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### USTDA SUPPORTS CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN MOROCCO

Rabat, Morocco – Today, USTDA awarded a grant to the National Agency for the Development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ADEREE) to support the development of a 5MW solar photovoltaic (PV) pilot project in Essaouira, Morocco. The funding will provide technical assistance designed to identify the specific needs of a solar PV power plant and will serve to establish a baseline for evaluating and replicating solar PV plants of similar scope throughout Morocco.

The grant agreement was signed at ADEREE's offices in Rabat between ADEREE Director Mr. Saïd Mouline and U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Judith Chammas. The grant signing was witnessed by Mr. Carl B. Kress, USTDA Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa and Europe and Mr. Mohammed Berdai, Director for Energy Efficiency at ADEREE.

Mr. Kress noted the \$631,000 technical assistance grant will support Morocco as it seeks to provide reliable and affordable new sources of energy to meet growing demand.

“Morocco has vast renewable energy resources, in particular solar energy. This grant in support of a pilot project in Essaouira will assist ADEREE in demonstrating solar PV technology on a utility scale and will support Morocco as it seeks to increase its renewable energy capacity.”

The Government of Morocco has launched a national renewable energy and energy efficiency plan that aims to achieve installed generation capacity of 2GW from solar resources as well as 2GW each from wind and hydropower resources by 2020.

“There is a tremendous potential for renewable energy projects in Morocco,” Mr. Kress added. “U.S. companies offer very competitive renewable energy technologies that will support Morocco's initiative to sustainably meet growing energy demands.”

The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded technical assistance 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. ADEREE will select the U.S. contractor that will complete the technical assistance.

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