



LAC-IEE-05-32

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location: Mexico

Activity Title: Advancing Development Cooperation Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH) (Mexico health activities)

Activity Number: 598-021

Funding: \$655,000

Life-of-Activity: August 2005 – December 2006

IEE prepared by: Nancy Alvey, USAID/Mexico

Recommended Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion/Negative Determination with Conditions

Bureau Threshold Decision: Concur with Recommendation

Comments:

Pursuant to the following sections of 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2),

- (i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.);

a **Categorical Exclusion** is issued to the Dawn of Discovery Project to be funded from the LAC Regional ADCOH objective.

A **Negative Determination with conditions** is issued to the U.S. Mexico Border Medical Triage and Stabilization Facilities activity because of the possibility of creating medical waste and hazardous waste. The condition for this program is that the USAID/Mexico Mission in collaboration with University Medical Center Foundation, Arizona (UMC), World Learning, through the USAID Grants and Solicitation Management (GSM) field support mechanism, and other implementing partners monitor, evaluate, and mitigate potential environmental impacts through strict application of Mexican law and regulations on medical waste as well as by following applicable portions of USAID LAC Environmental Guidelines on medical waste (attached). Upon completion of the activity, a report reviewing the application of the above condition will be submitted to the Mission and Bureau Environmental Officers.

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**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
Health Activities on U.S.-Mexico Border**

Activity Location: Mexico, CAM Region

Activity Title: Advancing Development Cooperation Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH)

Activity Number: 598-021

Life of Activity: One year

Life of Activity Funding: \$655,000

IEE Prepared by: Nancy Alvey, USAID/Mexico

Date: August 2, 2005

Recommended
Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion

Background: In order to respond to U.S.-Mexico border health challenges, the LAC Bureau has reserved FY2005 funds for grants to nongovernmental partners for improvement of emergency health care and programs for the handicapped. Two activities have been selected for financing under SO 528-021 LAC Regional; Special Development Opportunities: Advancing Development Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH). They are:

1. A proposal from the Center For Discovery, a U.S. nonprofit organization, for a grant of \$300,000 for activities to improve the lives of handicapped persons. GSM administrative cost is \$28,000 for a total of \$328,000.
2. A proposal from the University of Arizona Medical Center for a grant of \$300,000 for a program to equip a hospital in Agua Prieta and a clinic in Naco, Sonora. GSM administrative cost is \$27,000 for a total of \$327,000.

Summary Activity Description:

Center for Discovery, Dawn of Discovery Project

The goal of the Dawn of Discovery Project (DDP) is to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families living on the Mexican side of the United States-Mexico Border Region. The purpose of the grant is to assist disabled adults by providing vocational and job skills trainings designed to help them find and succeed at meaningful jobs, allowing them to participate in and contribute to the Mexican economy. USAID funds will be used primarily for training and travel costs.

U.S. Mexico Border Medical Triage and Stabilization Facilities; Agua Prieta and Naco, Sonora, Mexico, University Medical Center Foundation, Arizona (UMC)

The purpose of the grant is to establish more efficient US-Mexico collaboration and upgrade local Mexican facilities to better provide for immediate emergency medical attention in the Arizona/Sonora border area. Funds will be used for the procurement and maintenance of medical equipment for the Agua Prieta Hospital and for a support clinic in Naco. A detailed equipment list is not available at this time, but is expected to include such items as examination tables, sterilizers, beds, incubator, fetal monitor, and basic medical supplies. The facility is likely to have minor adverse environmental impacts through the creation of medical waste (sharps and contaminated waste), Government of Mexico and USAID LAC Environmental Guidelines should apply to mitigate any potential impacts.

Recommended Threshold Decision:

It is recommended that a **Categorical Exclusion** be approved for the Dawn of Discovery Project activity to be funded from the LAC Regional ADCOH objective. The activities fall within 22 CFR Section 216.2(c)(2) as follows:

- (i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.).

It is recommended that a Negative Determination with conditions be approved for the U.S. Mexico Border Medical Triage and Stabilization Facilities activity because of minor environmental impacts from the creation of medical waste and potentially hazardous waste. The condition for this program is that the USAID/Mexico Mission in collaboration with University Medical Center Foundation, Arizona (UMC) and other implementing partners monitor, evaluate, and mitigate potential environmental impacts through strict application of Mexican law and regulations on medical waste as well as by following applicable portions of USAID LAC Environmental Guidelines on medical waste (attached). Upon completion of the activity, a report reviewing the application of the above condition will be submitted to the Mission and Bureau Environmental Officers.

Concurrence: _____
Acting Director, LAC/SPO, _____