Attachment 26A

Explanatory Note for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Report February 1, 2010

To date, Recovery Act funds have enabled USAID to achieve goals towards the completion and deployment of the Global Acquisition and Assistance System (GLAAS). Since the last reporting period, $2,429,427 of ARRA funds have been obligated, for a total of $22,489,196 obligated to date. On August 3, 2009, USAID began testing and evaluation of GLAAS 3.1, which provides critical functionality for Headquarters offices and overseas missions. The testing began during the last quarter of FY 2009 and will enable the Agency to assess system functionality in order to increase the use of GLAAS for managing acquisitions and assistance projects as we move into FY2010.

In a continuing effort to comply with NEPA, USAID developed a categorical exclusion (CE) for this type of project. Applying the new CE resulted in this completion of USAID NEPA responsibilities for ARRA funded projects.

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