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USTDA SUPPORTS PALESTINIAN PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

RAMALLAH – The U.S. Trade and Development Agency is actively supporting Palestinian public sector efforts to increase information and communications technology infrastructure and capacity. USTDA awarded a grant today to the Palestinian Authority’s Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology for a feasibility study to develop a roadmap and implementation plan to apply latest-generation data and communications management tools for the public sector.

The \$567,019 grant was conferred today in Ramallah by U.S. Consul General Daniel Rubinstein. Signing on behalf of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology was His Excellency Mashour Abudaka. The Ministry selected Network Dynamics Associates, LLC, of Weston, Connecticut, to conduct the feasibility study.

Speaking at the grant signing, the Consul General emphasized the critical role of the project in building Palestinian institutions and the importance of the development of the ICT sector to job creation and private sector development.

The project will recommend applications that can be applied across all government ministries to ensure efficient, transparent, and effective ICT systems throughout the Palestinian Authority. The grant builds on the momentum of USTDA’s successful engagement with the Palestinian private sector. USTDA is currently supporting three private-sector led ICT projects, including support for the development of an internet data center, a next generation wireless network, and an ICT master plan for Rawabi – the new, planned city north of Ramallah. Working with local partners in the private and public sectors, USTDA is working to enhance ICT availability and to increase capacity in this vital sector of the Palestinian economy.

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