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## **CARGO AIRPORT STUDY IN CEARÁ BRAZIL OPENS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION**

**FORTALEZA, BRAZIL** – The United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) awarded a grant today to the Ceará State Government in Brazil to determine the technical and financial viability of the construction of a new cargo airport in the state of Ceará.

The aviation sector continues to expand rapidly in Brazil. To support this growth, USTDA conferred a \$480,000 grant to create an implementation plan for a new air cargo facility that will increase the efficiency of air cargo transport and complement the expansion currently underway at the port. A cargo airport would foster transportation linkages between the port, rail and road systems in the state.

“USTDA believes that this project will generate a number of business opportunities for U.S. suppliers,” said USTDA Country Manager Gabrielle Mandel. “The new facility will require specialized engineering services, a small air traffic control tower, as well as airside navigation equipment, including precision approach path indicators, lights, glide slopes and localizers.”

The signing ceremony was held at the offices of the Ceará State Agency for Development (ADECE). USTDA Country Manager Gabrielle Mandel and Francisco Zuza de Oliveira, President of ADECE signed the grant agreement on behalf of the U.S. and State of Ceará governments, respectively. Rodrigo Mota, USTDA Brazil Country Representative, signed as a witness to the grant agreement.

The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded work for Ceará State Agency for Development will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO announcement will be posted to USTDA’s website at [www.ustda.gov](http://www.ustda.gov). Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions in the FBO announcement. Ceará State Agency for Development will select the U.S. contractor that will complete the study.

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