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## **USTDA AWARDS GRANT TO STRENGTHEN AVIATION REGULATION IN INDONESIA**

JAKARTA, INDONESIA (June 23, 2009) – Today, USTDA awarded a grant to Indonesia’s Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to enhance the safety, security and operational integrity of the country’s aviation sector. In order to strengthen DGCA’s oversight capabilities, the USTDA grant will fund an assessment of the Directorate’s current organizational and operational capabilities and make pragmatic recommendations to reinforce its effectiveness as an independent aviation safety regulator.

Restructuring and strengthening DGCA’s regulatory capabilities will foster continued growth in Indonesia’s aviation sector and lead to commercial opportunities for the export of U.S. goods and services.

The grant of \$341,000 was awarded at a signing ceremony at the Ministry of Transportation in Jakarta. U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia Cameron R. Hume and DGCA Director General Herry Bakti signed the grant agreement on behalf of the U.S. and Indonesian governments, respectively.

“Indonesia’s aviation industry is vital to its economic growth,” Ambassador Hume said. “The United States is pleased to partner with DGCA in strengthening Indonesia’s aviation sector and promoting safety by improving its regulatory operations.”

To support Indonesia’s efforts to meet international standards and develop a strong aviation oversight system, the USTDA grant will fund a review of the DGCA’s current operations and make recommendations to strengthen its regulatory authority. The USTDA-funded assistance will include specific recommendations for safety oversight policies and procedures that promote efficient air transportation. The technical assistance will help DGCA make the necessary reforms to overcome current regulatory barriers and enable it to continue working with international partners to pursue priority aviation sector projects.

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The opportunity to provide technical assistance to DGCA pursuant to the USTDA grant will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO posting will be available on USTDA's website at [www.ustda.gov](http://www.ustda.gov). Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals following the instructions in the FBO announcement. The DGCA will competitively select the U.S. firm that will provide the USTDA-funded assistance.

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries. The agency funds various forms of technical assistance, early investment analysis, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of a modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment. USTDA's strategic use of foreign assistance funds to support sound investment policy and decision-making in host countries creates an enabling environment for trade, investment and sustainable economic development. In carrying out its mission, USTDA gives emphasis to economic sectors that may benefit from U.S. exports of goods and services.

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