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General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on document AID-2021-0052-0001.

1. What are the statutory and regulatory requirements associated with sponsoring foreign nationals who enter the United States on a J-1 visa? The notice did not mention them.
2. What information will be collected in TEAMS? What information is different from Trailnet and VCS?

3. The proposed information collection cites CFR Title 22 Part 62 Exchange Visitor Program and USAID's ADS 252 as governing management and data to be entered into TEAMS. Because TEAMS is an interagency mandated system wouldn't it be best to consolidate instructions at Part 62? The ADS can change quickly without public notice or rulemaking process and could effect compliance and quality of data. There should be only source for guidance on TEAMS.
4. The notice cites USAID ADS 252 as the source to enter data into TEAMS. This ADS does not go through rulemaking and can change without public notice. This guidance should be consolidated with Part 62. Will USAID issue a new or change existing award AIDAR clauses and grant standard provisions to formalize the requirement?
5. What protections are provided to TEAMS to protect the system and data?
6. At the end of the TEAMS contract, what happens to the personal data?
7. How long does TEAMS database store personal data?
8. The notice mentions OU uses TEAMS data of U.S. based EVs, and in-country and third-country based training participants, for internal reporting and portfolio management. Who has access to TEAMS data? How will access to TEAMS data be controlled?
9. The language in # 8 seems to contradict earlier language on the purpose of TEAMS (to collect information on host country EV to the US). Is the system also being used to collect in-country and third-country based training participants? This seems to be beyond the scope of the purpose of TEAMS originally stated. Clarification is needed on purpose of TEAMS for USAID on USG users.
10. Exchange Visitors are defined in ADS 252. Considering this is an interagency database, shouldn't this guidance be placed in Part 62 to standardize guidance?
11. Will Part 62 be revised to include TEAMS and guidance?
12. What will be the future effective date of TEAMS activation?
13. What is the plan to merge data from Trailnet and VCS and timeline?

Thank you.