



USAID
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The Deputy Administrator

Members of the Selection Committee
Robert W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership
American University
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Committee Members:

It is an honor to nominate Jason Foley, USAID's Director for Strategic & Program Planning, for the 2013 Robert W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership. Mr. Foley is applying a unique combination of political savvy, institutional know-how, innovative approaches, and simple hard work to promoting the well-being of his agency and his colleagues here.

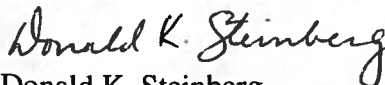
As documented in the attached biographic sketch and nominating essays, Mr. Foley has been at the forefront of reform efforts under the banner of "USAID Forward," designed to restore our Agency's leadership in such areas as budget formulation, policy planning and learning, talent management, application of science and technology, monitoring and evaluation, and support for host country ownership.

He has directed efforts to develop and implement new planning processes through our Country Development Cooperation Strategies, which have brought a new level of intellectual rigor and focus to USAID development efforts at our Missions abroad. He has also spearheaded our streamlining efforts to free his colleagues literally tens of thousands of person-days of unnecessary work, and has assiduously shared his knowledge and experience with colleagues through training and mentoring sessions around the world.

Mr. Foley's efforts have contributed mightily to a new sense of purpose and direction for USAID, new confidence from Congress and other stakeholders in our stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and better outcomes on the ground in supporting food security, improving global health, mitigating and adapting a global climate change, and promoting democracy and good governance abroad. He would be a most worthy recipient of the award.

I would welcome the chance to speak to the selection committee to reinforce these messages.

Sincerely,


Donald K. Steinberg