

TITLE: CIB 95-22 - Contracting for the Services of "Technical Advisors in AIDs, Child Survival, and Population" (TAACS)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONTRACTING OFFICERS AND NEGOTIATORS

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FROM: DAA/M, Michael D. Sherwin, Procurement Executive

SUBJECT: Contracting for the Services of "Technical Advisors in AIDs, Child Survival, and Population" (TAACS)

CONTRACT INFORMATION BULLETIN 95-22

Under Section 522 of the 1995 Appropriation Act, USAID is permitted to use program funds to reimburse other government agencies, State governments, institutions of higher learning, and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) for the personal services of individuals to provide technical assistance in support of population, health, child survival, and HIV-AIDs activities. These individuals are called Technical Advisors in AIDs, Child Survival, and Population (TAACS).

It has come to my attention that inappropriate types of instruments, such as grants and cooperative agreements, are being used to obtain the services of TAACS under this authority. The statute provides for only three: details, assignments, or contracts, which would be entered into with the individuals' parent organizations. These instruments allow us to create the kind of employment relationships provided for by the statute.

In the future, TAACS can be engaged only under the three authorized mechanisms. Existing arrangements for TAACS should be modified to the extent possible to delete TAACS services if they do not conform with this requirement.