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Mr. Chadwick Mills, Regional Agreement Officer (AO)
Mr. Omar Trigo, Administrative Agreement Officer
Regional Office of Acquisition & Assistance (ROAA) USAID/Dominican Republic
Avenida República de Colombia # 57
Altos de Arroyo Hondo, Santo Domingo, DN Dominican Republic, 10605

RE: NOFO# 72051723RFA00004 Program **Title:** Basic Education Recovery Activity

Dear Mr. Chadwick Mills and Mr. Omar Trigo,

I have several years of experience working with multiple USAID projects to support the Dominican Republic and its efforts to bring resources to assist us in achieving our goals of improving education for our students. I have met with Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. (YES, INC.) and have learned of their plans to apply for the right to work together with USAID and MINERD for the program title referenced above: Basic Education Recovery Activity.

YES, INC. shared that they have transformed schools in the US during the past twelve years with significant funding from the USA Department of Education. YES, INC. has 28 years of experience and they confirmed that they have done 12 years of international work in Africa and Dubai. They informed me of their program titled Guaranteed Quality (GQ) Education for All that includes extensive teacher training so that educators are more effectively able to get improved reading results for students, targeting our more marginalized populations. I met members of their team, and they appear to be dedicated, educated individuals with a commitment to supporting education in the Dominican Republic.

Our education sector is currently grappling with several challenges, including low proficiency levels in the first cycle of Primary Education, over-aged 3rd graders, lack of resources, inadequate professional development opportunities and monitoring systems.

YES, Inc.'s application offers a comprehensive solution to these issues, focusing on high-level professional development for educators, ensuring that students are taught by qualified instructors, providing intensive mentoring to teachers, nurturing relationships with local partners, and developing robust after-school and summer educational programs.

Therefore, we acknowledge that YES, Inc. experience and proposal are aligned with the priorities and values of the Ministry of Education.

Sincerely,



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