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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Malaria Vaccine Development Program, Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the USAID Malaria Vaccine Development Program (MVDP) Federal Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 2, 2000 and from 9 a.m. to noon on February 3, 2000 at the Conference Room of the Environmental Health Project located in Suite 300, 1611 North Kent Street in Arlington, VA 22209-2111.

The agenda will concentrate on the activities of the MVDP over the past six months and on future plans. The meeting will be open to the public on 2 February unless it is necessary to discuss procurement sensitive information; should this be the case, it will be announced and the meeting closed at the appropriate time. Such issues will be discussed on 3 February on which date the meeting will be closed. Any interested person may attend the meeting, may file written statements with the committee before or after the meeting, or present any oral statements in accordance with procedures established by the committee, to the extent that time available for the meeting permits.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or to obtain additional information about the USAID MVDP should contact Carter Diggs, the designated Federal Officer for the USAID MVDP Federal Advisory Committee at the Office of Health and Nutrition, USAID/G/PHN/HN/EH, Room 3.07-013, 3rd floor, RRB, Washington, DC 20523-3700, telephone

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Fiscal Year 2000 Emerging Markets Program and Solicitation of Private Sector Proposals

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) invites proposals for using technical assistance to promote the export of, and improve the market access for, U.S. agricultural products to emerging markets in fiscal year (FY) 2000 under the Emerging Markets Program (the Program).

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, March 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for program guidelines and additional information may be obtained from, and proposals submitted to: Emerging Markets Office, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 6506 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1032, Fax: (202) 690-4369, E-mail: emo@fas.usda.gov. It is strongly recommended that any U.S. organization considering applying to the Program for FY 2000 funding assistance first obtain a copy of the 2000 Emerging Markets Program Guidelines. The guidelines are also available on the FAS Home Page on the Internet: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/em-markets/em-markets.html>.

The FAS issued a **Federal Register** notice on January 3, 2000, announcing the availability of funding for the Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development (FMD) (Cooperator) Program, and encouraging applicants to these programs to use the Unified Export Strategy (UES) format. Some applicants may also wish to use

the UES format in order to apply to the Emerging Markets Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Program is authorized by section 1542(d)(1)(D) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. Up to \$10 million is available to fund the Program each fiscal year. The purpose of the Program is to assist U.S. organizations, public and private, to improve market access and to develop and promote U.S. agricultural products or processes in low- to middle-income countries that offer promise of emerging market opportunities in the near- to medium-term. This is to be accomplished by providing U.S. technical assistance through projects and activities in those emerging markets.

The Act defines an emerging market as any country that the Secretary of Agriculture determines:

- (1) Is taking steps toward a market-oriented economy through the food, agriculture, or rural business sectors of the economy of the country; and
- (2) Has the potential to provide a viable and significant market for United States agricultural commodities or products of United States agricultural commodities.

Program Priorities

Because funds are limited and the range of potential emerging market countries is worldwide, proposals will be considered which focus on those countries which meet the above definition and have (1) a per capita income less than \$9,360 (the ceiling on upper middle income economies as determined by the World Bank [World Development Indicators 1999]; and (2) a population greater than 1 million. These categories may encompass suitable regional groupings, e.g., the islands of the Caribbean Basin. (Consult the 2000 Emerging Markets Program Guidelines available from the contact and address identified above for further information.)

The underlying premise of the Program is that there are distinctive characteristics of emerging agricultural markets that necessitate or benefit significantly from technical assistance through the public sector before the private sector moves to develop these markets through normal corporate or