In the event that a candidate has fully demonstrated his/her qualifications and there are no other competitive applicants, OTI reserves the right to forego the interview process.

Applicants are required to address each of the Evaluation Factors in a separate document describing specifically and accurately what experience, training, education and/or awards they have received that are relevant to each factor. Be sure to include your name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Selection and/or Evaluation Factors may result in your not receiving credit for all of your pertinent experience, education, training and/or awards.

The Applicant Rating System is as Follows:

Evaluation Factors have been assigned the following points:

Factor #1 - 15Factor #2 - 15Factor #3 - 15Factor #4 - 15Factor #5 - 10Total Possible - 70 Points

Interview Performance - 30 points

Satisfactory Professional Reference Checks – Pass/Fail (no points assigned)

Total Possible Points: 100

The Evaluation Factors are worth 70 out of 100 points. Be sure to fully respond to each of the Evaluation Factors and include all relevant experience, training, and/or education in your

responses. Sample Evaluation Factors are provided on the GlobalCorps website at <u>www.globalcorps.com</u>.

The most qualified candidates may be interviewed and required to provide a writing sample. OTI will not pay for any expenses associated with the interviews. In the event that a candidate has fully demonstrated his/her qualifications and there are no other competitive applicants, OTI reserves the right to forego the interview process. Professional references and academic credentials will be evaluated for applicants being considered for selection.

APPLYING:

Applications must be **received** by the closing date and time at the address specified in the cover letter.

Qualified individuals are **required** to submit:

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By submitting your application materials, you agree to allow all information on and attached to the application to be investigated. False or fraudulent information on or attached to your application may result in you being eliminated from consideration for this position, or being terminated after award, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment.

To ensure consideration of applications for the intended position, please reference the solicitation number on your application, and as the subject line in any email.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

Via mail: GlobalCorps, 529 14th Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20045 Via facsímile: (202) 403-3911 Via email: srpos@globalcorps.com

Please note in your document submittal where you heard about this position.

NOTE: If a full investigation package is not submitted by the selected within 30 days after it is requested, the offer may be rescinded. If a security clearance is not able to be obtained within four months after the selected submits the initial security clearance documentation, the offer may be rescinded.

NOTE REGARDING GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR THIS SOLICITATION

This solicitation in no way obligates USAID to award a PSC contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the application.

NOTE REGARDING DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBERS

All individuals contracted as US PSCs are required to have a DUNS Number. USAID will provide a generic DUNS Number and PSCs are not required to register with CCR.

For general information about DUNS Numbers, please refer to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clause 52.204-6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number (10/2003) https:/acquisition.gov/far/current/html/52_200_206.html

LIST OF REQUIRED FORMS FOR PSCs

Forms outlined below can found at: <u>http://www.usaid.gov/forms/</u> or at <u>http://www.usaid.gov/forms/</u> or at <u>http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference-Shelf/forms.shtml</u>

- 1. Optional Form 612.
- 2. Medical History and Examination Form (DS-6561).
- 3. Questionnaire for Sensitive Positions (for National Security) (SF-86), or

- 4. Questionnaire for Non-Sensitive Positions (SF-85).
- 5. Finger Print Card (FD-258).

Forms 1 through 5 shall be completed **ONLY** upon the advice of the Contracting Officer that an applicant is the successful candidate for the job.

CONTRACT INFORMATION BULLETINS (CIBs) and ACQUISITION & ASSISTANCE POLICY DIRECTIVES (AAPDs) PERTAINING TO PSCs

CIBs and AAPDs contain changes to USAID policy and General Provisions in USAID regulations and contracts. Please refer to <u>http://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/aapds-cibs#psc</u> to determine which CIBs and AAPDs apply to this contract.

AAPD 06-10 – PSC MEDICAL PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY

AAPD No. 06-10 is hereby incorporated as Attachment 1 to the solicitation.

FAR 52.222-50 – COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

FAR Clause 52.222-50 is hereby incorporated as Attachment 2 to the solicitation.

