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SUBJECT: Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs; Final Rule

NEW MATERIAL: This final rule implements Executive Branch policy that, within the framework of constitutional guidelines, religious (or "faith-based") organizations should be able to compete on an equal footing with other organizations for USAID funding.

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POLICY

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Point of Contact: Any questions concerning this Notice may be directed to Vanessa Garza, Acting Director, A/AID Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

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