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USTDA AWARDS GRANT TO PROMOTE AVIATION SAFETY IN GHANA *Grant Supports the Objectives of USTDA's African Trade Lanes Partnership*

ACCRA, GHANA (February 11, 2009) – Reinforcing efforts to strengthen aviation safety in meeting the increasing demand for aviation transportation services in Ghana is the goal of a grant awarded today under USTDA's African Trade Lanes Partnership. The Partnership aims to advance the development of sub-Saharan Africa's most vital trade lanes and transportation networks to facilitate local, regional, and global trade.

The \$295,000 grant was conferred during a signing ceremony held at the U.S. Embassy in Accra. Chargé d'Affaires Sue K. Brown and Acting Director General Simon Allotey of the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) signed the grant agreement on behalf of the U.S. and Ghanaian governments, respectively.

Ghana has experienced strong increases in air passenger traffic over the past 10 years, with international passenger traffic at Kotoka International Airport, Ghana's main international airport, growing at double digit rates since 2004. In addition to this strong growth in international passenger traffic, Ghana has seen strong growth in air traffic, which has nearly doubled in the past decade. To increase the capacity of GCAA to meet current and projected demand over the next 15 years, USTDA awarded a grant to support the development of a new Air Traffic Control Center at Kotoka International Airport. The USTDA-funded study will recommend a location and the technical specifications for the new facility.

The opportunity to conduct the study will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO announcement will be posted on USTDA's website at www.ustda.gov. Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions contained in the FBO announcement. GCAA will 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.