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Kent Sisson
President
SIAM Professionals, LLC.
34932 Preserve Lane
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Dear Mr. Sisson:

Thank you for your application for the 2022 Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is pleased to inform you that your application has been approved. Based upon the evaluation criteria specified in 7 CFR 1486 and the program announcement dated May 11, 2021, the Strategic International Alliance of Marketing Professionals, LLC. (SIAM) has been allocated \$321,309 under EMP Program Agreement #2022-16

Effective the date of this letter through **December 31, 2023**, FAS approves activity budgets totaling **\$321,309** as specified in the agreement attached to this letter and in the table below.

| 2022 EMP Allocation | 2022 EMP Budget Approved This Letter | Approved to Date |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| \$321,309 | \$321,309 | \$321,309 |

A final report and all claims for reimbursement must be received no later than 90 calendar days following the completion or termination date of the program agreement.

As indicated in the proposal, **SIAM** has pledged cost share contributions of **\$37,680**. In-kind amounts may include goods and services provided by U.S. entities in support of your organization’s EMP project. All contributions must be documented and verifiable by audit.

SIAM will be held responsible for checking the System for Award Management (SAM) to ensure that third parties who will be paid by the participant with program funds (such as contractors and consultants) are not suspended or debarred. The General Services Administration maintains website access to SAM for this purpose at www.sam.gov. Additionally, **SIAM** should be registered in SAM and continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information during the time period in which this award is active.

SIAM will be responsible for using the UES System to submit program reimbursement (expense) claim requests. Users with eAuthentication credentials can access the UES at:

<https://apps.fas.usda.gov/ues/webapp/>

The web page for claims can be accessed under the *Financial* link in the UES Menu bar. The UES System requires an eAuthorization ID and password. If you do not already have an eAuthorization ID and password, you can obtain one by contacting the Program Operations Division at (202) 720-4327.

Please note that all correspondence regarding specific EMP activities must cite the activity code provided in the Agreement. This will avoid confusion and delay.

Please contact the Program Operations Division at (202) 720-4327 with any questions regarding the details of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Slupek
Deputy Administrator
Global Programs

Attachment: Agreement