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USAID SELECTS FIRM FOR ELECTION EXIT POLL

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The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announces a new project agreement award as part of its expanding technical cooperation with Azerbaijan.

To support the Azerbaijan government's commitment to conducting Parliamentary elections that meet the citizens' expectations and satisfy international election norms, USAID has awarded a contract to PA Government Services for the design and execution of a Parliamentary Election Exit Poll in approximately one-half of all voting districts of Azerbaijan. The preliminary results from this poll will be announced on election night.

This project will also build the capacity for future polling in Azerbaijan. PA Government Services will create a cadre of professionally trained local pollsters, and will establish a computer and reporting system with their local counterpart to build the local organization's technical capacity to implement exit polls in future elections.

PA Government Services is a worldwide consulting firm that is implementing projects in many countries, including the Caucasus, Central Asia, Afghanistan and Africa.

Election exit polling is part of the US government's comprehensive, ongoing effort to promote the development of civil society, democratization and free and fair elections in Azerbaijan.