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**VEGA APPLAUDS SENATE’S UNANIMOUS CONFIRMATION OF  
AMBASSADOR MARK GREEN AS USAID ADMINISTRATOR**

*Statement by Michael Deal, president and CEO, VEGA*

“On behalf of our 30 volunteer-sending organizations and the millions of Americans they represent, the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) applauds the Senate on its unanimous confirmation of Ambassador Mark Green as the next Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Administrator Green’s leadership is critical now as USAID and the State Department face drastic proposed budget cuts and discussions over reorganization continue.

We are confident that Administrator Green will prioritize economic growth to meet our shared goal of ending the need for foreign assistance by providing the opportunity, tools and training to people in the developing world seeking to graduate from aid recipients to trading partners. We look forward to working with Administrator Green and his team to ensure that highly skilled volunteers who represent the generous skills and spirit of the American private sector are fully and effectively leveraged in U.S. efforts to catalyze the economic growth in the developing world that will lead to more prosperity and security at home and abroad.”

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[Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance \(VEGA\)](#) is a consortium of 30 volunteer-sending organizations that generate more prosperity through partnerships that bring together highly skilled volunteers with people around the globe seeking more opportunities for self-reliance. Since 2004, VEGA has partnered with the U.S. government on 59 economic growth programs in 47 countries, saving more than \$32 million taxpayer dollars and nearly doubling the program value through cost share and leverage, including more than 44,000 days of volunteer service.