

# Climate Integration Support Facility (CISF)



**The Climate Integration Support Facility (CISF)** will help USAID bureau and mission staff integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation into their programming. This blanket purchase agreement (BPA) allows for USAID staff to quickly procure purchase orders through a pre-selected pool of BPA holders—including Abt Associates—to support key tasks.

Alongside its team, Abt will bring its vision and technical excellence to CISF to help USAID staff integrate climate into programs and projects. Climate integration contributes overall to the achievement and sustainability of development outcomes. To give USAID the best value, we will support each of the three CISF tasks responsively and flexibly. We will advance a culture of collaboration to accelerate learning among USAID staff and all BPA holders and capitalize on that learning to boost innovation, thought leadership, and adaptive management.

## The Abt Team

For CISF, Abt teamed with seven partners: **Atkins, Clark University, Columbia University's International Research Institute for Climate and Society**, and four small businesses—**Carson+Co Global, Cascadia, Four Twenty Seven**, and **Green Powered Technology**.

Abt's diverse team brings extensive analytical experience in all CISF technical areas and a deep understanding of how climate change impacts USAID programming. We will draw upon our collective skills and knowledge to deliver the analytical-design, evaluation, capacity-building, and knowledge management services USAID needs to integrate climate into its programs, projects, and activities.

## The Abt Team Advantage

- **Responsiveness and flexibility:** Broad expertise in CISF task areas and across geographies for rapid and creative task order implementation.
- **Collaboration and learning:** Openness and sharing for effective learning with USAID staff, local counterparts, and all BPA holders.
- **Excellence in thought leadership:** Advance best practices in climate risk management in partnership with USAID staff and our deep bench of local and staff climate experts.
- **Innovation:** Extensive climate change resources, climate risk mitigation knowledge, and sector experience to enrich USAID tools for more tailored programming.

## Quick Facts

- CISF is a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), June 2017 to May 2022
- USAID Bureaus and Missions can access BPA holders—including the Abt team—for help integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation into USAID programming.
- Key CISF BPA tasks include:
  - Support to USAID Missions and Bureaus.
  - Capacity building, communications, and knowledge management.
  - Learning and thought leadership.

## How to Access the CISF BPA

- USAID mission, bureau and office staff interested in a Purchase Order (PO) under the CISF BPA should contact Dr. Rebecca Nicodemus, the BPA Contracting Officer Representative (COR).
- Once the Purchase Order (PO) statement of work is approved by the BPA COR, the Purchase Order Contracting Officer (POCO) will issue the Request for Quotations (RFQ) to Abt and three other BPA holders.



## Key Tasks

### Task 1: Support USAID Missions and Bureaus

The Abt team has the expertise and experience to respond rapidly and ensure that missions, bureaus, programs, and projects receive the best services, delivered on time, at the lowest cost. We will call on our consortium's network of over 100 experts in climate adaptation and mitigation, sustainable landscapes, health, water, clean energy, and natural resource management. We will supplement this network with cross-sectoral experts, climate scientists, knowledge management specialists, and trainers from our network of partners.

### Task 2: Capacity Building, Communications, and Knowledge Management

The Abt team will promote a collaborative environment to help develop effective processes for measuring, learning, and adapting. As we implement purchase orders, we will openly share our CRM experience and knowledge with all BPA holders. We will also participate in periodic meetings for all CISF implementers to share results and lessons learned, creating opportunities for USAID staff and BPA holders for joint assessments of performance and options for missions and bureaus to improve climate integration.

### Task 3: Learning and Thought Leadership

Abt and other members of our team will bring CISF the creativity and climate risk management knowledge, climate-change adaptation and mitigation experience, and developing country contexts. As we support learning under CISF, we will apply innovative ways to use climate information, streamline processes, incorporate stakeholder priorities into program design, deliver training with state-of-the-art adult learning methods, and improve tools and approaches.

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