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USTDA Funds Feasibility Study for Water Sector Infrastructure Modernization in Brazil

FORTALEZA, BRAZIL – Today, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) announced the signing of a \$579,895 grant agreement with the Ceara Water and Sewage Treatment Company (Companhia de Água e Esgoto do Ceará – CAGECE) for a Tertiary Wastewater Treatment Plants and Automated Water and Sewage Control System feasibility study.

The grant was signed CAGECE’s President, Gotardo Gomes Gurgel Júnior, and USTDA Director Leocadia I. Zak. The USTDA grant will fund a feasibility study to determine the technical and financial viability of developing two tertiary wastewater treatment plants as well as a roadmap and implementation plan for an automated water and sewage control system.

This grant will help to further the Brazilian government’s efforts to expand access to potable water in the country. By some estimates, Brazil will require \$12 billion in yearly investments through 2025 in order to keep pace with demand.

“U.S. firms have considerable expertise in this area, and USTDA is pleased to partner with CAGECE on this important project,” said Director Zak. “This project also represents a significant opportunity for collaboration between Brazilian and U.S. firms.”

As a next step, CAGECE will select a U.S. contractor to perform the feasibility study. The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded study 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. Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions in the FBO announcement.

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