



Environmental Health Indefinite Quantity Contract (EH IQC)



Background: Since 1980, under the Water and Sanitation for Health (WASH) Project (1981 – 1994), the Vector Biology and Control (VBC) Project (1983 – 1993), and the Environmental Health Project (EHP; 1994 – 2004; go to www.ehproject.org), USAID’s Bureau for Global Health and its antecedents have provided Missions and Bureaus access to a world-wide mechanism to provide technical assistance across a broad array of environmental health interventions. Activities in environmental health are now well-integrated with health sector programming within USAID, while at the same time maintaining a necessarily distinct sphere of technical expertise. USAID wishes to continue to provide flexible support in diverse technical areas of environmental health to Missions and Bureaus to support key Global Health Bureau objectives.

Through the multiple (3) award, 5-year (2004 – 2009), Environmental Health (EH) IQC (GHA-I-00-04-00006-00) mechanism (which has a \$250 million ceiling), USAID will continue to provide access to a broad range of expertise in interventions to reduce exposure to agents of disease and to hazards which exacerbate disease, by focusing on improvements in the physical environment and in key behaviors. Activities under the EH IQC will be focused at different levels, from personal to household to community to sub-national to national to regional to global, as appropriate – based on the issues addressed in the individual Task Orders.

Scope of Work: Technical areas of focus for the EH IQC include (asterisks denote priority areas for USAID):

- Vector control*
- Water supply and sanitation*
- Solid waste management*
- Infection control, including medical waste management and improved hygiene in health facilities*
- Integrated programming of population-health-environment activities in areas of sensitive biodiversity*
- Indoor air pollution*
- Outdoor air pollution
- Injury prevention
- Toxic substance exposure
- Radiation exposure
- Health impacts of global climate change
- Environment and emerging infectious disease

Qualifications & Experience: CDM--the Prime Contractor for both WASH and EHP--and its partners have broad backgrounds in the technical areas relevant to the EH IQC, and specific experience in delivering responsive, targeted technical expertise and implementation support to USAID. The CDM-led EH IQC partnership’s capabilities are complementary, with each member having clearly defined lead roles in its area of specialization. CDM’s EH IQC partners include:

- *CDM International Inc.* (overall IQC contract responsibility, direction, and reporting, program management, water supply & sanitation, technology assessment, solid waste management);
- *ARD, Inc.* (natural resources management, agriculture, grants management);
- *Battelle* (outdoor air pollution, toxic exposure, radiation, global climate change);
- *CARE* (disaster preparedness and response, water supply & sanitation, urban health);
- *Institute for Public-Private Partnerships* (public-private partnership training and capacity building);
- *International Science & Technology Institute* (nutrition, health decentralization, community mobilization);
- *Johns Hopkins University/Center for Communications Programs* (behavior change communications, knowledge management);
- *John Snow, Inc.* (public health, infection control & facility hygiene, integrated programming for urban health and PHE, monitoring & evaluation);
- *Malaria Consortium/London School for Hygiene & Tropical Medicine* (malaria control, hygiene, sanitation, climate change, injury prevention, emerging infectious diseases, operations research);
- *PSI* (field-based mass communication strategies, social & commercial marketing);
- *Training Resources Group* (institutional strengthening, organizational development, training systems); and
- *Winrock* (indoor air pollution, household energy)

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