29 May 2013

Ron Croushorn

Director, Food Assistance Division United States Department of Agriculture

1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1034

Washington, D.C. 20250-1034

Subject: Request for Cooperative Agreement Modification Dear Mr. Croushorn,

# OMB Control No. 0551-0035

* requests a modification to its Cooperative Agreement No. •••••••dated September 22, 2011,and amended on April 17, 2012 and December 17, 2012.

The requested modification if for the following:

* 1. Changes to the Progress Measures for the Activity Objectives.

•••••is requesting to reallocate grant fund outputs from the Activity Objective "Improve Manufacturing Links and Tools for CF" to all Activity Objectives as follows:

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| **Activity Objective** | **Amount** | **Purpose** |
| Improve Maize, Pulse, and Soybean Production | $100,000 | grants dispersed to financial service institutions serving DCs, POs, and/or participating farmers |
| Improve Maize, Pulse, and | $125,000 | grants dispersed to bulking centers within DCs, |
| Soybean Marketing |  | POs, and/or participating farmers |
| Improve Manufacturing Links and Tools for CF | $75,000 | grants dispersed to tool manufacturers, TSPs, lead farmers, or agro-input suppliers to further |
|  |  | conservation farming business practices |

Reallocation of Output Grant Funds does not require a budget modification.



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* 1. Extend the term of the agreement at no cost to June 2015. This will provide **••••Ian** opportunity to collect impact data for 1additional season, and allow 3 full years of

implementation from the date the monetization took place in June of 2012, increasing program impact.

The extension of the Agreement term will not require additional funding from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

We look forward to your positive response. If you have any questions or comments regarding the requested modification, please feel free to contact myself, ,Regional Director, Southern and Eastern Africa Chief of Party 

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Director Sincerely,

Chief Operating Officer ••••••• Attachments:

1. Proposed amendment language to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement
2. Proposed amendment language to Attachment A of the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement

The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to be 20 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the needed data, and completing and submitting the information. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Office of Capacity Building and Development, Food Assistance Division, Attn: OMB Number (0551-0035), 1400 Independence Avenue., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-1034. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed.

