

ACCESSING ACDI/VOCA EXPERTISE

Through GSA'S Professional Services Schedule (PSS)

ACDI/VOCA provides a range of business consulting solutions for federal agencies through PSS, including:

- Value chain / market system analysis
- Targeted technical assistance
- Literature reviews and multi-country landscape analysis
- Tool development and multi-media training
- Strategy development and evaluations
- Team management for research and learning initiatives

WHAT IS PSS?

The Professional Services Schedule (PSS) allows any federal agency to procure goods and services through a streamlined and simplified acquisition process. An IDIQ multiple award schedule, PSS offers many benefits to federal buyers, including:

- Access to pre-vetted contractors
 - Standardized labor categories that minimize the burden of cost analysis
 - The ability to target requests for quotes to a limited source list.
- Agencies that utilize PSS include USAID, USDA, and MCC.

Agencies can use their traditional procurement systems, though many appreciate the ease of eBuy—the government's simple, online procurement tool, where they can prepare and post an RFQ/RFP for specific products and services, select vendors to personally notify, electronically receive quotes from contractors (sellers), and select and contract quickly through eBuy.

KEY ORDERING INFORMATION:

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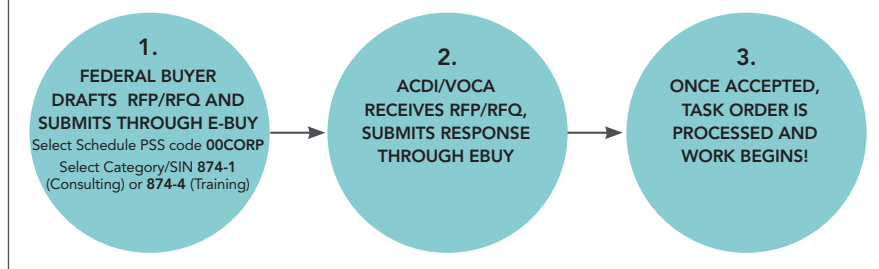
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ABOUT ACDI/VOCA

ACDI/VOCA is an economic development organization that fosters broad-based economic growth, raises living standards, and creates vibrant communities.

ACDI/VOCA brings technical expertise in market systems, catalyzing investment, climate smart agriculture, empowerment and resilience, and institutional strengthening.

CONTRACT ACDI/VOCA IN 3 SHORT STEPS



More on PSS at www.gsa.gov/psschedule. eBuy System: www.ebuy.gsa.gov/advantage.

Spotlight on PSS Task Order Leveraging Economic Opportunities (LEO):

LEO served as USAID's primary vehicle for learning in market systems approaches from 2013-2016, via a PSS task order funded through USAID's Bureau for Food Security, E3's Office of Trade and Regulatory Compliance, and direct buy-ins from missions. LEO has a diverse learning agenda, including:

- M&E for Market Systems
- Facilitation Approaches
- Women's Economic Empowerment
- Resilience and Sustainable Poverty Escapes
- Scaling Impact through Agricultural Input and Output Markets
- Labor
- Understanding & Measuring Systemic Change
- Policy
- Youth in Agriculture
- Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture
- Private Sector Engagement

LEO undertook work in **26** countries, developed **72** publications (e.g. toolkits, frameworks, literature reviews, multi-country trend analyses), produced **32** case studies and learning events, and conducted **15** assignment for missions. Work included:

- Conducted an analysis of rice, horticulture, and aquaculture with an emphasis on political economy for USAID/Cambodia
- Conducted a climate change-sensitive study of 10 agricultural crops to inform value chain selection for USAID/DRC
- Delivered a literature review on evidence linking wage work in agricultural economics to pathways out of poverty
- Provided a post-harvest handling and storage expert for a USAID/East Africa evaluation
- Assessed women's economic empowerment data collection and analysis methods at USAID/Bangladesh and USAID/Tanzania and developed complementary job aides
- Oversaw mixed-methods research into sustainable poverty escapes in three Feed the Future countries for USAID's Center for Resilience
- Developed an investment plan to launch an abattoir system with PPPs for USAID/Guinea
- Conducted an assessment of the SME sector, targeting agribusinesses and finance, for USAID/Malawi
- Organized field-based peer-to-peer learning and exchange events with USAID and implementers around market facilitation
- Conducted an SME competitiveness assessment, political economy analysis, and network analysis for USAID/Serbia
- Conducted training on the value chain facilitation approach for mission and implementers for USAID/Afghanistan.

For more on LEO, visit www.acdivoca.org/leo.

LEO

Leveraging Economic Opportunities