BENEFITS/ALLOWANCES:

As a matter of policy, and as appropriate, a PSC is normally authorized the following benefits and allowances:

BENEFITS:

Employer's FICA Contribution Contribution toward Health & Life Insurance Pay Comparability Adjustment Annual Increase (pending a satisfactory performance evaluation) Eligibility for Worker's Compensation Annual & Sick Leave

ALLOWANCES (if Applicable).*

- (A) Temporary Lodging Allowance (Section 120).
- (B) Living Quarters Allowance (Section 130).
- (C) Post Allowance (Section 220).
- (D) Supplemental Post Allowance (Section 230).
- (E) Separate Maintenance Allowance (Section 260).
- (F) Education Allowance (Section 270).
- (G) Education Travel (Section 280).
- (H) Post Differential (Chapter 500).
- (I) Payments during Evacuation/Authorized Departure (Section 600), and

(J) Danger Pay (Section 650).

* Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians Foreign Areas).

FEDERAL TAXES: USPSCs are required to pay Federal Income Taxes, FICA, and Medicare

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, SEX, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, LAWFUL POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NON-DISQUALIFYING DISABILITY, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AFFILIATION WITH AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

ATTACHMENT 1

ACQUISITION & ASSISTANCE POLICY DIRECTIVE (AAPD) NO. 06-10 PSC MEDICAL EXPENSE PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY

General Provision 22, MEDICAL EXPENSE PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY (OCTOBER 2006)

(a) Definitions. Terms used in this General Provision are defined in 16 FAM 116 available at <u>http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/regs/fam/16fam/index.htm</u>

Note: Personal services contractors are not eligible to participate in the Federal Employees Health Programs.

(b) The regulations in the Foreign Affairs Manual, Volume 16, Chapter 520 (16 FAM 520), Responsibility for Payment of Medical Expenses, apply to this contract, except as stated below. The contractor and each eligible family member are strongly encouraged to obtain health insurance that covers this assignment. Nothing in this provision supersedes or contradicts any other term or provision in this contract that pertains to insurance or medical costs, except that section (e) supplements General Provision 25. "MEDICAL EVACUATION (MEDEVAC) SERVICES."

(c) When the contractor or eligible family member is covered by health insurance, that insurance is the primary payer for medical services provided to that contractor or eligible family member(s) both in the United States and abroad. The primary insurer's liability is determined by the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance policy. When the contractor or eligible family member is not covered by health insurance, the contractor is the primary payer for the total amount of medical costs incurred and the U.S. Government has no payment obligation (see paragraph (f) of this provision).

(d) USAID serves as a secondary payer for medical expenses of the contractor and eligible family members who are covered by health insurance, where the following conditions are met:

(1) The illness, injury, or medical condition giving rise to the expense is incurred, caused, or materially aggravated while the eligible individual is stationed or assigned abroad;

(2) The illness, injury, or medical condition giving rise to the expense required or requires hospitalization and the expense is directly related to the treatment of such illness, injury, or medical condition, including obstetrical care; and

(3) The Office of Medical Services (M/MED) or a Foreign Service medical provider (FSMP) determines that the treatment is appropriate for, and directly related to, the illness, injury, or medical condition.

(e) The Mission Director may, on the advice of M/MED or an FSMP at post, authorize medical travel for the contractor or an eligible family member in accordance with the General Provision 10, Travel and Transportation Expenses (July 1993), section (i) entitled "Emergency and Irregular Travel and Transportation." In the event of a medical emergency, when time does not permit consultation, the Mission Director may issue a Travel Authorization Form or Medical Services Authorization Form DS-3067, provided that the FSMP or Post Medical Advisor (PMA) is notified as soon as possible

following such an issuance. The contractor must promptly file a claim with his or her medevac insurance provider and repay to USAID any amount the medevac insurer pays for medical travel, up to the amount USAID paid under this section. The contractor must repay USAID for medical costs paid by the medevac insurer in accordance with sections (f) and (g) below. In order for medical travel to be an allowable cost under General Provision 10, the contractor must provide USAID written evidence that medevac insurance does not cover these medical travel costs.

(f) If the contractor or eligible family member is not covered by primary health insurance, the contractor is the primary payer for the total amount of medical costs incurred. In the event of a medical emergency, the Medical and Health Program may authorize issuance of Form DS-3067, Authorization for Medical Services for Employees and/or Dependents, to secure admission to a hospital located abroad for the uninsured contractor or eligible family member. In that case, the contractor will be required to reimburse USAID in full for funds advanced by USAID pursuant to the issuance of the authorization. The contractor may reimburse USAID directly or USAID may offset the cost from the contractor's invoice payments under this contract, any other contract the individual has with the U.S. Government, or through any other available debt collection mechanism.

