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**USAID ARMENIA, SOCIAL PROTECTION
SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING PROJECT**

ABOUT SPSS PROJECT SUBCONTRACTORS

The USAID Armenia, Social Protection Systems Strengthening (SPSS) Project is a multifaceted initiative designed to help Armenia improve social-insurance delivery, introduce job-market reforms and occupational safety standards, and reduce vulnerable citizens' dependence on public support. SPSS focuses on strengthening existing social protection systems, enhancing the Armenian Government's institutional and human capacities, steering public-private collaboration, and boosting the capacities of social-service NGOs. By supporting core social sector reforms in Armenia the project aims to facilitate transition to self-reliance and sustainability and to reduce citizens' dependence on public support for their basic needs.

AECOM International Development (primary subcontractor)

AECOM International Development is a global economic and infrastructure development firm promoting higher living standards in emerging markets, through the provision of high-quality technical advisory services to governments and the private sector. It serves as the focal point for AECOM's sustainable development services in the fast-growing emerging markets sector, providing support services to United States government agencies, multi- and bilateral donors, and private sector clients worldwide. AECOM International Development currently has more than 400 professionals in 60 countries working in economic growth, environment and regional development, industrial and commercial area development, democracy and governance, humanitarian response and stabilization, and infrastructure and facilities

Emerging Markets Group (EMG)

Emerging Markets Group is an international development consulting firm that serves donor agencies and sovereign governments. Based in corporate offices in Brussels, London, and Washington DC, and in project sites around the world, including Armenia, its professionals are committed to excellent client service, sustainable development impact, and to improving peoples' lives.

Development Associates (DA)

Development Associates specializes in economic and social development programs in the US and overseas. Development Associates' mission is to serve clients around the world by providing them with the best counsel, technical assistance, training, and management services to help them achieve results and meet the goals of their organization.

American University of Armenia (AUA)

The American University of Armenia offers Master's level graduate programs that are intended to develop critical analysis and depth of knowledge through advanced coursework, independent study, and research. AUA is involved not only in imparting knowledge but also in developing actively new knowledge through research. The university is a direct participant in the sustainable long-term development of Armenia and its regions.

International Center of Human Development (ICHD)

The International Center for Human Development was established in March, 2000 and since then has been considered one of the unique think tanks in the South Caucasus. During its eventful six year history it has always adhered to its main principles and objectives, namely to unite the most prominent representatives of the public, scientific, cultural, and business sectors of the region, to strengthen the democratic mechanisms and to foster free market values, while simultaneously crafting regional collaboration and economic development strategies for the countries of the Caucasus.

Armenian Relief Society (ARS)

The Armenian Relief Society, Inc. is the oldest Armenian women's organization, established in 1910 in New York City. Since its foundation, the ARS, Inc. has provided educational and humanitarian assistance to Armenians everywhere. Today, the ARS, Inc. has entities in 24 countries where members of the Society contribute to their communities and the larger world for the betterment of all humankind.

VGM Partners

High performance business strategy builds on its expertise in consulting, finance, IT, marketing, technology and outsourcing to help clients perform at the highest levels so they can create sustainable value for their customers and shareholders. Using their industry knowledge, service-offering expertise and technology capabilities, VGM Partners identify new business and technology trends and develop solutions to help clients.