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### **ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Donald “Larry” Sampler serves as Assistant to the Administrator in the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs (OAPA), leading USAID’s efforts for the Agency’s two largest country programs. Mr. Sampler brings his considerable experience from the private sector, the military, and post- and intra-conflict missions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations to this position. More recently, he served as a senior official in the U.S. government focused on a whole-of-government approach to reconstruction and stabilization.

He has travelled to Afghanistan and/or Pakistan over 60 times since 2001, and lived in Kabul for several years.

From early 2011 to May 2013, Mr. Sampler was Senior Deputy Assistant to the Administrator in OAPA working on Afghanistan and management issues. From August 2009 through early 2011, Mr. Sampler was the Vice President and Director of the Communities in Transition Division of Creative Associates International.

Mr. Sampler has substantial experience in conflict and post-conflict environments working for USAID, the U.S. Department of State, the Institute for Defense Analyses, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, and the OSCE mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2002, Mr. Sampler worked with the Afghan Constitutional Loya Jirga and the Afghan Emergency Loya Jirga. For his service in support of these processes, President Hamid Karzai awarded Mr. Sampler the Afghan Constitutional Medal.

Mr. Sampler served in the special operations community of the U.S. Army (and later the U.S. Army Reserves) as a member of, or attached to, the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Groups, 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, & 360<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade. Mr. Sampler graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) with a degree in Physics. He also pursued graduate studies with GIT’s Technology and Science Policy Program where he examined the role of technology in quality-of-life improvements for developing nations. He has a graduate degree in Diplomacy from Norwich University.