

SECTION I: NON-CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Host Country(ies):	Palestinian Territories – West Bank
Name of Borrower(s):	Partners for Sustainable Development
U.S. Sponsor:	Global Catalyst Foundation
Project Description:	OPIC is proposing to provide a ten-year loan in an amount up to \$10 million to the Borrower. The proceeds of the OPIC loan will be used to fund microfinance loans to facilitate and provide children enrolled in primary and secondary schools in the West Bank in the Palestinian Territories with Netbooks ¹ for the use by these children in their educational activities. It is estimated the project will distribute between 100,000 and 130,000 Netbooks.
Total Project Costs:	\$15 Million
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$10 Million
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a positive developmental impact on the host country. Partners for Sustainable Development (PSD) will use the proceeds of the investment to support the sale of netbooks in the West Bank. These computers will be purchased from a local distributor then sold to school children through a microfinance lending program administered by the project company's local banking partner. The West Bank has limited access to credit and this distribution approach for computers to school children is new for the territory. The Project qualifies as developmental with a score of 95.0 under OPIC's developmental standards for financial instruments.
Environment:	Projects involving the sale and distribution of IT equipment are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social policies because environmental, health, safety and social concerns are minimal.
U.S. Economic Impact:	This project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy or employment, as it involves the purchase of computers and provision of financial services to support their resale wholly within the host country. The project does involve U.S. procurement, and therefore is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment. The project will have a net negative impact on the U.S. balance of payments over the first five years.
Workers Rights:	OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining, hours of work, minimum wage, the timely payment of wages and minimum age. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project. In consultation with the Department of State, the project received a Human Rights Clearance on November 1, 2010.

¹ A Netbook is a small, light weight, low cost, highly portable, energy efficient alternative to a full sized laptop computer.