(g) When USAID pays medical expenses (e.g., pursuant to Form DS-3067, Authorization for Medical Services for Employees and/or Dependents), repayment must be made to USAID either by insurance payment or directly by the contractor, except for the amount of such expenses USAID is obligated to pay under this provision. The Contracting Officer will determine the repayment amount in accordance with the terms of this provision and the policies and procedures for employees contained in 16 FAM 521. When USAID pays the medical expenses, including medical travel costs (see section (e) above), of an individual (either the contractor or an eligible family member) who is covered by insurance, that individual promptly must claim his or her benefits under any applicable insurance policy or policies. As soon as the individual receives the insurance payment, the contractor must reimburse USAID for the full amount that USAID paid on the individual's behalf or the repayment amount determined by the Contracting Officer in accordance with this paragraph, whichever is less. If an individual is not covered by insurance, the contractor receives from his/her medevac provider.

(h) In the event that the contractor or eligible family member fails to recover insurance payments or transfer the amount of such payments to USAID within 90 days, USAID will take appropriate action to collect the payments due, unless such failure is for reasons beyond the control of the USPSC/dependent.

(i) Before departing post or terminating the contract, the contractor must settle all medical expense and medical travel costs. If the contractor is insured, he or she must provide proof to the Contracting Officer that those insurance claims have been submitted to the insurance carrier(s) and sign a repayment agreement to repay to USAID any amounts paid by the insurance carrier(s).

ATTACHMENT 2

FAR 52.222-50 COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (FEB 2009).

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

- "Coercion" means-
 - (1) Threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person;
 - (2) Any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that failure to perform an
 - act would result in serious harm to or physical restraint against any person; or
 - (3) The abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.

"Commercial sex act" means any sex act on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.

"Debt bondage" means the status or condition of a debtor arising from a pledge by the debtor of his or her personal services or of those of a person under his or her control as a security for debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined.

"Employee" means an employee of the Contractor directly engaged in the performance of work under the contract who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

"Forced Labor" means knowingly providing or obtaining the labor or services of a person-

By threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint against, that person or another person;
By means of any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause the person to believe that, if the person did not perform such labor or services, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or

(3) By means of the abuse or threatened abuse of law or the legal process.

"Involuntary servitude" includes a condition of servitude induced by means of— (1) Any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not

enter into or continue in such conditions, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or

(2) The abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.

"Severe forms of trafficking in persons" means-

Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

"Sex trafficking" means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.

(b) *Policy*. The United States Government has adopted a zero tolerance policy regarding trafficking in persons. Contractors and contractor employees shall not—

(1) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of performance of the contract;

- (2) Procure commercial sex acts during the period of performance of the contract; or
- (3) Use forced labor in the performance of the contract.

(c) Contractor requirements. The Contractor shall—

(1) Notify its employees of—

(i) The United States Government's zero tolerance policy described in paragraph (b) of this clause; and

(ii) The actions that will be taken against employees for violations of this policy. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, removal from the contract, reduction in benefits, or termination of employment; and

(2) Take appropriate action, up to and including termination, against employees or subcontractors that violate the policy in paragraph (b) of this clause.

(d) Notification. The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer immediately of-

(1) Any information it receives from any source (including host country law enforcement) that alleges a Contractor employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employee has engaged in conduct that violates this policy; and

(2) Any actions taken against Contractor employees, subcontractors, or subcontractor employees pursuant to this clause.

(e) *Remedies*. In addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (c), (d), or (f) of this clause may result in—

(1) Requiring the Contractor to remove a Contractor employee or employees from the performance of the contract;

(2) Requiring the Contractor to terminate a subcontract;

(3) Suspension of contract payments;

(4) Loss of award fee, consistent with the award fee plan, for the performance period in which the Government determined Contractor non-compliance;

(5) Termination of the contract for default or cause, in accordance with the termination clause of this contract; or

(6) Suspension or debarment.

(f) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all subcontracts.

(g) *Mitigating Factor*. The Contracting Officer may consider whether the Contractor had a Trafficking in Persons awareness program at the time of the violation as a mitigating factor when determining remedies. Additional information about Trafficking in Persons and examples of awareness programs can be found at the website for the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at <u>http://www.state.gov/g/tip</u>.