

Dear [name]

*I am reaching out to you regarding the Cooperative Agreement # [XXXXX], between the USGS and the Wageningen University titled, [YYYYY]. The USGS has been instructed by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect answers to the 36 questions below related to your award and organization. Please see the questions below and reply with your answers to me by 03/11/2025, next Tuesday. Apologies for the very tight turn around on this ask.*

*Respectfully,*

**QUESTIONNAIRE:**

OMB CONTROL NO. 1405-0264

EXPIRATION DATE: 08-31-2025

ESTIMATED BURDEN: 30 MINUTES

1. Does your organization have a current risk management framework or policy? [yes/no]

If yes, please describe the framework or policy.

2. Can you confirm that your agency has not collaborated with, had any accusations or investigations of working with an entity on the terrorism watch list, cartels, narco/human traffickers, organized or groups that promote mass migration in the last ten years? [yes/no]

If no, what was the incident and the remediation?

3. Does your organization conduct regular counterterrorism vetting of its employees, sub-awardees, etc.? [yes/no]

If yes, please describe how.

If not, please explain why not.

4. Does the project encourage partners to adopt policies and take action to respect their national sovereignty and culture, strengthen patriotic values, and reduce dependence on external institutions? [yes/no]

Explain.

5. Does your organization encourage free speech and encourage open debate and free sharing of information? [yes/no] 1. If yes, please describe.

6. Does your organization have a clear policy prohibiting any collaboration, funding, or support for entities that advocate or implement policies contrary to U.S. government interests, national security, and sovereignty? [yes/no]

If yes, please describe.

7. Is your organization compliant with the latest Mexico City Policy? [yes/no]

8. Does your organization have an approach to transitioning projects off foreign assistance [yes/no]  
If yes, what is that approach?

What percentage of programs have transitioned in the last 10 years?

9. Does this project demonstrate clear cost-effectiveness and take active measures to mitigate waste, fraud, and abuse? [yes/no]

Explain.

What is the project's overhead costs (indirect costs associated with managing and operating the project) in an approximate percentage?

10. Does your organization have an anti-trafficking policy? [yes/no]

11. Can you confirm that your organization does not work with entities associated with communist, socialist, or totalitarian parties, or any party that espouses anti-American beliefs? [yes/no]

12. Does this project reinforce U.S. sovereignty by limiting reliance on international organizations or global governance structures (e.g., UN, WHO)? [yes/no]

13. Can you confirm that your organization has not received ANY funding from the PRC (including Confucius Institutes and/or partnered with Chinese state or non-state actors), Russia, Cuba, or Iran?  
[yes /no]

If your organization has received funding from these entities, please describe.

How does the organization track the parent company of potential funding sources to ensure no funding come from these entities?

14. Does this project directly contribute to limiting illegal immigration or strengthening U.S. border security? [yes /no] 1.

If yes, please describe.

15. Can you confirm that this is no DEI project or DEI elements of the project? [yes /no]

16. Can you confirm this is not a climate or “environmental justice” project or include such elements? [yes/no]

17. Does this project support U.S. energy independence or reduce global reliance on hostile countries for energy resources? [yes/no]

18. Does this project support lifesaving assistance? [yes/no]

19. Does this project take appropriate measures to protect women and to defend against gender ideology as defined in the below Executive Order? [yes/no]

20. Does this project take appropriate measures to protect children? [yes/no]

21. Does this project have burden sharing, cost sharing, or private investments? [yes/no]

22. Does this project create measurable benefits for U.S. domestic industries, workforce, or economic sectors? [yes/no].

If yes, please provide a short summary.

23. Does this project have a sustainability plan to ultimately transition away from foreign assistance within the next five years? [yes/no].

If yes, please provide a short summary.

24. Does this project fulfill a national security need that cannot be fulfilled without this entity? [yes/no]

If yes, please provide a short summary of this national security need. Responses can be provided to the RMO point of contact at a higher classification, if required.

For questions below, if not applicable, list N/A. Use the following criteria to formulate your response:

1 – No Impact: The project does not contribute to the objective in any way.

2 – Minor Impact: The project has limited or indirect effect with minimal influence on achieving the objective.

3 – Neutral: The project’s impact is conditional or relies on external factors or contingencies to have an effect.

4 – Moderate Impact: The project has a noticeable and positive influence on the objective, though not immediately significant or widespread.

5 – Major Impact: This has a direct, meaningful, and immediate effect, significantly advancing the objective.

0 – Not applicable, and would receive a score of zero.

25. How much does this project directly impact efforts to counter malign influence, including China? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 - Not applicable)

26. What impact does this project have on preventing illegal immigration to the U.S.? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

27. What impact does this project have on limiting the flow of fentanyl, synthetic drugs, and precursor chemicals into the U.S.? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

28. To what degree does this project directly impact U.S. health security, such as biological threats, pandemics, and foreign dependence on medical supplies? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

29. To what extent does this project strengthen partner and ally security assistance by contributing to securing U.S. borders, protecting American sovereignty, and upholding national security? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

30. Does this project directly impact transnational, organized and/or cybercrime, and drug and human trafficking to protect American lives and national security? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

31. What impact does this project have on protecting religious minorities, promoting religious freedom, and combatting Christian prosecution? (1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

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32. What impact does this project have in increasing American influence, trust and reputation within foreign governments?

(1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

33. What impact does this project have in increasing American influence, trust and reputation among foreign publics?

(1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not applicable)

34. What is the specific financial return of this project, including measurable dividends, cost benefit analysis, and economic impact?

(1 – 0, 2 – under 500,000, 3 – 500,000-999,999, 4 – 1M-1.5M, 5 – over 1.5M)

35. How much does this project bring in through cost-sharing / burden sharing?

(1 – less than 500,000, 2 – 500,000-750,000, 3 – 750,001-999,999, 4 – 1M-1.5M, 5 – over 1.5M)

36. Does this project directly impact efforts to strengthen U.S. supply chains or secure rare earth minerals?

(1 – No Impact, 2 – Minor Impact, 3 – Neutral, 4 – Moderate Impact, 5 – Major Impact, 0 – Not Applicable)

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