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IRAQ

PSDI



Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance

Iraq Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) Program



*Achieving economic growth
in the world through
increased volunteerism*



Get Involved!

Volunteers and consultants wishing to serve as expert advisors to the PSDI project may contact the individuals listed below to learn about opportunities to get involved. The purpose of sending expert advisors is to provide customized, practical and measurable assistance to selected Iraqi sectors and businesses. The assistance to sectors and businesses will be provided through individual consultation with firms and through interactive, fully participative workshops for Iraqi firms.

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PSDI Objectives & Activities

The goal of VEGA's Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) in Iraq is to promote the expansion of a competitive private sector through the provision of business training and other business support services to Iraqi entrepreneurs. The PSDI program in Iraq provides:

- Business toolkits to provide training resources for micro and small enterprises
- Business training seminars for targeted industries
- Customized consulting and business advisory services geared to the needs of each enterprise involved in the reconstruction program
- Business development services to strengthen the capacity of Iraqi business associations
- Grants to eligible businesses upon completion and approval of grant applications

VEGA Overview

"VEGA is designed to greatly enhance the Agency's ability to partner with volunteer organizations that provide technical assistance in many areas of economic growth."

- Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator of USAID

The Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) is the world's largest consortium of economic growth volunteer organizations providing technical expertise in private sector development. Collectively, VEGA has more than 350 years of experience in mobilizing American volunteers to support economic growth in developing countries (including post-conflict and transition), and in designing and implementing successful technical assistance projects across the spectrum of economic growth activities worldwide.

VEGA is demand driven and provides comprehensive resources with a single point of contact. Program designs are consolidated, but created through a collaborative process based on our members' extensive expertise in:

- ◆ **Private Sector Development**
- ◆ **Financial Services**
- ◆ **Agribusiness Development**
- ◆ **Opportunities for Rural and Urban Poor**

In addition to VEGA Member Organizations' expertise in implementing activities, VEGA professionals are available to assist donor organizations in designing and developing economic growth assistance projects to meet a country's specific needs. Given its experience in economic growth activities, VEGA members are able to employ best practices and volunteer assistance models that have been developed and tested by its member organizations over several years, and have proven successful. VEGA creates sustainable practices and institutions for the future, while assisting government and private sector partners overseas to build economic and trade links to American businesses, trade associations and skilled entrepreneurs.

