

Background - Office of Transition Initiatives (DCHA/OTI)

Since 1994, OTI, part of USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), has helped to lay the foundation for long-term development in conflict-prone countries by nurturing peace processes, promoting reconciliation, supporting independent media, promoting government responsiveness to local needs, developing strategic communications capacities for nascent democratic governments, and fostering peace and democracy through innovative programming. In countries undergoing a transition from authoritarianism to democracy, violent conflict to peace, or other pivotal political events, OTI seizes windows of opportunity and seeks to act as a catalyst for positive political change.

USAID/OTI works through the "Support Which Implements Fast Transitions" (SWIFT) IDIQ contract to rapidly solicit proposals from pre-qualified bidders. SWIFT enables USAID/OTI to rapidly procure services to respond to urgent developments around the globe.