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

- Value chain / market system analysis
- Targeted technical assistance
- Literature reviews and multi-country landscape analysis
- Tool development and multimedia training
- Strategy development and evaluations
- Program management for research and learning initiatives
- Large-scale, multi-year, field-based development programs

WHAT IS MAS?
The Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) allows any federal agency to procure goods and services through a streamlined and simplified acquisition process. MAS offers many benefits to federal buyers, including the following:

- 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 MAS 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.

KEY ORDERING INFORMATION:

ACDI/VOCA’s Contract No.:
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Professional Services Category. SINs:
- 541611 (Management and Financial Consulting, Acquisition and Grants Management Support, Business Program and Project Management Services)
- 611430 (Professional & Mgmt Training Services)
- Order Level Materials

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ABOUT ACDI/VOCA
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ACCESSING ACDI/VOCA EXPERTISE
Through GSA’S Multiple Award Schedule (MAS)
Spotlight on MAS Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Workshop in Tanzania

USAID/Tanzania and USDA collaborated to bring ACDI/VOCA's custom workshop on Integrating Nutrition into Agricultural Design to over 50 pivotal stakeholders in 2019. ACDI/VOCA organized and conducted three tailored, participatory, and practice-focused workshops, for USAID implementing partners, government stakeholders, and USAID/Tanzania. Each training was highly interactive, with minimal PowerPoints, high levels of group work and case studies, a “speed dating” exercise to enhance networks key to integration, and a visit to a fortified maize processor. Participants noted “this was a practical course” and “easy to link to own work.” A post-workshop assessment showed a significant increase in overall knowledge of core concepts; 98 percent said it was useful/very useful for increasing knowledge. Importantly, 94% said they were likely /very likely to apply what they learned to their work during the next six months.

Spotlight on MAS Task Order Leveraging Economic Opportunities (LEO)

LEO served as USAID’s primary vehicle for learning in market systems approaches from 2013 to 2016 via a MAS 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 had a diverse learning agenda, including the following:

- M&E for Market Systems
- Market Facilitation Approaches
- Women’s Economic Empowerment
- Resilience and Sustainable Poverty Escapes
- Scaling Impact through Agricultural Markets
- Labor in Agriculture
- Understanding & Measuring Systemic Change
- Youth in 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 assignments for USAID and missions. Select work included the following:

- **Analysis of rice, horticulture, and aquaculture** with an emphasis on political economy for USAID/Cambodia
- **Climate change-sensitive study** of 10 agricultural crops to inform value chain selection for USAID/DRC
- **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
- **Assessment of women’s economic empowerment data collection and analysis methods** at USAID/Bangladesh and USAID/Tanzania with complementary job aides
- **Mixed-methods research into sustainable poverty escapes** in three Feed the Future countries for USAID’s Center for Resilience
- **Investment plan** to launch an abattoir system with PPPs for USAID/Guinea
- **Assessment of the SME sector**, targeting agribusinesses and finance, for USAID/Malawi
- **Field-based peer-to-peer learning and exchange events** with USAID and implementers around market facilitation
- **SME competitiveness assessment, political economy analysis, and network analysis** for USAID/Serbia
- **Training on the value chain facilitation approach** for mission and implementers for USAID/Afghanistan.